



## Item F: Executive Director Update

November 24, 2018

### 1. PRAMP Contracts with Suppliers and Partners

#### **Maxxam**

Staff are working with legal counsel to develop contractual language to include:

1. Financial claw-backs when agreed standards are not met;
2. Increased transparency and integration of new Standard Operating Procedures; and,
3. Service standards to clarify expectations for operating and reporting timelines.

#### **CNRL**

CNRL provided a number of requested changes on a draft agreement. PRAMP counsel has been engaged to work directly with CNRL counsel to develop mutually satisfactory contractual commitments.

### 2. PRAMP Grant Funding

#### **Knowledge Translation Grant from AEP**

The PRAMP Committee submitted a grant request in the amount of \$49,000 for 2018-19 (plus \$50,000 and \$54,000 for years 2 and 3) in February 2018. Grant funds may be allocated to knowledge translation, education and outreach expenses, as well as salary or overhead expenses related to delivering the outreach programs. To date, PRAMP has not received any information regarding the grant request.

Several Airsheds submitted a grant application and, to date, no Airsheds have received information about the status of the applications. Some Airsheds have sent letters to the Minister or Deputy Minister of AEP to inquire about the status of the grants. A letter to AEP officials would be an option for PRAMP as well.

#### **Grant Option with Alberta Health**

Staff has learned that Alberta Health is open to considering a grant request from PRAMP. Staff is seeking direction from the Board on whether to request a grant from Alberta Health.

Alberta Health has an interest in continuing to address recommendations from the Alberta Energy Regulator's Proceeding on Odours and Emissions in the Peace River Area (2014). Health Recommendation 1 was as follows:

*The Government of Alberta encourage the research community to conduct studies that would assist policy makers and regulators to better understand potential linkages between odours and emissions from heavy oil operations, including long-term exposures to individual chemicals and chemical mixtures, and health effects.*

Information from health studies could assist PRAMP in its monitoring program. For example, a health study could indicate if it would be beneficial to monitor for certain additional parameters that are not currently part of the PRAMP monitoring program.

Alberta Health may be willing to provide funding to PRAMP for a research project that would address the following topics:

1. Based on a review of PRAMP monitoring data, what health impacts, if any, might be anticipated for residents in the area?
2. Are there additional elements or parameters that could be added to the PRAMP monitoring program that would assist in future health assessments?

For PRAMP to take on a research project, funding would be needed to engage an experienced and knowledgeable researcher, and to cover any additional project management fees and overhead for PRAMP. It would also be beneficial to establish a Steering Committee for the project with knowledgeable representatives from organizations outside of PRAMP, e.g. representatives from Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services, academic experts and potentially experts from other regions in the province.

An additional goal for a grant request to Alberta Health could be a program to educate the community on the Air Quality Health Index.

If the Board supports a grant request to Alberta Health, staff will develop a proposal and begin discussions with Alberta Health. Staff would keep the Board informed of developments and the Board would have the final say on whether to accept any grant that may be offered.

### **Board Decisions**

The Board is asked to decide on the following:

1. Will PRAMP send a letter to AEP officials regarding the status of the Education and Outreach Grant Application?
2. Will PRAMP request a grant from Alberta Health, and if so, for what purpose?