

2007 YEAR in REVIEW Butte Action Committee

2007 was a very busy year for BAC with directors involved in an EUB-Intrepid hearing and providing support for water users in other areas concerned with applications for fresh water waterfloods by Chamelo (which is now Bonterra Energy Income Trust) in the Rimbey area, NAL in the Eckville area, and Penn West north-west of Rocky in the green area. According to "David Helmer phoned on March 27th, the Rimbey application has gone back to the new owners for an "inquiry" on whether they are prepared to follow the recommendations given at an open house by Chamelo. Both the NAL and Penn West applications are "deemed" licenses (already existing) and no decisions have been made, yet. Our "statement of concern" letters are on file and we will be notified of the decisions. We were told that our commitment to fresh water is credible and we must keep the pressure on.

Our display went to SPOG Neighbour's Day and the Synergy Conference.

The Tay River Advisory Committee has officially disbanded as no further wells were successful. Shell has remained active in the TREE fund (Tay River Environmental..) to provide grants to organizations prepared to repair or mitigate environmental concerns – like a bridge over fragile creek beds, or habitat reclamation in riparian areas. As a synergy group, TRAC made phenomenal strides in protecting the environment and reducing the foot print of industry in this delicate area by planning to share facilities- road, pipelines and pipeline right-of-ways, and exchange information on plans for the area with other companies (a huge step), avoid potential erosive areas, and share the costs of air monitoring for the region.

West Central Stakeholders is still growing. They are recruiting more companies who are operating in the area. Information nights are held several times a year to involve more people.

Synergy Alberta had a successful conference the end of October. One of the key note presentations was with Dr. Brad Stelfox and Morris Seiferling (ADM or SDR). This presentation was followed by a round table discussion session on what we all can do to reduce the cumulative impact on our world. Others were Dr. Tim Ball (Natural Resources Stewardship Project) on climate change, Mary Griffiths and Beverly Yee on water, David Hodgins from Alberta Emergency Management Agency and Dr. William Tilleman Acting Chair of the EUB. The tool box was introduced. These materials will be available for anyone who wants to use them. As well, the membership requirements were presented and for \$ 50.00 the group is registered and one member has their conference fees paid.

BAC applied for and received a \$ 3,000.00 grant from the Alberta Stewardship Network. The grant was earmarked for an upgrade to our website. Work is still in progress.

Dale Christian has been busy with the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance as a director and a member of the education team.

The hearing with Intrepid will be addressed by Dale.

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