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Notice of Annual General Meeting

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Mark your calendars! FENN REA will be holding the Annual General Meeting (AGM) as follows:

Date: Monday, March 21, 2022

Start Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Big Valley Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Main Street, Big Valley, Alberta

As an REA member, you have the co-operative and privileged advantage to attend the FENN REA Annual General Meeting held in your service area.

The Annual General Meeting is the perfect time to network with fellow members and connect with your Board of Directors and discuss topics that are important to you as a member.

The Annual General Meeting will also provide members with the following :

- President's Annual Report will be presented by Philip Jarmin
- Financial Report audited financials will be presented
- Voting as REA members you have the right to vote on certain agenda items



COVID-19 Restrictions

FENN REA is obligated to follow Alberta Health Services protocols and government restrictions during an Annual General Meeting.

As of this publication, the guidelines/rules from both organizations are very fluid. We do not know what restrictions may or may not be in place as of March 21st.

We will endeavor to confirm any restrictions in the next newsletter or will outline them on the website minimally 72 hours in advance of the meeting so members planning to attend are prepared. Be sure to check the website: <u>www.</u> <u>fennrea.com</u>.

For power outages, emergency power troubles and service requests, contact the distribution system operator for FENN REA: **ATCO Electric** Phone toll-free: 1-800-668-2248

FENN REA

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It's Important to Keep Member Contact Information Up-to-date

As we move into year 2022, we ask all members to ensure that FENN REA and our Regulated Rate provider, Battle River Power Coop, has your most current information on file.

Your contact information is utilized for many reasons including sending monthly invoices, forwarding the monthly newsletter and for potential time sensitive information, such as the Annual General Meeting announcements.

It is important that your contact information is up-todate and includes all methods to connect with you.

If you have had any changes to phone numbers, email addresses, mailing address or wish to add other contact details to your account, please contact FENN REA or connect with Battle River Power Coop toll-free at 1.877.428.3972 or email: <u>brpc@brpower.coop</u>.

The Battle River Power Coop utility billing department will ensure your account information is updated accordingly.



Tips for Safer Winter Driving

Traction: A bag of sand, salt, or even kitty litter can make all the difference when you just need a little more grip under the drive wheels to get moving again.

When trying to free a stuck vehicle, remember to keep the wheels pointed straight ahead wherever possible. When starting to move try to limit wheel spin, which simply digs the vehicle in deeper.

Power: Keep a charged jumper-pack in your ride and consider opting for a model that can be recharged by plugging into the 12-volt outlet in your vehicle. Use it as needed to recharge a cell phone or boost a dead battery.

If you boost your battery to restart a vehicle be sure to let the engine run for a good long time to recharge the battery and don't turn the engine off until you're in a safe location.

Visibility: As a driver, seeing and being seen are key for winter driving safety. If you become stranded or immobile, make your surroundings as visible as possible by keeping a flashlight, road flares, batterypowered SOS light and a reflective vest in your ride, as a bare minimum. Remember to immediately engage your hazard lights after a collision or accident, even if you're off the road.

Warmth: Hot packs, a parka, candles, heavy gloves and warm footwear, as well as a thin foil thermal blanket can all make a big difference when it comes to keeping warm in extreme cold.

If you're stranded inside of a vehicle, and the engine is still able to run, remember to only run it a few minutes every hour. Be sure to keep the exhaust pipe(s) clear of snow and ice to prevent the buildup of dangerous gasses inside the vehicle.

Regulated Rate Option (RRO)

The RRO rate may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you receive the default RRO rate.

For January 2022, the RRO is priced at \$0.16280 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For February 2022, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate for FENN REA members is \$0.14594. The RRO rate is also listed on <u>www.fennrea.com</u>.

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit <u>ucahelps.alberta.ca</u> or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Information on FENN REA's Code of Conduct Compliance Plan can be found on our website: www.fennrea.com