



Peace Region Idea Group “Information & Training Session” Summary

American Public Works Association, Alberta Chapter / AMSA, Northern Division

Date: 18 January 2018

Place: Birch Hills County, Wanham, AB

- Attendance:** Rob Naugler, County of Grande Prairie No. 1, PRIG Chair
Michael Coy, Birch Hills County, Host Community
Dion Hynes, Birch Hills County, Host Community
Jim Alexy, Birch Hills County, Host Community
Kevin Cymbaluk, MD of Smoky River, AMSA Representative
Leonard Van Oort, County of Northern Lights, AMSA Representative
Dave Gervais, MD Smoky River
Ron Pelensky, Saddle Hills County
Howard Laverick, County of Grande Prairie No. 1
Lynette Torgerson, County of Grande Prairie No. 1
Grant Gyorkovits, MD Greenview
Kevin Sklapsky, MD Greenview
Dan Bloomfield, Big Lakes County
Devin Smith, Project Engineering, Grande Prairie
Michal Pasko, Project Engineering, Grande Prairie
- Call to order 10:00 am:** Rob Naugler, APWA PRIG Chair, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this Session
- Housekeeping Items:** Co-Host, Michael Coy, went over some Safety and Housekeeping items
- Introductions:** Round table was performed to ensure everyone was introduced
- Review of Last Session Summary:** There were no errors or omissions noted upon the review
- General information:** **APWA** - Kevin C & Rob N presented a ‘Live’, sneak peek into the CPWA Free Members’ Library online service using the computer, and large, front screen
AMSA - Representatives Kevin C, and Leonard, highlighted event details from, and features of, the recent Conference November 2017 held in Edmonton
- Future Session dates:** Extremely good discussion with conclusion, and texted confirmation that The City of Grande Prairie plan to host an April 2018 event hopefully no later than the 15th of that month, and a possible display of the new Solar Powered Bus(es) was suggested. It was also concluded that Saddle Hills County will host an October 2018 event; and a combined Town & MD of Fairview have also expressed interest in Hosting a future Session, as brought forward through Kevin C.



Impromptu Announcements or Handouts:

Time allowed for a bit of a pre-free-for-all Round Table discussion to begin, and included the following topics: Permanent Fencing styles and prices used by the group; Gravel prices / units; Brushing along Roads including Seasonal and Land Owner challenges

Presentation #1:

Peter Ho, accompanied by Dennis Hussey, both of Beirsto & Associates Engineering Ltd, presented a very well put together Power Point Slideshow on their Asset Management System with some general as well as specific components and details. The presentation included an interwoven question and answer component that Peter handled very nicely.

Lunch 12:00 -12:45pm Graciously and abundantly provided by Beirsto & Associates Engineering Ltd

Presentation #2:

Michelle Tetreault presented a very insightful and informative slideshow detailing the Alberta Common Ground Alliance's advocating tactics aiming for much fewer underground utility incidents of damage and injury, including some very valuable details attendees were clearly not aware of

Round Table:

Really good sharing with the following topic: Tendering In-House vs. Outsourcing; an abundance of varied Grader related discussions including Fuel Efficiency 'Payback' policies offered by local Supplier / Blade prices, types, and supplier details / Grader Machine Prices and specific Suppliers / In-House vs. Contractor services including challenges and benefits; remaining topics were: Construction of select, private Approaches including a fee structure at Development Permit stage; Grant & Kevin S provided Project updates from MD Greenview; Comparison by Municipality, and challenges, of plowing Privately owned Drive-Ways; Kevin C provided interim update on their Geographic Information System regime which is 2/3 the way through the evaluation period; selection challenges of, and quality of service from local Consulting Engineering Firms; Provision of GIS & Asset Data from Utility Providers; STEP Program 'Engineer'.

Door Prizes:

A wide variety of donated gifts were drawn for with enough items for everyone in attendance to take something with them

Adjournment 2:30:

Several individuals stayed afterward for more select discussion, and a display of Grader Blades occurred in the attached, Hosting yard