

LAKELAND REA Newsletter

November 2016



The Lakeland REA Directors, Management and Staff would like to wish all our members and their families the very best during this holiday season!

While holiday season hours are reduced, we remain ready in the event of an emergency outage – to report an outage call toll-free: 1-866-635-6112

Lakeland REA holiday season hours are as follows:

Monday, December 26, 2016	Closed
Tuesday, December 27, 2016	Closed
Monday, January 2, 2017	Closed



Emailing Invoices

With the New Year around the corner we are making some additions to our computer system and one addition is adding the option to email invoices out to our members.

If you are interested in this option please e-mail our office and we will update your account. Please email your request to admin@lakelandrea.ca or call the office @ 780-632-6112.

Members will continue to get paper invoices in the mail if you decide this option isn't for you.

For more information please feel free to contact the office.

Some Enlightening Christmas Energy Saving Tips

Tip #1: Use Candles: When you are trying to come up with some lighting ideas consider using candles – they use no energy and provide fantastic mood lights. Please be careful and never leave candles unattended.

Tip #2: Use LED Christmas Lights: Led lights use 90% less electricity than typical incandescent Christmas lights and, although they cost a bit more, the small price difference is quickly made up as LED lights last longer than incandescent lights.

Tip #3: Use Lighting Fixture Less: If you have decorated with a lot of Christmas lights, you may not need to use your lamps and other lighting fixtures. Your Christmas lights may be bright enough to light the room for you!

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9 am – 3 pm
Fridays Closed
Statutory Holidays Closed
(All after-hours calls are forwarded to our call center.)

OFFICE & EMERGENCY OUTAGE CONTACT INFORMATION

Telephone: (780) 632-6112
Toll-free: 1-866-635-6112
Fax: (780) 632-6116
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PLANNED POWER OUTAGES

Please ensure that our office has your most current phone numbers so that we are able to reach you in the event of a planned power outage.

Annual General Meeting Review

The Lakeland REA Board would like thank all of our members who donated \$5.00 at the registration table to the local food banks. We raised \$406.00!

There were 86 members in attendance at the Annual General Meeting, held on November 3, 2016 in Willingdon.

MLAs in attendance included: Jessica Littlewood – MLA for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville and Dave Hanson, MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills. Other special guests included: Al Nagel and Todd Grayson – AFREA, Doug Drozd and Ed Beniuk – EQUUS, Harvey Yoder – North Parkland Power, and Mike Marcaccio and Brad Lussier – Wilde and Company Chartered Accountants.

The AGM was officially called to order at 7:00 p.m. We had a moment of silence for Orest Charchun (former Derwent Board member) as well as all the members who have passed this past year. Neil Gorda assumed the position of Chairperson and Patti Johnston was appointed as Recording Secretary.

The agenda was approved with a single amendment, the moving of Item #17 Nomination Report to Item #6A.

The Nomination Report was presented by Greg Farion and the election for the Director at Large Position #2 was held. Bill Smook and Bill Jenkins were the members running for this Director at Large position. Both Bill Smook and Bill Jenkins introduced themselves to the membership present and choose a scrutineer of their choice.

Results of Director Elections:

- ✓ **Director at Large Position #2: Bill Jenkins**
- Elected by Acclamation:**
- ✓ **Zone 2: Derwent – John Grykuliak**
- ✓ **Zone 5: Martins – Robert Coppock**

Minutes of the November 5, 2015 AGM were approved and there was no business arising from those minutes.



MLA Dave Hanson and MLA Jessica Littlewood both spoke to the membership. They both stressed the importance of protecting REAs as well as the importance of REAs on local economies.



The Annual Financial Statements were presented by the Auditors. With no questions from the floor, the financials were approved.

Bernie Klammer presented the President's Report touching on the highlights of the past fiscal year. He thanked members for taking the time to attend the AGM – one of the real benefits of being a member of an electric co-operative and Lakeland REA. Bernie also thanked the membership for taking part in the sales vote and providing feedback to us afterwards.

Darryl Werstiuk presented the General Manager's Report. Both reports were approved by the membership.

The Operating Budget for the 2016/2017 fiscal year was presented by Bernie Klammer. After a few questions, a motion was made to accept the Budget.

During the Q&A, there was discussion around electronic billing and the membership were informed that in the New Year this would be an option. Another question brought forth was about the days and times of the AGM. The Board will take into consideration all suggestions for days and times for the AGM.

Bernie Klammer informed the membership that Lakeland is looking into adding a By Law to adopt mail in or electronic voting for extra ordinary items.

The AGM was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.