

Energy Exploration Advisory Committee

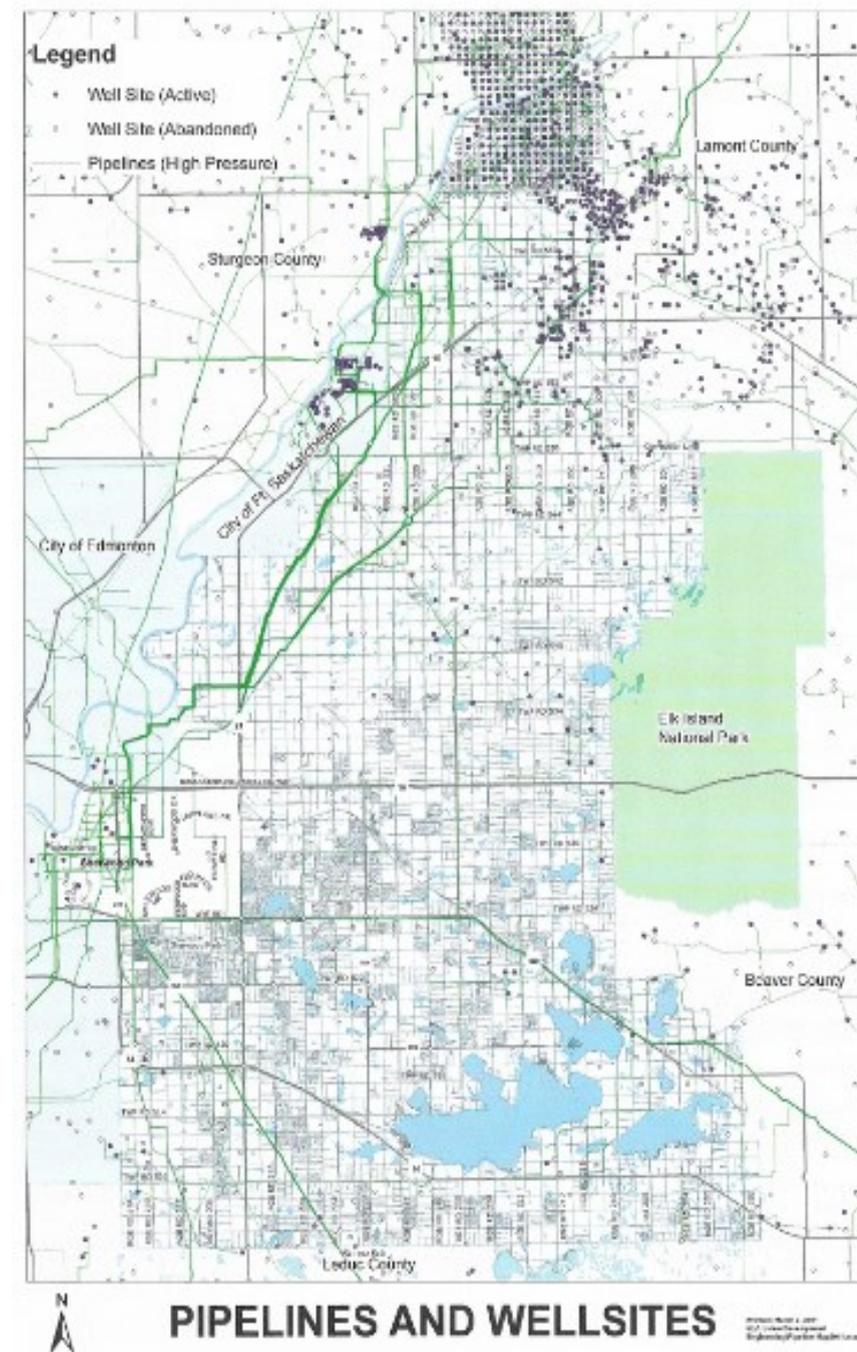
2018 Annual Report

Background

- Energy Exploration Advisory Committee (EEAC) was formed in 2003 at the request of landowners;
- The Committee was developed to help ensure that oil & gas development in Strathcona County is carried out with the least possible impact on the environment, health, safety, and quality of life for the residents of the community; and
- The Committee has produced and maintains a reference document (Strathcona Protocol) for oil & gas development within the County.

Oil & Gas in Strathcona County

- Authority for Oil & Gas Development is primarily under the provincial government via the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). This governance excludes County roads, County owned lands and infrastructure; and
- Activity in the County is primarily in the Strathcona Industrial Association (SIA) Area, Alberta Industrial Heartland and within the northern portion of the County.



The Strathcona County Protocol for Seismic Surveying, Drilling, Construction and Operation of Oil and Gas Facilities

- The Strathcona Protocol:
 - Outlines the expectations to industry;
 - Provides landowners information and checklist of considerations for surface and pipeline agreements; and
 - Purpose is to inform of the process, be pro-active and reduce conflict.



Strathcona Protocol

- Contents of the 36 page Protocol include:
 - Public notification relating to wells and pipeline;
 - Defines and comments on Seismic Survey;
 - Water Quality;
 - Flaring and venting;
 - Environment protection and reclamation;
 - Noise and Light Pollution;
 - Emergency Preparedness;
 - Negotiating Surface Rights and Right of Way Agreements;
 - Considerations Checklist for Surface Lease and Pipeline Agreements; and
 - Seismic Operations and Landowners Rights.

2018 Energy Exploration Advisory Committee Activities

- Reviewed, discussed and explored the interests of another Landowner Oil and Gas Information Workshop;
- 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;

2018 Committee Activities

- 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 Sean McRitchie (Economic Development) as an active participant to the EEAC meetings to provide energy related development updates.

EEAC Mandate

- On February 27, 2018 Council provided a mandate letter that outlined activities for the Committee to focus on.

Activity	Requested Completion Date
Assist with the promotion and coordination of the 2018 Landowner Oil and Gas Information Workshop	Q4 2018 (Revised to Q1 2019)
Review and update the Strathcona County Protocol (a list of landowner resources and requests of the oil and gas industry), as needed.	Q4 2019

EEAC Mandate

Activity	Requested Completion Date
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

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 & gas related items;
- Continue to review landowner oil & gas related issues/needs and research and recommend solutions, where appropriate; and
- Research ways to promote the Committee to ensure the public is aware of the educational resources that are available.

Questions?