

# New Business:

1. Air Monitoring for Mercer

2. NAIT Alternative Energy Project

PRAMP Board Meeting

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PEACE RIVER AREA MONITORING PROGRAM

# Mercer Air Monitoring

<b>Proposed Steps</b>	<b>Expected Timing</b>
1. Confirm EPA's air monitoring expectations for Mercer	New EPEA approval may be in place by April 1 at the earliest; date is not confirmed
2. Confirm EPA's financial support for an AQHI station in the Town of Peace River	Unknown; not likely until the fall
3. Negotiate a fee for service agreement with Mercer that aligns with #1 and #2	TBD



# Draft Criteria for Negotiated Fee for Service Agreements

## ***To be included in a new PRAMP policy:***

- Emitters pay to monitor their emissions and air quality in the region.
- Governments may contribute to monitoring costs as a proxy for non-point source emissions and in recognition of the benefits for Albertans.
- Companies are responsible for ensuring compliance with any air monitoring requirements in regulatory approvals.
- PRAMP will not advocate for changes to regulatory approvals (except that air monitoring be an on-going expectation for emitters).
- When PRAMP is contracted to provide air monitoring and reporting services, the air monitoring equipment and trailers will normally be owned and maintained by PRAMP. Exceptions will be approved by the Board and arrangements will be in place to confirm responsibility for asset maintenance and replacement.



# Board Decision Requested

Staff proposes to inform Mercer that confirmation of EPA's monitoring expectations and EPA's financial commitment to an AQHI station in Peace River is needed before PRAMP can establish a fee for service agreement with Mercer.

Staff will continue to work with Mercer and EPA to develop a possible framework for a fee for service agreement.



# NAIT Student Capstone Project: *Off-grid Air Quality Monitoring*

- PRAMP and NAIT Industry Solutions are sponsoring a project to explore the feasibility of using alternative energy to operate monitoring stations and small sensors
- A student team will work with PRAMP and NAIT advisors
- PRAMP will provide information and direction to the student team
- *Optional* expense for PRAMP to pay for student travel to Peace River area in the fall
- Will provide more information to Board when Charter is complete

