



### *What We Heard*

#### **LITH Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Summary**

**Thursday, November 3, 2022, 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Lion's Mane Room, Dow Centennial Centre**

On November 3, 2022, Life in the Heartland (LITH) hosted its inaugural Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting, facilitated by Shawna Bruce. LITH was pleased to have six public members, representatives from 13 industry companies, and the Executive Directors from Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association (AIHA), the Fort Air Partnership (FAP), Northeast Capital Industrial Association (NCIA), and Northeast Region Community Awareness Emergency Response (NR CAER) in attendance.

The first meeting had a fulsome agenda where introductions, and an orientation to the purpose of the committee and the background of the four organizations that make up LITH were covered. Fostering an environment where open dialogue between public members and industry can thrive is a priority for LITH.

Open-ended questions that were posed to the public members led to insightful feedback for LITH on their publications. Through a roundtable and survey completed by public members, topics of interest for the next meeting were identified. The proposed topics (see below) for the next meeting's agenda will be reviewed with the public members in advance to ensure they are still priority for discussion or if new issues of importance have emerged.

Recruitment is ongoing to fill the remaining public member positions on the RAC. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 3, 2022 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm, location is TBD.

Proposed agenda items - To be reviewed with public members.

- Air and Water Monitoring
- Land Use and Industrial Zoning



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### **Present:**

Lana Santana, Public Member	Manoj Luthra, Pembina Pipeline	Brenda Gheran, NR CAER
Barb Gamble, Public Member	Alyssa Carson, Sherritt	Wendy Konsorada, Shell
Elizabeth Matthews, Public Member	Cory Wald, Nutrien	John Parfett, Keyera
Dave Armbruster, Public Member	Nathan Winchester, Chemtrade Logistics	David Ross, NWR
Perry Brooks, Public Member	Doug Hurl, Chemtrade Logistics	Vanessa Goodman, NWR
Nolan Arcand, Public Member	Amanda VanderBurg, MEGlobal	Kevin Knudson, Plains Midstream
Reece Reyes, Plains Midstream	Scott Maetche, MEGlobal	Mark Rideout, Wolf Midstream
Karina Singh, Dow	Mark Plamondon, AIHA	Rob Fossum, Wolf Midstream
Michael Liu, Dow	Karlee Conway, AIHA	Dan Irwin, Wolf Midstream
Chad Rothenburger, Aux Sable	Laurie Danielson, NCIA	Sheena Fitzpatrick, LITH
Brendan Curley, IPL	Nadine Blaney, FAP	Shawna Bruce, LITH

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### **Call to Order:**

The Facilitator called the meeting to order at **6:00 pm**.

### **Welcome and Introductions:**

- The Facilitator opened the inaugural RAC meeting, introduced herself and the background of the committee, presented an overview of the meeting process, and delivered the land acknowledgement.
- Sheena Fitzpatrick, Community Engagement Director with LITH introduced herself, welcomed all the committee members and thanked them for participating and giving their time to this initiative.
- Roundtable of names and introductions from public members, LITH partners, and industry members.

### **Regional Moment: Life in the Heartland 101**

- Sheena Fitzpatrick (LITH) shared a regional moment and gave a presentation on the Alberta Industrial Heartland region, LITH, its partners, and what LITH does.



## Industry Updates:

- The Facilitator explained the purpose and intent of the industry update form that all companies completed in advance of the meeting. The Facilitator walked through the form's questions and topic areas with public members following along with a hard copy.
- Topic areas from the industry forms that were covered included:
  - **Turnaround** – the Facilitator explained what turnaround is, why it's done, and which companies recently completed theirs.
  - **Workplace Injuries** – the Facilitator identified trends seen throughout the forms that industry submitted.
  - **Environment** – the Facilitator detailed that industry's responses provided on the forms show they're being transparent by sharing activities/happenings related to the environment.
  - **Public Information** – it was explained by the Facilitator that companies are using all of their communication tools (social media, newsletters, media releases, etc.) to disseminate information to the public.
  - **Community Investment** – the Facilitator highlighted that all industry companies are engaged in community investment in various ways (donations, sponsorships, volunteering, etc.). It was identified that the areas of support vary by organization.
- The Facilitator asked what other information should be considered or what questions should be asked moving forward:
- Laurie Danielson (NCIA) asked if the public members see/receive LITH's newsletters and publications?
  - Public member (1) responded, no; she lives in a very rural/remote area so internet access is very poor, and mail/newspapers are hard to receive at times via the closest post office.
  - Public member (2) responded, yes; she receives them.
  - Public member (3) responded, yes, but indicated that he doesn't read them. Stated that the information in the newsletters is not what interests him. He would like to see more environmental stories highlighted.
  - Public member (4) responded, no; he explained that these publications are not getting out into the Alexander First Nation community, but that we could discuss ways to get the information out.
  - Public member (5) responded, yes; stated that she lives in Fort Saskatchewan, so she receives them. She also mentioned that she is



interested in the emergency response content, and would like to hear more discussion on worst case scenarios, emergency preparedness and potential impact of disaster on community

