

2018 Energy Exploration Advisory Committee (EEAC) Annual Report

Background of the EEAC

- The Committee was formed in 2003 at the request of landowners in response to increased community conflict over energy developments. The Strathcona County Protocol for Seismic Surveying, Drilling, Construction and Operation of Oil and Gas Facilities (a list of requirements and requests of the oil and gas industry and landowner resources) was developed.
- The authority for oil and gas development in Alberta lies primarily with the provincial government with the exception of Strathcona County roads, County-owned lands and other infrastructure. All other changes to energy proposals are municipal requests of industry that are implemented as a result of relationship building with that sector.
- On February 27, 2018 Council provided a mandate letter that outlined activities for the Committee to focus on.

2018 Mandate Letter

Activity	Requested Completion Date
Assist with the promotion and coordination of the 2018 Landowner Oil and Gas Information Workshop	Q4 2018
Review and update the Strathcona County Protocol (a list of landowner resources and requests of the oil and gas industry) as needed	Q4 2019
Meet with the Oil and Gas Energy Extraction and Transportation Committee (representing Lamont Town and County and Bruderheim) and review common oil and gas development concerns and issues with the aim of ensuring landowner and municipal concerns are addressed similarly across municipalities	Q4 2019
Build relationships with other communities or municipalities and agencies (i.e. Agricultural Service Board; provincial services, etc.) with the aim of sharing information on oil and gas	Q4 2019
Review landowner oil and gas related issues/needs and research and recommend solutions where appropriate	Q4 2019

2018 Activities

- Planned the coordination and reformat of the Landowner Oil and Gas Information Workshop. Workshop will be schedule for first half of 2019 in line with the recommendation of the Committee's 2017 annual report to hold the workshop every two years rather than annually;
- Reviewed the Strathcona County Protocol and are in the process of updating the document to be in line with current Alberta legislation as well as reducing the overall document to be more concise;

- Reached out to adjacent municipalities to establish interest in joint participation in hosting the landowner workshop and discussing oil and gas related items. Sturgeon County has expressed interest and contact with Lamont County and Bruderheim is ongoing;
- Initiated collaboration with Agricultural Service Board on landowner workshop as well as items that affect each respective committee, including agricultural impacts of oil and gas related development and activity;
- Discussed and maintained focus on the status of abandoned wells and the provincial Orphan Well Foundation; and
- Included Economic Development and Tourism as an active participant to the EEAC meetings to provide energy related development updates.

2019 EEAC Objectives

- Finalize details and hold landowner workshop in first half of 2019 (if interest still exists);
- Continue to build synergies with other County departments and committees that contain overlapping subject areas (i.e. Agricultural Services Board – weed management, land fragmentation, land spraying of drilling mud);
- Complete update to the Protocol;
- Continue discussions with neighbouring municipalities on oil and gas related items;
- Continue to review landowner oil and gas related issues/needs and research and recommend solutions where appropriate.
- Research ways to promote the Committee to ensure the public is aware of the educational resources that are available.