



**Peace River Area Monitoring Program (PRAMP) Committee  
Board of Directors' Meeting and Strategic Planning**

May 26, 2021  
Video Conference

**Meeting Notes**

Attendees:

Name	Sector Group	Organization	Participation
Doug Dallyn, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Public	Community	Director
Kevin Kemball	Public	NAIT Centre for Boreal Research	Director
Shelly Shannon, <i>Treasurer</i>	Public	Community	Director
Anthony Traverse, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Industry	Baytex Energy	Director
Art Laurin	Industry	Obsidian Energy	Director
Kenda Friesen	Industry	Obsidian Energy	Director
Andy Trudeau	Gov	MD of Smoky River	Director
Gaylene Whitehead	Gov	Northern Sunrise County	Director
Laurie Cheperdak	Gov	Alberta Health	Guest
Madhan Selvaraj	Gov	AEP	Guest
Long Fu	Gov	AEP	Guest
Karla Reesor		Executive Director	
Mike Bisaga		Technical Program Manager	
Lily Lin		Technical Program Manager	
Brenda Barber		Office Manager	
Eileen Cristine		Outreach Coordinator	
Esther Johnston		Indigenous Outreach	

Guest:

Lara Tierney, Facilitator
Andre Asselin, Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA)

Regrets:

Name	Sector Group	Organization	Participation
Krista Park	Gov	AHS	Director
Elvis Thomas	Gov	Woodland Cree	Director
Garrett Tomlinson, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Gov	Metis Nation, Region 6	Director
Barb Johnson	Gov	MD of Peace	Member
Matt Flette	Industry	CNUL	Director
Blair Fortin	Industry	Tervita Corporation	Member
Dwayne Stepaniuk		Field Operations Assistant	
Geri Carifelle		Indigenous Outreach	

***These notes are provided as a summary of discussions of the PRAMP Committee. The views and ideas noted do not necessarily reflect the perspective of each Committee member. Decisions are taken by consensus.***

### **1.1 Roll Call for Quorum**

Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm by Doug Dallyn.  
Opening comments by Doug Dallyn and introduction of participants of the meeting.  
Review of Agenda

### **1.2 Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Agenda as tabled by Andy Trudeau. Carried.**

### **2.1 Meeting Notes**

**Motion to approve the April 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes by Art Laurin. Carried.**

### **3.1 Consensus Decision Making Overview**

Andre Asselin is the Executive Director of the Clean Air Strategic Alliance and the Alberta Water Council. Andre provided a presentation on consensus decision making, for information.

### **4.1 PRAMP Strategic Planning**

PRAMP held its third Strategic Planning meeting facilitated by Lara Tierney.

A document was provided in advance of the meeting that outlined the proposed planning steps for the Board to arrive at and communicate an updated Strategic Plan. The document also included updated possible Future Scenarios.

#### Planning Steps

Staff proposed the following steps in order to decide on PRAMP's future path by Fall 2021:

- a. Decide on the desired future direction for PRAMP
- b. Decide on goals and objectives
- c. Approve an operating plan
- d. Share information with stakeholders

**Motion to support the proposed planning steps proposed by staff by Kevin Kemball. Carried.**

#### Possible Future Scenarios

Staff provided the following possible scenarios for the consideration of the Board:

A. Heavy Oil Focus – Review level of monitoring needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conduct Network Assessment</li><li>• Funding – OSM for monitoring; AEP grant for outreach</li></ul>
B. Incorporate monitoring for Mercer – Review level of monitoring needed for heavy oil <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with Mercer to integrate two Mercer stations into PRAMP network (costs paid by Mercer)</li><li>• Conduct Network Assessment</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding – OSM, Mercer, AEP grant</li></ul>
<p>C. Incorporate monitoring for Mercer – Review level of monitoring needed for heavy oil – Continue to deploy low-cost microsensors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scenario B plus continue use of microsensors as budget permits and consider other small monitoring initiatives to assess community concerns</li><li>• Funding – OSM, Mercer, AEP grant, potential grants or membership fees</li></ul>

Board Discussion:

