



**Peace River Area Monitoring Program (PRAMP) Committee**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**February 16, 2023**  
**10:00 am - noon**  
**Video Conference**

Meeting Notes

**Attendees:**

Name	Sector Group	Organization	Participation
Doug Dallyn, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Public	Community	Director
Andy Trudeau	Gov	MD of Smoky River	Director
Art Laurin	Industry	Obsidian Energy	Director
Kenda Friesen	Industry	Obsidian Energy	Director
Arlen Hogg	Industry	CNUL	Director
Jason Javos	Gov	Northern Sunrise County	Director
Kevin Kemball	Public	NAIT Centre for Boreal Research	Director
Krista Park	Gov	AHS	Director
Elvis Thomas	Gov	Woodland Cree	Director
Sarah Stockley	Public	Community	Director
Shawn	Industry	Islander Oil and Gas	Member
Long Fu	Gov	Alberta Environment and Protected Areas	Guest
Laurie Cheperdak	Gov	Alberta Health	Guest
Carolyn Pfau	GOV	AER	Guest
Mike Brown	Gov	AER	Guest
Madhan Selvaraj	Gov	Alberta Environment and Protected Areas	Guest
Karla Reesor		Executive Director	
Mike Bisaga		Technical Program Manager	
Lily Lin		Technical Program Manager	
Brenda Barber		Office Manager	
Eileen Coristine		Outreach Coordinator	
Dwayne Stepaniuk		Field Operations Assistant	

**Regrets:**

Name	Sector Group	Organization	Participation
Shelly Shannon, <i>Treasurer</i>	Public	Community	Director
Brian Allen	Gov	Town of Grimshaw	Director
Amanda Peardon, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Industry	Baytex Energy	Director
Garrett Tomlinson, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Gov	Metis Nation, Region 6	Director
Blair Fortin	Industry	Tervita Corporation	Member
Stephen Hughes	Industry	Island Oil and Gas	Member
Barb Johnson	Gov	MD of Peace	Member

***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.***

1.2 Agenda

**Motion to approve the agenda by Elvis Thomas. No blocks**

1.3 Meeting Notes

**Motion to approve the December 6, 2022 Meeting Notes by Krista Park. Carried.**

**2. Monitoring and Reporting**

Goal:

1. *Evidence-driven verification that air quality in the Peace River area is at acceptable levels and that emissions are being minimized.*

**2.1 PRAMP Data Reports**

- The Dashboard Reports have been posted to the website. <https://prampairshed.ca/air-monitoring/monitoring-reports/dashboard-reports/>
- October no major operational issues recorded;
  - AQHI station – PM exceedances caused by wildfires
  - Reno – failure of barometric pressure gauge; replaced
  - PRC station – SO2 analyzer failed; nine hours of downtime recorded
  - One non-methane hydro-carbon canister event at Reno on October 8th
- November
  - 986 - uptime for TRS was 79%. Issue likely due to scrubber material. Total 178 hours of downtime recorded.
  - 842 - all parameters met 90% uptime except the TRS analyzer; uptime was 89.4%. Like 986, something wrong with the scrubber material. 70 hours downtime were recorded.
  - Reno - station was relocated November 22 and name changed to RenoB. All analyzers and systems were brought back on line on November 23.
  - AQHI – one 24 hour PM2.5 exceedance was recorded due to stagnant air conditions.
  - Stagnant air conditions were seen across the province
  - No canister events recorded in November
- December
  - no major operational issues were recorded
  - The TRS and H2S analysers for all stations were all outside the span drift range because of low ambient temperatures
  - Remained in compliance with AMD performance criteria
  - New batch of scrubber material replaced in all stations
  - 986 – hydrocarbon analyzer starting having issues. One hour of data was discarded
  - No canister events recorded in December

**2.2 AQHI Station Move**

- November 2023 the portable monitoring station will have been in Grimshaw for two years so we will be starting the site selection and process for identifying a new location.
- We have a policy in place for the process we use to determine a location and the process is initiated by the Technical Working Group.

