



Battle River POWER COOP

MEMBER OWNED • COMMUNITY POWERED



Battle River Power Coop would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who joined us on June 16th for our Annual General Meeting. We were expecting a turnout, and what a turnout it was!

A sincere thank you to outgoing Director, Don Moman, for his dedication to the Board of Directors. Congratulations to Kaitlyn Brown as our newest member-elected addition to the Board.

Thank you to all of the staff who put in so much time and effort to make this the best in-person AGM after the pandemic.

And thank you to our wonderful members; without you, our cooperative efforts would not be possible.

Let's continue together on "The Path Forward" into a viable and sustainable future as the smart, cooperative choice.



Welcome

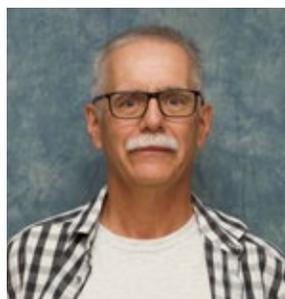
to Battle River Power Coop's New Board of Directors



Director
Malcolm Barr



Director
Kaitlyn Brown



Director
Tim Coates



Director
Terry Pederson



Director
John Winnick

Box 1420 Camrose, AB T4V 1X3 North of Junction, Highways 13 & 21

www.brpower.coop | brpc@brpower.coop

24 Hour Toll-free: 1.877.428.3972 | Local: 780.672.7738 | Fax: 780.672.7969

Tree Cutting and Electrical Safety

The Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Code mandates that if work or operating equipment comes within seven meters of an overhead power line the company must contact the supply authority to determine the voltage and establish the safe limit of approach distance as regulated by Alberta Electrical Utility Code 2-014.

Alberta Municipal Affairs annually compiles a report that highlights Electrical Incidents in Alberta. The latest figures show that in 2020 there were 76 reported contacts with overhead power lines that involved the felling, brushing, or trimming of trees. (Note: These are reported incidents. Municipal Affairs acknowledges that the actual number is higher). Contact with a powerline has the potential to cause property damage, fire, injury or death.

There are several reasons why a landowner should not attempt to prune or fell trees that are touching or are in close proximity to overhead powerlines:

- Electricity will always seek the quickest path to ground. This path can be through an object (tree or tool) or a human body by means of direct and in-direct contact.
- The ground around a tree in contact with a powerline may be energized thus creating the opportunity for electrical shock.
- Electricity can arc from a powerline to a nearby conductor, like a branch, ladder, chainsaw, pole top pruner or other trimming equipment. That means it is unsafe to work on a tree close to an energized powerline even if the tree and equipment are not in direct contact with the line.

Please note that even felling trees several meters from a powerline can pose an electrical hazard. Take note of the tree height and its distance from the line before you start to cut. If there is a chance that the tree or its branches will contact a powerline during felling, it is time to call your power provider.

Tree pruning, brushing or removal near an overhead powerline is a job for trained Utility Arborists. If you are within the Battle River Power Coop's service area, call the Vegetation Management Department at 1.877.428.3972 for assistance.



Member line contact with trees



Battle River Power Coop Member Corner

As a member of Battle River Power Coop, our members receive discounts from businesses in our service area like...



Fountain Tire

Discount on tires:

- Passenger and light truck: 8%
- Medium truck: 6%
- Retread, farm or specialty: 6%
- Mechanical parts: 5%



Fountain Tire

To access this discount members must refer to account 004C00010955 and must present their Membership Benefit Card. Cash account – members pay as they go.

Member Business



TreeTime Greenhouses

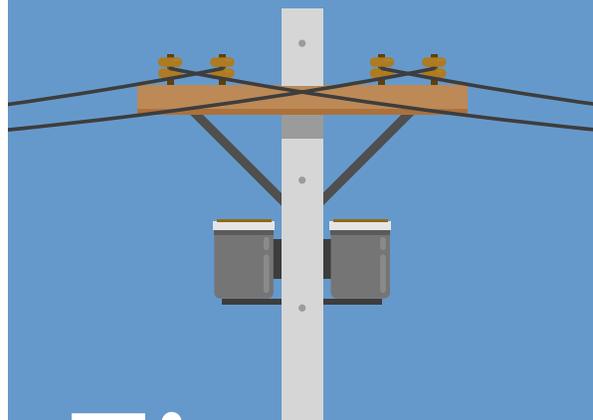
In business since 2003, TreeTime.ca is a Western Canadian company that specializes in selling prairie hardy tree and shrub seedlings. We produce a large variety of native and landscape seedlings that are packaged and shipped out of our cold storage warehouse every spring.

