



Peace Region Idea Group (PRIG) “Information & Training Session” Summary
 American Public Works Association, Alberta Chapter / AMSA, Northern District
 Date: Friday, 18th October 2019

Host / Location: Town of Sexsmith, Civic Center, 9917 99 Ave; Sexsmith, AB

- Attendance:** 26 ‘members’ representing 14 different Municipal Governments
- Greetings:** PRIG Chair, Rob Naugler thanked attendees and vendors for coming and previewed the day’s forthcoming events and highlights
- Housekeeping Items:** Host, Alan Gordey, went over the relevant Safety and Housekeeping items
- Welcome by Town Mayor:** Kate Potter, Mayor – Town of Sexsmith
- Introductions, All Present:** Round table was performed to ensure everyone (vendors and ‘members’) was introduced.

- TRADE SHOW:**
- Allnorth Consulting –** Miranda Johnson, 780-518-7608
Darrell Young, 780-832-3399
Hussein Bzeih, 780-266-0475
 - Brandt Topcon Survey Division –** Cody Compagnon, 587-297-1394
Owen Campbell, 780-882-2710
 - Layfield Canada Geosynthetics –** Ralph Schmidt, 780-914-9706
Magnum Wear Parts GP Ltd – Adam Albright, 780-978-4888
Adrian Hofstetter, 780-978-2763
 - Nilex Geosynthetics –** Adam Cavanaugh, 780-243-8243
Read On Roads – Lorne Read, 403-651-8526
Kobus LeRoux, 403-828-0868
 - UAV Imaging Inc –** Jason Field, 587-532-9000
West-Can Seal Coating – Matthew Arnill, 403-335-9137

- Networking Lunch:** Masterfully catered by Ray of Lefty’s, Bezanson fame
- DOOR PRIZEE DRAWS:** As generously donated by the vendors and brought in by various Municipalities
- Cal to Order:** Rob Naugler, PRIG Chair, thanked and dismissed the vendors with final words from each one, then ‘members’ were ushered into a separate Meeting Room to allow vendors to tear down
- Review of Last Session Summary:** There were no errors or omissions noted upon the review of the last Session Summary held in Fairview



General information: **APWA** - Rob N and Kevin C offered some highlights and details from the recent Conference and Trade Show in Red Deer earlier in October this year and encouraged attendees to sign up for weekly newsletters at www.publicworks.ca

AMSA – Northern Director Leonard Van Oort previewed the upcoming Fall Conference in November 2019, which is in conjunction with RMA Conference (formerly AAMD&C).

Future Session dates: Very Good discussion introduced by Chair, Rob N, with a brief description of what Hosting is and isn't, and concluding with The Town of Peace River committing to hosting a session in January 2020 and Big Lakes County confirming to host one in April, 2020, with dates for both to be determined.

Round Table: A very interactive discussion with full participation of all those present with topics including; a very wet summer had by all with much suffering Construction and maintenance-wise; Much discussion on Succession Planning and Retention Programs; the whole regime of "Safety – Quality – Production"; a request for Sign standards from Saddle Hills County; Raw Water Reservoirs and migratory bird mitigation techniques; Truck Fill tower issues; PW supplied and stocked Public traction sand boxes; Unionized workforces and management; Water line breaks and deep frost issues; Joint projects being a big blessing; deteriorated, missing section of pipe causing huge expense and loss of service; Various Grant funding; assimilating safety programs and procedures; New Training laws; "Bridge in a Box" product by Armtec; SCADA Lift Station and closing with Regionalization becoming a reality for some

Tour of Facilities: A large gathering of attendees followed Rolly of The Town of Sexsmith to tour their Shop facilities

Adjournment 2:20pm followed by the tour mentioned directly above