- The approval for Mercer expires in March 2021 and is currently being reviewed by Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP); it is up to Mercer to request that the air monitoring be done by PRAMP if they want to choose that option. Mercer has one station close to its operations and one station in Peace River. The stations would become part of the PRAMP network if the AEP approval includes that expectation.
- It will take some time to complete the review for the Mercer approval. A 30-day public notification period will be required. PRAMP would also have to negotiate financial arrangements for Mercer to pay PRAMP the costs associated with the monitoring and reporting.
- Scenarios B and C could be clarified to indicate that PRAMP staff would “Explore the possibility with Mercer”. After discussions with Mercer, the PRAMP Board would decide whether to proceed to incorporate the Mercer stations into the PRAMP network.
- Network Assessments are studies conducted by third parties to review current or potential monitoring against monitoring goals. The parameters and objectives for the Assessment would be set by PRAMP; it could be broad or narrow in scope. Given PRAMP’s current situation, it would make sense to conduct a Network Assessment that considers the inclusion of the two Mercer monitoring stations as well as the PRC station and passive network.
- Driven by the objectives and parameters established by PRAMP, a Network Assessment could provide an evidence-based perspective on optimizing the number and location of monitoring stations as well as the pollutants monitored in the PRAMP network; several input criteria may inform the Network Assessment such as modelling outputs, current emissions in the area, and regional air quality trends.
- The Board will need to determine if funds are available for a Network Assessment.
- Where do we see ourselves in 5 years? Do not want to be looking at the same problem that has already been solved. Monitoring for heavy oil should be reduced based on the results we already have, and there should be less draw on funds from the Oil Sands Monitoring (OSM) program. It will take time to determine a course of action with Mercer. Should PRAMP keep monitoring at the same level or return some OSM funds for other uses by reducing the number of stations in the heavy oil operations area of PRAMP?
- Initial steps of Network Assessment have already been taken by PRAMP, including written information from AER on regulatory expectations. Also, PRAMP has reduced its budget by buying stations instead of renting and we are continuously looking for efficiencies.
- PRAMP is an impartial arms-length body that provides reliable air quality data. Air quality has improved significantly as a result of industry’s conservation efforts. AER Directive 84 (which only applies to the Peace River Area) is much more prescriptive than Directive 60.
- It is difficult to take away monitoring once it is place, and it is particularly difficult for industry to go to the regulator and request to scale back monitoring. A request to scale back monitoring would have more weight if it comes from PRAMP.

- Air quality has improved significantly. PRAMP is now monitoring to ensure air quality improvements continue.

The Board confirmed that Scenarios B and C are at the “explore” level with respect to monitoring for Mercer operations; there is no commitment.

Poll of directors to consider the desired Future Scenario. Preference for Scenario C from Board.

**Motion to support exploring Scenario C and have PRAMP staff draft the goals and objectives by Shelly Shannon; second by Gaylene Whitehead. Carried.**

## 5.1. TWG Update

- TWG met on May 17, 2021; primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss siting for Reno and the AQHI stations.

### Reno siting issue

- In an audit 2 years ago, AEP indicated that the Reno Station did not meet siting criteria as a result of tree growth.
- In the fall of 2020, the TWG presented a relocation option for the station to the Board; the Board did not achieve consensus.
- The TWG recommends relocating the Reno station to a new site, approximately 5.5 km northwest of the current monitoring site.
- Pending confirmation of OSM funding, the TWG recommends an overlap monitoring period of up to six months.

**Motion to move the Reno station to the new site recommended by the TWG by Doug Dallyn; second by Andy Trudeau. Carried.**

- Recommendation that the decision on overlapping monitoring be tabled until we have confirmation on the OSM funding.

### AQHI Portable

- TWG reviewed potential monitoring locations identified through consultation.
- The decision by the TWG is to relocate the AQHI station to Grimshaw.
- The Technical Program Managers will write a stand-alone report for the data collected at Cadotte Lake, and arrangements will be made to present the findings to the community.
- The scoring matrix will be reviewed to consider other scoring factors for future AQHI station moves.
- PRAMP will inform PAZA that Falher was identified as a potential monitoring site.

**Motion to support the TWG decision to relocate the AQHI Portable to Grimshaw by Anthony Traverse. Carried.**

## 5.2 Communications Working Group

- The Communications Working Group reached out to the towns and municipalities in the area to support Clean Air Day. Photos will be shared on social media.
- We will be announcing the winner of the photo contest on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Starting to talk about a fall event. The AGM will be held in September. If restrictions are lessened, we will plan to have it in person and celebrate PRAMP's first five years.

## 6.1. Roundtable

Eileen – hoping to hold vermiculture workshops over the summer.

Long Fu – appreciate the process to come to an agreement today.

Thanks to Lara for facilitating the process.

We will likely need two more meetings before the September AGM. Brenda will send out a doodle poll.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm by Doug Dallyn.