



## Peace Region Idea Group Workshop Summary

American Public Works Association, Alberta Chapter

Date: 26th October, 2017

**Place: County of Grande Prairie No. 1 (Clairmont, AB near City of Grande Prairie)**

<b>Attendance:</b>	Rob Naugler, County of Grande Prairie, PRIG Chair Kevin Cymbaluk, MD of Smoky River, AMSA Representative Leonard Van Oort, County of Northern Lights, AMSA Representative (Host) Dave Gervais, MD Smoky River Leon, MD Smoky River Ryley Dreger, Saddle Hills County Michael Coy, Birch Hills County Garry Leathem, Town of Fairview
<b>Call to order 10:00 am:</b>	Rob Naugler, PRIG Chair
<b>Housekeeping Items:</b>	Rob went over some Safety and Housekeeping items
<b>Kickoff by CAO Bill Rogan</b>	Never occurred, as Mr. Rogan was not available
<b>Introductions:</b>	Round table was performed to ensure everyone was introduced
<b>Review of Last Meeting Minutes:</b>	There were no errors or omissions noted upon a review on the large, front screen
<b>General information:</b>	Kevin C presented an in-depth and informative summary of 2017 APWA Conference in Red Deer early in October, including mention of some of the educational sessions and the networking: event Tuesday evening which featured a Hypnotist; followed by messages from AMSA Representatives Kevin and Leonard highlighting the upcoming Conference later this month (November) in Edmonton as well as the need for "Bearpit" topics that can be submitted either on line or to Leonard



**Future meeting dates:** Very good discussion with conclusions that Birch Hills County still plan to host a January 2018 event on the 18<sup>th</sup> in Wanham, and The City of Grande Prairie will be approached (Robert Carroll) to host an April or May, 2018 Workshop.

**Impromptu Announcements or Handouts:** Kevin covered this upon startup with copies of information from APWA Red Deer Conference

**Presentation #1:** Adam Carson of Corix Water Products GP gave a very informative verbal presentation, with cameo highlights from a Laptop, beginning with a quick overview and history of the Company, then into highlights of several Water and Wastewater products and Systems he has to offer featuring their very own design and manufacturing capabilities in Langley BC. The presentation included an interwoven question and answer session that Adam handled expertly.

**Lunch:** 11:45 pm – 12:30 pm generously and abundantly provided by Corix Water Products

**Round Table:** Informally occurred prior to, and during, lunch break, and included topics such as Dust Monitors recently purchased by The County of Northern Lights for Haul Roads which Leonard reported didn't work out so well; Security Surveillance Systems installed at various facilities to prevent theft and vandalism; Zinc Anodes installed for Cathodic protection on Water Main Ductile Iron fittings; GPS Systems equipment and software; GIS software; Putting less funds into official Engineering Services for smaller Construction Projects to stretch funding; Culvert replacement Construction techniques and practices; AAMD&C Purchasing System; Gravel Crushing Costs were compared; efficient use and purchase of Grader Blades; Detours around Alberta Transportation Bridge Projects; comparison of leasing / owning / sharing Radio Towers for Communications and SCADA; Upfront requirements for Land Developers to install underground infrastructure for telecommunications (internet / TV / phone) into multiple Lot Subdivisions

**Door Prizes:** A wide variety of donated gifts were drawn for, including gift bags graciously donated by Beirsto and Associates Engineering, and Case, both of Grande Prairie.

**Adjournment:** 1:45 pm