



Peace Region Idea Group Workshop

American Public Works Association, Alberta Chapter

Date: October 20th, 2016

Place: MD Greenview (Valleyview)

Attendance:

- Rob Naugler, County of Grande Prairie, PRIG Chair
- Grant Gyurkovits, M D Greenview, Host
- Gord Meaney, M D Greenview, Host
- Kevin Sklapsky, M D Greenview, Host
- Leah Thompson, M D Greenview, Host
- Philip Alcock, M D Greenview, Host
- Kevin Cymbaluk, MD of Smoky River, AMSA Representative
- Leonard Van Oort, County of Northern Lights, AMSA Representative
- Jim McCuaig, Town of Peace River
- Dion Hynes, Birch Hills County
- Michael Coy, Birch Hills County
- Jim Alexy, Birch Hills County
- Clint Diederich, County of Grande Prairie

**Call to order
9:05 am:** Rob Naugler, PRIG Chair

**Housekeeping
Items:** Grant went over some Safety and Housekeeping items

Introductions: Round table was performed to ensure everyone was introduced



- Presentation #1:** Grant presented a power point show promoting M D of Greenview with some very enlightening information about the region
- Review of Last Meeting Minutes:** No Changes were brought up
- General information:** Quick Review of CPWA President's Update September 2016 by Rob followed by Messages from AMSA Representatives Kevin C and Leonard
- Future meeting dates:** Extremely good discussion with conclusions that Town of Peace River will host a January 2017 Workshop; County of Northern Lights will host an April 2017 Event; and County of Grande Prairie will host an October 2017 event
- Presentation #2:** Glen Newman of Amec Foster Wheeler Consulting lead a presentation and enthusiastic Q&A period on the topic of a Contractor Performance Evaluation process that the hosts M D Greenview have recently begun using
- Lunch:** 11:50 pm – 12:25 pm generously provided by Amec Foster Wheeler
- Round Table:** Topics discussed were: Drones and their uses, benefits, and drawbacks; Pre / Post Heavy Equipment Reporting Procedures; GIS software including a brief presentation by Clint of ESRI's Collector App for Smartphones; CN Railway Agreements; Fuel Management System; Heavy Equipment Tires; Handling Difficult Phone Calls from Ratepayers; Government of Alberta Grants; Preparing, Managing and Presenting Fiscal Budgets; Road Gravel Programs; AAMD&C Direct Trade Buying Program;
- Future Meetings:** Discussion on future meeting topics such as controlling beavers; an AT Presentation on Bridge Construction Projects in our Region; Water / Wastewater topics to attract Town members
- Adjournment:** 1:50 pm