



Peace Region Idea Group (PRIG) “Information & Training Session” Summary
American Public Works Association, Alberta Chapter / AMSA, Northern District
Date: Thursday, 30th January 2020

Host: Town of Peace River, Public Works Building, 7410 - 104 Avenue, Peace River, AB

- Attendance:** 18 ‘members’ representing 8 different Municipal Governments plus 1 Private Firm
- Greetings & Call to Order:** PRIG Chair, Rob Naugler thanked attendees for coming and previewed the day’s forthcoming presentations and highlights
- Housekeeping Items:** Hosts Jim McCuaig and Devin Bruin, went over the relevant Safety and Housekeeping items including an ask for show of hands of those with First Aid and CPR training
- Introductions, All Present:** Round table was performed to ensure everyone was introduced
- Presentation #1:** Josh Warkentin, of the local Peace River office for the firm WSP, presented the Five Phases of Project Management, focusing on a typical Road Construction Project
- Networking Lunch:** including attendance by both presenting Companies
- Presentation #2** Kurtis Lunn of local Peace River office for Finning CAT, and Damara of the Grande Prairie office of same, presented on new models of Graders, Loaders, and Dozers as well as finance options available including a very innovative, interspersed quiz portion complete with nifty swag prizes for successful answers, and followed by an equally informative Q & A period, then a demo and explanation of relevant features of a 930 Small Wheel Loader, present in the Shop downstairs
- Shop Tour:** Jim McCuaig and Devin Bruin, of the hosting Town of Peace River, conducted a guided tour of the main shop facility including one of the very clean and warm wash bays
- Review of Last Session Summary:** There were no errors or omissions noted upon the review of the last Session and Trade Show Summary held in Sexsmith
- General information:** **APWA** - Rob N and Kevin C offered some details on the upcoming National Public Works Week third week of May, as well as Conference in Red Deer, first week of October, and also described the Public Works Supervisor Training program offered by the Alberta Chapter of APWA
- AMSA** – Northern Director Leonard Van Oort previewed the upcoming Spring Conference in March 16-18 2020 at the Shaw Centre in Edmonton, 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 a reminder that April session to be at Big Lakes County (High Prairie) [later determined to be an outdoor Trade Show on Friday, 24 April, with a rain date of Thursday, 30 April]; then County of Grande Prairie offering to host in October, 2020; a joint MD Smokey River area session in January 2021; and County of Northern Lights in April 2021, with dates for all sessions to be determined [other than Big Lakes County].

Round Table: A very informative and seemingly helpful discussion with full participation of all those present with topics including; a mention of the recent "Mental Health Day" event; Capital and Operating Budgets – "doing more with less"; Maintenance of heavily used road with heavy traffic; Equipment Asset Management Systems; Proposed motion at upcoming RMA Conference to reduce Red Tape of Water Act Legislation; RFP vs. tender for Graders; Plow trucks vs. Graders for heavy snowfall events; Levels of Service for various Road Classifications; recent issues with a certain local truck supplier; Safety aspect of ICFs; MuniSite subscription based management system; and Liability of Private Creek Crossings

**DOOR PRIZE
DRAWS:** As generously donated, and brought in, by various Municipalities

Adjournment 3:00pm