

Members of the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) met in McLennan and La Crete, March 3 and 4, 2010, for stakeholders meetings.

McLennan Meeting and Dinner

The Honourable Hector Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs and MLA for Dunvegan-Central Peace, warmly greeted the NADC and welcomed everyone to McLennan. Following the presentations councillors from the Town of McLennan hosted the NADC Council and staff for supper.

Presentations

- Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) and the Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance (LSLEA) provided an overview of regional projects including bio-fuels, cultural development, wood products centre of excellence, and industry networks.
- Northern Lakes College presented their achievements in providing education to remote and rural post-secondary students.
- Value Drug Mart discussed problems they perceive with Phase II of Alberta's Pharmaceutical Strategy.

Challenges

- It can be a struggle to provide services to citizens.
- The region is not seeing the same kind of economic development as other areas.
- It is easy to bypass small communities.
- It is also a challenge to have projects move forward in small communities.

NADC Updates/ Upcoming Events

- **May 15 is the NADC Bursary application deadline!**
- Dentistry students are now eligible for the NADC Medical Bursary. See www.benorth.ca for information.
- The overwhelmingly popular 2009/2010 Northern Student Teacher Bursaries have been awarded to eligible students in education programs.
- Attainable Home Ownership Workshop happens April 28, 2010 in St. Isidore. For further details and registration, contact Cynthia Arku at 780-623-6983 or cynthia.arku@gov.ab.ca.
- The next NADC meeting will be in Edmonton on the 3rd of June.

La Crete Tour and Meeting

The NADC met with the Honourable Frank Oberle, Solicitor General, Minister of Public Security and MLA for Peace River, and began their bus tour to La Crete. In La Crete, Council visited the Heimstaed Lodge seniors center, the new health clinic, La Crete Sawmills, and the La Crete Heritage Centre. A strong sense of community was visible in all locations. Council attended a dinner meeting hosted by Mackenzie County in Fort Vermilion.

Presentations

- The La Crete Chamber of Commerce presented an overview of their community. The area's population is expected to grow as a result of possible increases in the number of farms, immigration, forestry, and retirements. La Crete is a young community, but not a transient one. People make their homes and stay, even if they work elsewhere temporarily.
- The La Crete Health Committee presented reports on health care in La Crete. The first focused on health care gaps in the community. The second looked at how well health care is delivered in the community. Given the size of the community and its distance from other health care services, the La Crete Health Committee indicated doctors are needed.
- Mackenzie County presented their concerns on:
 - railway deficiencies
 - Tompkins Crossing
 - funding for capital projects

The County noted that Highway 88 is being paved and thanked the NADC for its work on this project.

NADC contact information:

Phone: 780-624-6274 Peace River office or
780-623-6982 Lac La Biche office
(dial 310-0000 first for toll free access)
Email: nadc.council@gov.ab.ca
Website: www.nadc.gov.ab.ca

HERE'S HOW YOU FINISH SCHOOL WITH A LITTLE LESS DEBT

\$6,000 NADC Bursary – receive one of 80 that are available!

You can apply if you're within two years of finishing your certificate, diploma or degree in business, social services, technical, education, health care, environment and many others.

\$6,000 to \$12,000 NADC Bursary - for Pharmacy, Nurse Practitioner, Medical and Dentistry Students

You can apply for all three or four years of your program.

Apply online or get an application from www.benorth.ca

You can also get an application from:

- any Alberta Career Services Centre
- your college/university career counsellor
- the NADC office at 780-624-6545
(toll free first dial 310-0000)

Apply by May 15th!

