

## **Northeast Alberta Information HUB Board/Membership Meeting Minutes Hampton Inn, St. Paul, Alberta July 23, 2019**

- Attending:** Bob Buckle/Cold Lake, Caroline McAuley/Vermilion, Soren Odegard/County of Two Hills, Jocelyne Lanovas/Mannville, Mike Tartkowski/Two Hills, Lindsay Haag/EMW, Tim MacPhee/Vegreville, Stan Delorme/Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement, Steve Upham/St. Paul County, Loni Leslie/Vilna, Jody Quickstad/Mannville, Diane Jenkinson/M.D. of Bonnyville, Cheryle Eikland/Marwayne, Terri Hampson/Elk Point, Judy Schuler/Bruderheim, James Tessier/EDT&T, Rob Pulyk/Vermilion, Mary Lee Prior/Vermilion, Lorne Halisky/Smoky Lake County, Brian McEvoy/Bonnyville, Mike Krywiak/M.D. of Bonnyville, James Kowal/Mundare, Davin Gregolick/Minburn County, Michelle Wright/Smoky Lake Region, Sheila Lupul/Andrew, Robert Moretti/Two Hills, John Andresen/Thorhild County, Adam Kozakiewicz/Smoky Lake, Hank Holowaychuk/Smoky Lake, Bob Bezpalko/Alberta HUB, Jennifer Leroux/Alberta HUB
- Regrets:** Greg Sparklingeyes/Whitefish Lake First Nation, Loren Tkachuk/Lac La Biche, Dan Hobson/Lloydminster, Bev Lockett/Portage College, MLA David Hanson

Steve Upham called the meeting to order at 10:10am

Steve welcomed everyone for attending and acknowledged that today's meeting is taking place on Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of The Metis People.

In the spirit of reconciliation, we recognize the traditional Indigenous territories within which our communities and the Alberta HUB region is located.

Steve welcomed and introduced Dr. Linda Vennard CRTC commissioner for Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

Dr. Vennard thanked everyone for taking the time to attend and discuss issues important to their communities. Dr. Vennard outlined the powers of the CRTC and that it works at arm's length of The Federal Government and its funding comes from the Telecom Budget.

Dr. Vennard welcomed any questions concerning Broadband/connectivity and cell phone coverage.

Steve Upham thanked Dr. Vennard for her time and having this conversation with the Alberta HUB members.

Lunch 11:45am

Steve Upham called the meeting back to order at 12:15am

- 1.0 Adoption of the Agenda – Steve asked for a review of the agenda and a motion for approval.....  
**Caroline McAuley moved adoption of the agenda. Carried**
- 2.0 Adoption of June 27, 2019 Board meeting minutes – Steve asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 27, 2019.....  
**Tim MacPhee moved the approval of the June 27, 2019 Board Meeting minutes. Carried**
- 3.0 Steve asked Jennifer Leroux to present the Financial report as of June 30, 2019  
Steve asked if there was any discussion or questions concerning the financial report.  
Hearing none Steve asked for a motion to approve.  
**Soren Odegard moved the approval of the June 30,2019 financial report as presented Carried**
- 4.0 **Alberta HUB CARES application Amended Alberta HUB 2019-20 budget.**  
Further to the financial report Bob advised that a copy of the Alberta HUB operating budget for The 2019 -20 year was provided showing the addition of \$28,000 to cover the cost of operating The RABC office till the end of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. This date co-insides with the date that we should know if the CARES funding will be available.  
Bob advised discussions with ATB are taking place to explore options on collaborating delivering Business support services in the Alberta HUB region.
- 5.0 **Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor - for information purposes**  
Bob advised the board/membership that the EATC governance committee met and decided to move forward with the annual EATC Local to Global forum March 4, 5 and 6<sup>th</sup> in Vegreville.  
Bob advised the board the EATC committee approved to pay for 2 registrations for the CHTA Conference coming up November 26, 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> in Calgary. Alberta HUB is looking info Sponsorship of this event
- 5.0a **Alberta HUB Agriculture Strategy - for information purposes**  
A copy of the Ag strategy (draft) was provided with the last page detailing the Industrial Hemp Project. A meeting was held with Ag fieldman and economic development reps from the 9 counties/M.D, Metis settlements (Buffalo Lake) and First Nations (Whitefish) on July 18 in Lamont to review as well as discuss a collaborative approach to continue Hemp workshops educating growers and promoting business opportunities for hemp fibre, seed and CBD.  
Marketing opportunities .... Connect with companies needing feedstock  
Value and supply chain gaps.....  
Opportunities: valu add, business opportunities, attraction  
Collaborate with Innotech, Alberta Ag, Invest Alberta, EDT&T  
Representatives from Canadian Rockies attended providing an update to their decortication Facility and the opportunities for value added businesses utilizing hemp fibre.

**6.0 Letter of support - CHTA request Hemp CBD regulations**

Bob provided a copy of the letter Alberta HUB sent to M.P. Shannon Stubbs  
With copies sent to GOA Ministers of EDT&T, Ag and Alberta HUB MLAs.  
Mayor Tim MacPhee suggested that individual communities send letters as well.  
Bob advised communities can use the Alberta HUB letter as a template and that  
He will send out the white paper and press release on the suggested CBD regulations.

**7.0 Update on REDA funding –**

Steve advised the membership a letter has been sent to the Minister of EDT&T for a meeting  
With all the REDA chairs however, there has been no response on this request.

The next Alberta HUB meeting is scheduled for November 18.

Please note a October meeting may be called depending on the release of the GOA budget  
Or information concerning REDA funding.

**Steve adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm**

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Steve Upham  
Chair

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Caroline McAuley  
Sec/Treasurer