

# **Synergy Alberta**

  

# **Surface Land Management Program Update**

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# Role of Energy Industry Chair

- Liaising between industry and Olds College
- Initiating external governmental relationships
- Developing external community relationships
- Building Aboriginal relationship opportunities
- Identify future industry trends and programming requirements
- Support in program and curriculum development

# Olds College & Surface Land Management Program



- Dedicated programs that work directly with understanding and preserving our natural world via our Land & Water Programs
- Surface Land Management Program (“SLM”) teaches students how to work with industry, government, & landowners.
- Teach students how to arrive at mutually beneficial solutions regarding acquisition of land for wellsites, pipeline routes, highways, & utility right of ways, and alternate energy sites

# Surface Land Management Program



- The leading educational institution in training of Surface Land Agents in Western Canada



- SLM grads play a vital part in negotiating land agreements while acting as a liaison between corporate or government agencies and the landowner

# Surface Land Management Program

## Statement of Purpose:

- Primary focus - prepare its graduates to contribute to the successful relationship between energy sectors, transportation industries, and landowner groups by providing practical training in surface land acquisition.
- Acting as a liaison, land agents facilitate communication between stakeholders.

# Vision: SLM Program

- Produce a land professional that can work in a broad market of employment opportunities:
  - Mediation, community/public engagement & consultation
  - Landowner advisory groups & landowner representation
  - Aboriginal groups/First Nations
  - Oil & Gas, Forestry industries
  - Renewable Energy Industry (Wind & Solar)
  - Regulatory bodies
  - Infrastructure, Utilities, Cities

# SLM Program Status

- Given the ongoing downturn in Industry, the SLM program has continued to experience low enrollment numbers.
- In fall 2019, OC decided to suspend first year student intake for fall 2020.
- OC commenced a program review process in conjunction with other programs at OC.
- OC will be engaging with Industry to ensure valuable feedback on program delivery & industry trends are gathered.

# SLM Program Status

- Should changes be required to SLM, it will take at least until 2021 to implement such changes
- SLM currently has 1<sup>st</sup> year and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students enrolled in SLM who will be graduating in 2020 & 2021.
- OC will continue to work with SLM Industry Advisory Committee & Energy Industry Chair throughout process.
- SLM will be hosting our annual Industry Reception on March 19 in Calgary



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