



5A: Update from the Executive Director

March 19, 2020 Board Meeting

Alberta Airsheds Council (AAC)

The ACC, made up of Alberta's 10 Airshed organizations, is continuing to collaborate on education/outreach and on government relations. The AAC is self-funded with Airshed membership fees (\$2,000/year per Airshed) and does not receive funding from any other organizations. Current work includes:

- A province-wide campaign to reduce needless idling
- Working with Lee Funke, a government relations strategist and President of Torque Communications, to clarify Airshed communications and to align with Government of Alberta priorities
- Development of a new, province-wide report on key air monitoring results
- Implementation of a new membership fee structure and on-boarding of a part-time administrator

Nadine Blaney (Fort Air Partnership) and Karla Reesor are the AAC Co-chairs and have been leading the government relations strategy work along with Gary Redmond (Alberta Capital Region Airshed and West Central Airshed), Secretary/Treasurer for the AAC.

In addition to the membership fees of \$2,000 per year, the AAC relies on in-kind support from Airsheds. Providing members for the Executive, leading communications work, sitting on the AAC Technical Committee and joining working groups for the Clean Air Strategic Alliance are ways that Airsheds support each other and the AAC. In addition, Airsheds share meeting space and other resources.

One additional way that PRAMP can offer support is by providing and paying for a teleconference line for AAC meetings. The additional costs to PRAMP may vary, and would typically be less than \$50/month.

BOARD DECISIONS:

The Board is asked to decide on the following:

1. Will the PRAMP Board support the \$2,000 membership fee for the Alberta Airsheds Council?
2. Will the PRAMP Board support the PRAMP Executive Director continuing in the role of AAC Co-chair?



3. Will the PRAMP Board support sharing the PRAMP teleconference line with the AAC?

PRAMP Boundaries

The PRAMP Board has previously discussed and agreed on new proposed boundaries for PRAMP. (See Item 5A-2 PRAMP Proposed Boundary Map.) The new boundaries include small portions of Big Lake County and the MD of Smoky River that are currently included in the Peace Airshed Zone Association (PAZA) boundaries. The PAZA Board has indicated that they have no concerns with PRAMP proposed boundaries, subject to the agreement of the MD of Smoky River and Big Lakes County. The MD of Smoky River has no concerns with the change.

PRAMP and PAZA presented to the Big Lakes County Council on February 26, 2020. No concerns were raised at the meeting, however, a formal decision will be taken by the Council at a meeting in March. PRAMP has not heard the final outcome from Big Lakes County.

Staff propose to defer the PRAMP boundary discussion to a future Board meeting. In the meantime, PRAMP will also re-connect with the MD of Peace to share the proposed boundaries.

Contracts and Operating Agreements

With an AEP operating contract that extends to March 31, 2023, PRAMP has been working with suppliers to establish new contracts. The following is an update on PRAMP contracts:

1. Bureau Veritas (formerly Maxxam Analytics) – PRAMP is waiting for Bureau Veritas to confirm any new contract expectations that may be required since Maxxam was purchased by Bureau Veritas. PRAMP will work with PRAMP legal counsel to review a new contract.
2. PRAMP Staff - PRAMP staff currently have contracts in place until March 31 2020. When the PRAMP work plan and budget for 2020-21 is approved by the Oil Sands Monitoring Program, the Executive Director will update staff contracts.

PRAMP staff and CNRL are establishing an Operating Agreement for PRAMP to operate and report on the PRC station and passive network. Issues being addressed include identification of the safety protocols that will need to be in place. The draft Agreement is currently with CNRL for internal review.

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