- Public member (6) responded, yes; he shared that he receives the publications and would be interested in them highlighting stories like, making communities more aware of what they should have in their emergency kits at home, for example.
- Public member (1) followed up and asked that if there was a big emergency or a release of chemicals from one of the companies, for instance, how would residents find out about such an emergency.
  - Brenda Gheran (NR CAER) explained that residents who live within designated industrial Emergency Planning Zones have their direct contact information and preferred means of contact collected by the company. In the case of an emergency, the company reaches out directly to those residents. Residents outside of a designated Emergency Planning Zone are notified by their local municipality. Many have municipal alerting programs that residents can sign up for.

#### **Company Spotlight:**

- Dow's Michael Liu (Communications Specialist) and Karina Singh (EHS leader) delivered a presentation on Dow's recent activities.
- MEGlobal's Amanda VanderBurg (FS Production Leader) delivered a presentation and introduction to MEGlobal's operations.
- Inter Pipeline's Brendan Curley (VP, HPC Operations) presented a video about IPL and a brief verbal update on the new facility and its operations.

#### **Terms of Reference/Code of Conduct:**

- The Facilitator outlined the purpose and intent of the Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct documents that were prepared and distributed to all industry and public members.
- It was asked that all members review these documents and submit any questions, comments, or feedback to Sheena Fitzpatrick, Community Engagement Director (LITH)
- The Code of Conduct is to be signed and submitted to Sheena Fitzpatrick, Community Engagement Director (LITH).

#### **LITH/Public Member Survey Results:**

- Public members were given an introductory online survey to complete ahead of the meeting.



- The Facilitator gave an overview of the results and identified the trends, and the topics that were rated most of interest on the survey. These included:
  - Water and air quality
  - Land use planning and industrial development
- The Facilitator shared that these can be our 'hot topics' up for discussion at the next meeting as the agenda is planned out over the next few months.
- There was a call for any questions.
  - Michael Liu (Dow) asked if there was anything surprising in the results of the public member surveys.
  - Sheena Fitzpatrick (LITH) responded that the breadth of topics that public members identified as the most important issue their community was facing was interesting to see; she noted that moving forward as we focus on various topics, how these change, or how we pivot to address topics will be interesting.

#### **Next Meeting:**

- The Facilitator shared that we are still looking to fill public member positions on the committee; specifically, we would love to see representation from all of the communities in the AIH, someone working in healthcare, emergency response, municipal government, a grade 12 student, and possibly someone from an environmental NGO.
- Closing out the formal agenda, the Facilitator asked that everyone please complete a post-meeting survey before they leave.
- Next Meeting Date: Wednesday May 3, 2022 5:00 - 8:00 pm, location TBD.

#### **Roundtable:**

- There was a final roundtable open discussion moment for the public members to share what they learned or took from tonight's meeting:
  - Public member (1) said she enjoyed the meeting, but can the companies and the names of the industry representatives be shared for next time, so public members can familiarize themselves.
  - Public member (2) commented that she liked seeing the community engagement happening in the area with industry, and that it was impressive to hear about the various industry safety milestones.
  - Public member (3) voiced that he would like to hear and discuss rail traffic, and get more information about rail traffic leaving industry grounds at a future meeting; he also stated that if this committee is being used as a requirement for any industry regulatory pieces, that it be shared with the public committee members.
  - Public member (4) had to leave the meeting early so was absent for the final roundtable.



- Public member (5) remarked that the company spotlight presentations were great, specifically that it was great to hear about MEGlobal and meet the new faces from that company.
- Public member (6) expressed that it was great to be here and to learn about what's happening. He also mentioned that if there are grants that can be applied for at schools, to support the youth, more information on this would be great as industry involvement in schools is appreciated.
- Parking Lot items for future consideration:
  - Community newsletter distribution (how to improve outreach)
  - Environmental Project Updates (solar farms for example)
  - First Nations Exchange
  - Emergency Management - Industry scenarios and possible community impacts
  - Education and awareness for Emergency Management kits
  - Rail transportation after leaving industrial sites in AIH
  - Community Grants available for area schools

**Adjournment:**

The Facilitator adjourned the meeting at **8:02 pm**.