TreeTime is owned and operated by professional foresters who want to positively influence our environment by promoting tree planting to help clean our air and conserve our soils.

Visit tree-time.ca for more information.

If you are a Battle River Power Coop member with a business, we would like to feature you to our membership!

Send an email to nansee.hughes@brpower.coop with your name, business name, and any details you would like shared with our members.



Tips from the Line

1

Never attempt to prune trees around power lines yourself. Call 1.877.428.3972 for help with vegetation management on your property.

2

When paying your bill through online banking, make sure to remove the decimal and use all the numbers (if your account is 1234.00, put in 123400).

Message from the Board of Directors

This year's Annual General Meeting theme is The Path Forward and we chose this topic for a few reasons. Over the last couple of years, Alberta, Canada and the global community have endured a pandemic, lockdowns, restrictions and the hardships related to no longer living the life we had become accustomed to. Today, it is nice to return to the normalcy of hosting our Annual General Meeting in person.

For over 73 years, BRPC has been delivering safe and reliable electrical distribution. As a cooperative, we ensure rural Alberta farmers have reliable electricity at a cost-efficient price. In addition to supplying electricity to our homes and farms, our cooperative is a credible voice for the small rural consumer. Although our heritage is 73 years young, we continue to evolve The Path Forward as our forefathers did by bringing electricity to the rural countryside.

The Path Forward means we continue to benchmark the true cost of power delivery to rural Alberta because we operate as a cooperative and generate savings for you, our members. Annually, we as your Board of Directors approve Distribution Tariffs that reflect the actual cost to deliver the safe, reliable, and cost-effective service our members in rural Alberta expect from us.

The Path Forward implies we will always work cooperatively and diligently to ensure that government sees the value in REAs from our history and how our past informs our way forward into the future. We continue to work collaboratively with the Alberta Federation of REAs, the Alberta Government, Alberta Rural Utilities, Alberta Utilities Commission, AESO and all other REAs, and we thank them for their persistence in maintaining this historical initiative now and into the future. We understand the pressure is great for the legislators and administrators overseeing the investor owned utilities to grow the monopolies to the benefit of the shareholders. We believe that legislation will continue to evolve to protect, sustain and ensure the viability of not-for-profit rural electrification associations. As the government drafts new regulations and guidelines, now and in the future, for the electrical industry, we look to a position of fairness

that reflects the historical significance of REAs and the needs of rural residents of Alberta.

The Path Forward allows the Board of Directors to govern in the best interests of our cooperative. Annually, one third of the Board is elected through the democratic process of engaging the membership. This practice allows for continuity of the Board while opening opportunities to the membership for fresh ideas. The memberships elected delegates are the stewards of the Cooperative and continually demonstrate their commitment to the rural Alberta community initiative of taking care of each another.

The Path Forward symbolizes the cooperative spirit in that we grow by helping others, as demonstrated by the agreements with other rural electrification associations that have entrusted us with providing services to their members. To be a viable business, Battle River Power Coop needs to grow and flourish in our core business, electrical distribution. We thank Fenn REA, Lindale REA, Tomahawk REA and West Wetaskiwin REA for entrusting us with their members. Our membership and those that we provide service to gain from the economies of scale of our combined efforts.

The Path Forward signifies our management and staff dedication, who are intensely collaborative on ways to improve upon our sustainability and viability; always being encouraged to bring innovative ideas forward to help our cooperative grow.

The Path Forward insists our growing membership matters – getting electricity to your homes and business matter, as does your feedback.

Although tough times of the recent past are slowly fading, we are hopeful that from hardship grows opportunities and optimism. Your Board of Directors knows that smart decisions and growth build lasting value for members, and we are dedicated to the long term viability and sustainability of your coop. We look forward to longevity in service to our members and providing choice in rural Alberta.

We are excited about the Path Forward as the cooperative, the smart choice – now and in the future.

REGULATED RATE OPTION



The RRO 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. It is not a 'regulated' rate, rather it is a default rate. If you do not have an energy contract, then you are on the RRO.

For June 2022, the RRO is priced at \$0.12980 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed blue bill. For July 2022, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.14924. Detailed information on the monthly RRO is available on: www.brpower.coop.

The Battle River Rural Energy Contract rate is \$0.0635 per kWh until December 31, 2023.

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

BATTLE RIVER POWER COOP IS AVAILABLE FOR POWER TROUBLE CALLS 24/7/365 CALL TOLL-FREE: 1.877.428.3972

