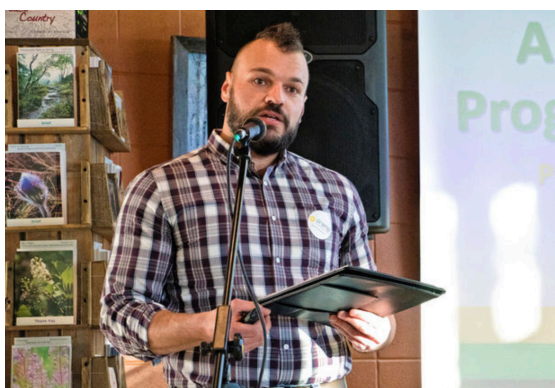


Air Quality Info Available for Peace River

At its first Open House in March 2017, the Peace River Area Monitoring Program (PRAMP) Committee welcomed more than 50 people including area residents, citizens from the Woodland Cree First Nation, local industry operators, and media to ask questions and hear about air monitoring efforts and results in the area.



Mike Bisaga, PRAMP Technical Program Manager provided an overview of air monitoring data and trends from 2011 to 2016. Mike noted that since 2013, there has been a marked decline in key air compounds. The reduction in these compounds co-relates with heavy oil emission control measures that have been put in place by the Alberta Energy Regulator.

This improvement in air quality is good news for residents in the area. However, air monitoring work needs to continue and there are plans to conduct a more detailed assessment of elevated levels that occur in the area occasionally.

The newly launched PRAMP website prampairshed.ca will help keep the community informed by providing detailed air quality information. It will include access to near real-time data for three monitoring stations and additional information to help understand the monitoring and the results. There will also be quarterly updates on monitoring results and an annual review.

Community members are welcome to contact PRAMP with any questions and suggestions. Committee members are also available to attend community events or meetings to discuss air quality and air monitoring in the area. Please contact: Karla Reesor, Executive Director at karla@prampairshed.ca or 403.807.2995.