



Monday, June 21, 2010

Mark Your Calendars

Coordination Workshop - New Date

Don't miss the 2010 Coordination Workshop, Putting it all Together, a joint presentation of CASA and the Alberta Airshed Council. This informative (and fun) workshop will be on Wednesday, September 29, in MacDonald Hall on the SAIT campus in Calgary.

At the CASA Coordination Workshop you will

- learn about and discuss key provincial and federal environmental policies that affect us all,
- identify potential areas for collaboration between organizations addressing air, land and water issues in Alberta,
- share information and network in an informal, fun, environment, and
- update the CASA family.

Look for the registration form at www.casaconferences.org. The registration deadline is September 10, 2010.

As details are confirmed, the agenda and other information will also be posted to the website.



MacDonald Hall is the theatre in Heritage Hall, one of SAIT's original buildings.

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Projects

E-scan

At the June 9 meeting, the board approved terms of reference for this new board committee. The team will oversee a process to identify and analyze the key drivers and potential future scenarios that will impact CASA.

Martha Kostuch Legacy Workshop Team

The CASA board approved the Consensus Decision-making Toolkit at its June meeting. CASA and the Alberta Water Council will create a joint publication, to help guide organizations and individuals making decisions by consensus.

Performance Review

CASA bylaws require members to evaluate the performance of the society every three years in a process often referred to as the CASA renewal process. At the June meeting, the board agreed to form a board committee to consider all the other relevant CASA evaluation processes, and to develop the terms of reference for the 2010 review.

Clean Air Strategy

A written status report was provided to the board, and MLA Cal Dallas was in attendance to discuss the plans for the strategy. The cross-ministry working group expects to provide the draft strategy and action plan for cabinet approval later this year. A detailed presentation of the Clean Air Strategy and Action Plan will be part of the CASA Coordination Workshop on September 29.



People

Board Member Update

One new director and two new alternate directors will join the CASA board.

Darlene Carifelle, of the Metis Settlements General Council, has been appointed to represent Aboriginal Government – Metis.

Dan Thillman of LeHigh Cement, is the new alternate director representing Industry – Mining.

Dwayne Marshman, with the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers, has replaced Robert Filkohazy as the alternate director representing Industry – Agriculture.



Myles Kitagawa and **John Squarek** were declared *Action Heroes* for their efforts to advance sustainability and a healthy environment.

They were each presented with authentic Action Hero capes at the June meeting.

Secretariat

Kerra Chomlak, Executive Director since 2007, has announced that she is moving on to a new position at the end of June. Kerra has worked at CASA for over 10 years as first Program Manager, then Senior Program Manager. Kerra has been the Executive Director since 2007 and her contributions have been greatly appreciated. CASA has greatly benefitted from her inclusive style and ability to work with stakeholders and we will miss her.

Randy Angle will act as Executive Director until the position has been filled. Retired from Alberta Environment, Randy was involved in the establishment of CASA and has served on many teams over the past 16 years.

Jennifer Allan has also announced her resignation from CASA at the end of July. She has been accepted to the graduate program of the University of British Columbia, where she will pursue a PhD in Political Science. Jen's pragmatic approach to decision making, and strategic skills will be missed.

