



Peace Region Idea Group Workshop Summary

American Public Works Association, Alberta Chapter

Date: May 03rd, 2017

Place: County of Northern Lights (Manning)

- Attendance:** Rob Naugler, County of Grande Prairie, PRIG Chair
Leonard Van Oort, County of Northern Lights, AMSA Representative (Host)
Kevin Cymbaluk, MD of Smoky River, AMSA Representative
Clint Diederich, County of Grande Prairie
Peter Pawlaski, Town of Manning
Jim McCuaig, Town of Peace River
Butch Mitchell, Town of Peace River
Kevin Sklapsky, M D Greenview
Dan Bloomfield, Big Lakes County
Dave Gervais, MD Smoky River
Hugh Pettigrew, City of Grande Prairie
Ron Pelensky, Saddle Hills County
Ryley Dreger, Saddle Hills County
Dave Fehr, Mackenzie County
- Call to order 10:05 am:** Rob Naugler, PRIG Chair
- Housekeeping Items:** Leonard Van Oort went over some Safety and Housekeeping items
- Introductions:** Round table was performed to ensure everyone was introduced
- Review of Last Meeting Minutes:** Jim McCuaig gave an update on the Peace River Bridge Twinning Project
- General information:** Rob promoted the Alberta Chapter website, www.publicworks.ca and especially the American site, regarding the upcoming Public Works Week May 21-27, 2017, followed by Messages from AMSA Representatives Kevin C and Leonard highlighting the recent, March 21st Conference in Edmonton and upcoming events for that Association
- Future meeting dates:** Extremely good discussion with conclusions that The County of Grande Prairie will host an event on October 18, 2017, Birch Hills County will hopefully host a January 2018



event (not present), and The City of Grande Prairie will tentatively host an April or May, 2018 Workshop.

**Impromptu
Announcements
or Handouts:**

Kevin C mentioned “Valley Blades” which produces one-foot sections of Grader plow blades

Round Table:

Topics discussed included Dust Monitors recently purchased by The County of Northern Lights for Haul Roads which lead into a Road Bans discussion which lead into a debate on Permits and more specifically, Road Use Agreements including mention of TRAVIS and other permitting management systems; Bridge funding with no news yet received by anyone in this group; Corrosiveness of Calcium Chloride dust suppressant and agreement by all that there really is no better alternative considering price; Upcoming Wetland Seminar; Borrow Pit Credits; Snow Management Plans; Mention of price of Nilex brand Fiber in ACP adding approx.\$15-\$20 per Tonne.

Presentation #1:

Russ Treadwell of Industrial Machine Incorporated (IMI) gave a verbal presentation beginning with a quick overview of the Company, then straight into a detailed description of the product he had brought for a demo out in the parking lot - a KM8000TEDD / INFRARED asphalt reclaiming machine, which we got a good look at outside just before lunch, with great answers from Russ to all of our questions.

Lunch:

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm generously provided by IMI

Presentation #2:

Julianne Threlfall of CN handed out some brochures and gave a very informative verbal presentation centered on the recently changed regulations for Railway Crossings by Transport Canada and the roles of all parties involved including local Municipalities. Julianne also brought along with her the two local area supervisors, who gave a quick rundown of local projects affecting all in attendance. Julianne concluded with a very helpful Q & A period.

Door Prizes:

A wide variety of donated gifts were drawn for, including two - \$50 Gift Certificates for the Keg restaurant graciously donated by Wapiti Gravel Suppliers of Grande Prairie.

Adjournment:

2:15 pm