



# SUNSHINE NEWS

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## **Payment Options:**

*For your convenience we offer many methods to keep your account up to date.*

*We accept Visa, MasterCard & Interact. Payment can also be made at your bank & by telephone & internet.*

## **Meter Reads**

*Please remember to read your meter on the first day of each month. Accounts will be estimated on meters read after the 4<sup>th</sup> of the month.*

## **Alberta One-Call**

*1-800-242-3447.  
Call before you dig.*

## **Customer Service**

*Sunshine provides a variety of services for our members. We will supply, install & service water heaters, unit & tube heaters and furnaces. We also install underground secondary services. Please call for a free estimate.*

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**We're on the Web!**  
[www.sunshinegascoop.com](http://www.sunshinegascoop.com)

**Annual General Meeting:** The Sunshine Gas AGM will be held at the Blackie I.O.O.F. Hall on March 23, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. Sunshine members are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn more about the operation of your co-op and to voice any concerns you may have. The AGM agenda will include:

**Auditor Report:** A review of the 2005 financial statements.

**Board Report:** The Chairman and manager will review operations for 2005.

**Elections:** Nominations will be accepted for the position of (2) directors.

## **Sunshine Board of Directors**

**Chairman:** John Ivers      **Vice Chair:** Paul Wald  
Buster Davis                      John Graham  
Don McLean                      Roy Newman  
Monty Southgate

**New Gas Services:** If you require gas service to your property please contact our office. The planning process for installing rural gas services can be quite extensive so early applications are appreciated.

**Line Locates:** With warmer weather returning you may be planning projects that involve a ground disturbance. It's often difficult to remember where buried utilities are located so please call **Alberta One-Call** at 1-800-242-3447 to have all underground services located. There is no charge for this service.

**Natural Gas Rebate Program:** The program will run through March of 2006. As well as the program of paying rebates for the months of October 2005 to March 2006, commercial greenhouses, grain dryer services, forage dehydrators and irrigation services qualify for an alternate rebate period from April 2005 through March 2006. Eligible consumers must apply directly to the Natural Gas Rebate Program office no later than June 30, 2006. Applications can be faxed to (780) 427-1262. Please contact our office if you require an application form or for more details call the Rebate office at 1-888-671-1111 or at [www.gov.ab.ca](http://www.gov.ab.ca)

**Meter Reads:** Unaccounted for gas continues to be our greatest concern and we have made meter reading a priority. Timing consumer meter reads to coincide with the reading of wholesale meters on the first day of each month ensures that we are accounting for gas volumes consumed in that particular month. With the gas rate changing on a monthly basis it is critical that we recover our cost of gas for the month it was purchased. It is also important for the administration of rebate funds for the appropriate month.

Although Sunshine staff reads a portion of the co-op each month we still encourage customers to read their meters as it takes our staff 4 to 6 days to read the entire co-op. You can also submit your read on our web site or by phone or e-mail 24 hours a day.

**Gas Odors:** Distribution leaks do occur from time to time and are another cause for unaccounted for gas loss. Please report any gas odors to our office as soon as possible.