



June 2023 Newsletter

Natural Gas Rebate Program: The program came into effect October 2022 and will only be triggered if the price of natural gas reaches \$6.50/GJ.

For more details, visit <https://www.alberta.ca/affordability-action-plan.aspx>

2023 Construction Season

Expect to see GLDC Gas crews in the area this summer actively working on new infills. We would like to welcome any new members joining our co-op, and proudly continue to serve current members who help grow our co-op.

GLDC Gas Co-op currently has 3079 members.

Big Plans: The Co-op plans to install 10 km of pipe this season to replace legacy pipe that has been in the ground since 1968. In many cases, we will be upgrading the size of pipe from ¾" to 2", increasing our ability to serve larger demands and new members. We also hope to install 10 km of loop lines to aid supply concerns in restricted areas of the Co-op.

Leak Detection Crews: GLDC Gas has contracted Gas Recon to carry out underground leak detection surveys at our "urban subdivisions". We are also required to survey our high-pressure distribution lines annually. Look for these crews to be active during the month of July.

NEW E-billing Process

Effective July 1, 2023, GLDC Gas Co-op will be implementing a monthly charge of \$2.00 to members who wish to continue to receive their gas bill in the mail. We offer free online services to receive monthly bills through email, or access to our online portal to view your current and past bills. Please contact the office by calling 403-843-1050 or email us at admin@gldcgas.com to provide your email address. Please ensure to include your name and account number for us to link the correct account with the email provided.

2023 Rodeo Season Parade

We look forward to taking part in the "60th Anniversary of the Bentley Fair & Rodeo" parade on August 10th and the Rimbey parade on July 8th.



Staff Update

Congratulations

Mark – 10 years

Kayla – 10 years

April 30, Dennis Semenyina retired after 15 years with GLDC Gas Co-op. We thank Dennis for his years of service and mentorship.

Welcome to Randy Maconochie, Journeyman Plumber/Gasfitter, who started with us May 1.



2023 AGM Update

The AGM was held on **May 10, 2023** at the GLDC Gas Co-op office located at 4402 – 54 Avenue, Rimbey, AB

82 Staff, Members, Directors and guests were in attendance.

Door prizes winners:

Lawrence Buist, Dana Kreil, Annette St. Cyr, Yvonne Wickberg, Janice Fairhurst, Janet Smith, Lorna Johnson, Anko Buwalda, Joan Ree, Murray Ormberg

2023 Elected Board Members:

Bert Paulssen – 3 Year Term
Jeff Bajema – 3 Year Term
Ron Sperber – 3 Year Term
Ken Buist – 2 Year Term

Welcome to Jeff Bajema as the newly appointed director to the Board.

May 10, 2023 Jack Siebenga retired as a long term member of the Board of Directors. We thank Jack for his years of service and wealth of knowledge.

Please log onto our GLDC Gas Co-op website at www.gldcgas.com for AGM material presented during the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Harassment Free Workplace

Somehow, in today's society, it has become more prevalent for people to make unwelcome comments and gestures, or even physical contact with staff.

Over the past 3 years or so, we have noticed an increase in harassing and violent behavior from our members and customers. This is unacceptable behavior.

The Board and Management have agreed, that the first signs of abusive behavior or profanity from a member or customer, staff will terminate the interaction instantly asking the person to leave the office, or, if by phone stopping the phone call immediately.

Depending on the severity of the situation, staff will provide an incident report to the Board, or file a complaint with local police if deemed necessary. This could lead to a Board decision to sanction such members.

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Community Involvement

GLDC Gas is a proud sponsor of local events and organizations.

2023 Sponsorships

- Rimbey Fish & Game
- Blind Man Valley Lions Club
- Gimlet Rodeo / Central Alberta Rodeo Association (CARA)
- Rimbey Coldest Night Walk (Rimbey Food Bank)
- West Country Outreach School Graduation & Awards Ceremony
- Rimbey's 34th Annual Women's Conference
- Rimbey Spring Showcase-U11 Hockey
- Rimbey Hospital Legacy Golf Tournament Fundraiser
- Junior High School Finals Sponsorship Package
- Bentley School Reunion 2023

