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SPOG Golf Tournament



Congratulations to the winning team!

The statistics are 18 holes, +30 C weather and 117 golfers. This all added up to an excellent day of camaraderie as SPOG held its annual golf tournament at the Sundre Golf Course on August 13, 2015. Industry, community, local government officials and the Alberta Energy Regulator all teed off together to share some laughter. Often SPOG is faced with tough issues to deal with, but August 13th was just about relationship building and enjoying each others company.

SPOG would like to say a special thank you to the sponsors for the day – Secure Energy Services, New-Alta, Lightstream Resources and Sundre Golf Course. SPOG would also like to send a shout out to their exceptional

staff who did such a great job of organizing the day. Pictured above is the winning team, Kim Comfort; SPOG Event coordinator and SPOG Chairperson; Carol Elliott.



AER

Annual Report



The AER has released the second installment of its annual report. The 2014/15 annual report focuses on creating awareness and understanding of how the AER functions, and details efforts to achieve regulatory excellence. It provides a status update on progress on the 2014–17 strategic plan, underscoring the importance of initiatives under each strategic priority. The annual report also highlights the AER's significant operational activities, describes their governance structure, and offers detailed information about their finances.

For the first time ever they have a fully interactive online version at:

<http://www1.aer.ca/AnnualReport/index.html>



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Farmers' Advocate Pricing Transparency Map

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What should you be getting paid for the new lease on your property?

Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) is currently collecting surface lease, transmission line, seismic and pipeline right of way agreements from landowners for the *Surface Rights, Land, and Energy: Pricing Transparency Mapping Project*.

"This fall the FAO will launch four interactive online maps depicting project details and the compensation values paid to landowners under the heads of compensation," says Jeana Les, research and communications specialist for the FAO.

"There is currently no central repository where this type of information is compiled and accessible to landowners. When negotiating with energy companies, landowners want to know if the compensation

offer made by the land agent is within the range offered to other landowners. The Pricing Transparency Maps will provide a starting point for rural landowners who are negotiating with energy companies." Les says landowners were positive about the compensation maps the FAO produced from 2007-2009. The new maps will be more robust and interactive, including a greater number of details and better sorting functions. In addition, the new maps will be updated on a continuous basis.

The FAO is currently accepting seismic and pipeline right of way agreements no older than 2011, and surface lease and transmission agreements no older than

2010. Please note that originals should not be submitted, as they will not be returned. No agreements containing a privacy clause will be accepted. Participants will be required to sign a release pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Names and contact information will not be released through the maps. Legal land description to the section will be depicted.

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"Alberta's Economy 2015: Who Should Worry and Who Shouldn't"

Breakfast with Todd Hirsh - 8:00, September 11, 2015

SPOG's Neighbours' Day - Sundre Arena, Trade Fair 9:00 - 3:00

Todd Hirsch is ATB Financial's Chief Economist.

For over 20 years, Todd has worked as an economist at numerous organizations including the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Canada West Foundation and the Bank of Canada. For almost a decade, Todd taught economics at the University of Calgary. He released his first book, *The Boiling Frog Dilemma: Saving Canada from Economic Decline* in 2012.

Join him for a free pancake breakfast to kick off Neighbours' Day and peer into the crystal ball with him about the state of today's economy.



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