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Air Currents

CASA welcomes a new president

CASA is pleased to announce Sherri Wilson, Deputy Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, has joined the board and taken the role of president. Sherri attended the April CASA board meeting where she introduced herself to the group and mingled with members over lunch.

Sherri has spent more than 20 years with the Government of Alberta in various leadership capacities. She served as deputy minister of Advanced Education and in numerous executive roles in the ministries of Childrens Services, Treasury Board and Finance, Health, Executive Council, and (the former) Human Services. Sherri has extensive experience in the social and health sector and is proud to provide leadership for services for families and children in Alberta.

Sherri was asked to return to Alberta Health in the spring of 2020 to serve as incident commander of the Health Emergency Operations Centre during the critical early days of the pandemic.

With a bachelor of science from Dalhousie University, we know Sherri is a great addition to CASA and look forward to working with her more closely to advance provincial air quality management priorities.

The Zephyr

ROVER III Project Team kicks off sector engagement

The Roadside Optical Vehicle Emissions Reporter (ROVER) III Project Team launched in May 2018. The project experienced several delays during the pandemic which were beyond the team's control. Since then, the project has gained momentum. Data collection and analysis is complete and is summarized in a consultant report. The project team is using the report as a basis for recommendations being developed for the CASA board.

The recommendations will focus on managing emissions from the transportation sector using a variety of regulatory and non-regulatory approaches. The draft project team report, including the suite of draft recommendations, will commence sector review in the coming weeks.

The project team is planning to bring the project’s deliverables to the board for decision during the September 2024 board meeting.

For more information about this work, see [here](#).



Consultant selected for dust management work

The Best Practices Guide for Dust Management in Alberta Project Team prepared a scope of work for a consultant to develop the *Best Practices Guide for Dust Management in Alberta* based on the latest and best understanding of dust management options for major dust and source types found in Alberta. The intent is that the Guide be user-friendly, useful to stakeholders, and include references that allow users to easily access additional information on specific best practices identified. The Guide is also hoped to improve ambient air quality in Alberta with associated human health and environmental protection benefits.

The team recently selected a consultant, but the project is temporarily on hold while the team secures funding for the contract. The project began in early 2023

and is expected to wrap up in spring 2025.

For more information about this work, see [here](#).



[Air & Waste Management Association Conference Committee continues planning for its event](#)

The [Air and Waste Management Association](#) (A&WMA) will be holding its Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) in Calgary from June 24-27, 2024. At the September board meeting, a committee was struck to plan a session to promote CASA and its work during the A&WMA ACE.

To highlight CASA's multi-stakeholder partnership, the committee has submitted an abstract for a panel session that would provide an overview of CASA's consensus decision-making model and how it has been applied to developing different air management frameworks and projects.

The committee has also submitted abstracts for standalone presentations on the [ROVER III](#) and [Impacts of Reduced Transportation on Air Quality in](#)

[Alberta Associated with COVID-19](#) projects which would be more results-focused. All three abstracts were accepted and the committee is working on next steps.

To follow along with this work, see [here](#).

Whiffs and Puffs

Alberta has declared an early start to the 2024 wildfire season.

CASA staff strives to keep in the loop of recent research and happenings in the air quality world. According to a recent article from CTV News Edmonton, the province has expedited the start of wildfire season as a proactive measure.

"I know Albertans are feeling uneasy about the risks posed to their homes, communities and daily lives. I understand these concerns and I share them as someone whose home was near the forest and was threatened by wildfire in 2023," says Honourable Minister of Forestry and Parks, Todd Loewen." So as of today, a permit is required for any burning plan in the forest protection area," he added. Early measures are already in place such as training new fire fighters, asking others to join from other countries, along with announcement earlier this year that Alberta's new budget will invest significant funds into planning, responding, and supporting efforts to combat wildfires across the province.

For more information about this article, see [here](#).



Upcoming Events and Meetings

- September 12, 2024 - Board meeting (Calgary)
- December 05, 2024 - Board meeting (Edmonton)

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