**3. Education and Outreach**

Goals:

2. *Residents and stakeholders have timely access to air quality data and information in a manner that is readily understood*
3. *Educators, community groups and citizens can access resources to increase understanding of and promote healthy air quality*

### 3.1 Outreach Update

- Eileen presented a year in review for 2022
  - Station tours for Clean Air Day
  - Participated in Treaty Days
- Looking ahead
  - Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention (sharing booth with PAZA)
  - SARDA, also sharing a booth with PAZA
  - Peace River and Grimshaw Chamber Trade Shows
  - Vermicomposting workshops
  - Kick off the photo contest
  - Clean Air Day 2023

### 3.2 Alberta Airsheds Council Initiatives

- Karla provided an overview of the Airsheds Council.
- The AAC publishes a provincial Air Quality Report every year.
- Plans to hold a conference in 2024.
- Innovative Air Education Program Grant from EPA in the amount of \$300K targeted to reduce non-point source emissions, particularly transportation emissions.
- Received a letter from Minister Savage providing some valuable information on upcoming grants. She indicated that the grants would be multi-year and there would be an increase for inflation. She acknowledged and appreciates the work of the Airsheds.

## 4. Governance

Goal:

4. *Recognized as an independent not-for-profit organization and Airshed that is focused on continuous improvement and responsible leadership in air quality monitoring*

### 4.1 Monthly Financial Report

**Motion to approve the financial reports for information for November to January by Arlen Hogg. Carried.**

### 4.2 First Quarter of New Contract

- We have received notification from EPA that they will be extending our current contract for the first quarter of the new year as we are unlikely to have a new contract.

**Action item: Karla will prepare a letter to thank EPA for the contract extension, once we receive it.**

**Motion to send a letter to EPA for the extension by Elvis Thomas. No blocks.**

### 4.3 Operating Plan

- The operating plan has been posted to the Members' Portal. It is an evergreen document.
- Expect communications and outreach to increase with the return of more in person events.
- Karla will be meeting with Municipal Councils

**Motion to accept the operating plan update for information by Sarah Stockley. No blocks**

### 4.4 Revenue Options

- Operation funding from Oil Sands Monitoring Program; Communications and Education from grant
- In discussion with Directors all indicated that establishing a reserve would be prudent but also challenging
- Some options
  - Negotiate with GOA to establish a reserve/contingency fund (similar to the business case for the capital acquisition program). We could explore with our accountant, staff and EPA staff
  - Membership fees could be scaled for emitters who do not pay into OSM
  - Sponsorship programs, although they would not provide a consistent revenue stream
  - Fundraising events such as webinars, community events
- Next steps, there may be ways to explore the feasibility of trying to establish a reserve fund through OSM or EPA without it being a formal process.

**Motion for staff to investigate the four revenue options presented in the sequence priority order by Krista Park. No blocks.**

## 5 New Business

### 5.1 Air Monitoring for Mercer

- We heard from Mercer recently that they would like to move forward with PRAMP taking over the operations of the stations on April 1. There were discussions on which stations (in town and the station on site) and costs.
- There are steps that need to happen before we can assume operations of the Mercer stations.
  - We need to confirm EPA's air monitoring expectations are for Mercer. We do not know what will be in the approval and it is unlikely that it will be completed by April 1.
  - We need to confirm EPA's financial support for an AQHI station in the Town of Peace River, that is unlikely to be confirmed until the fall of 2023.
  - We need to negotiate a fee for service with Mercer
- PRAMP Executive have indicated that we will have a policy for Negotiated Fee for Service Agreements.

**Motion to inform Mercer that confirmation of EPA's monitoring expectations and financial commitment to an AQHI station is needed before PRAMP can move forward on a fee for service agreement with Mercer by Jason Javos. No blocks**

- Question on equipment owned by Mercer. If the equipment is turned over to PRAMP what does that mean? Mercer has indicated that they want to turn the equipment over to PRAMP. Part of the operating agreement would need to include equipment repairs and upgrades.
- Recommendation that the policy be the same as CNRL.

### 5.2 NAIT Project

- Kevin Kembell has made a connection with the NAIT Industry Solutions to look at a Capstone Project for PRAMP to sponsor.

5.3 Next meeting

- Brenda will do a Doodle for April for Budget updates
- Early June for in person meeting

5.4 Roundtable

Laurie Cheperdak – March 1 wildfire season officially kicks off

Arlene Hogg – coordinator out of St. Albert (Matthew Snowden) is responsible for Peace River and Red Earth Creek and will be transitioning into position.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 pm Doug Dallyn.

Action Item Number	Action Item Description	Status
<b>New Action Items</b>		
2023-02-01	Karla will prepare a letter to thank EPA for the contract extension, once we receive it.	New
<b>Ongoing Action Items</b>		
<b>Completed Action Items</b>		