

Members of the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) met in Edmonton on September 16, 2010

NADC Meeting

Chair Robin Campbell and council members were pleased to welcome the following government members to the September meeting: Hon. Hector Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Hon. Frank Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security; Jeff Johnson, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Treasury Board; Pearl Calahasen, MLA for Lesser Slave Lake; and George VanderBurg, MLA for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne. Their participation, observations and comments provided welcome input to the discussions.

Presentations

- Representatives from the Oil Sands Sustainable Secretariat gave an informative presentation on the Comprehensive Regional Infrastructure Sustainability Plan (CRISP) for the Athabasca Oil Sands Area. They are developing a long-term strategic plan for population growth and infrastructure needs, based on anticipated future production levels. The NADC regularly attends CRISP meetings. For further information, visit: <http://www.treasuryboard.alberta.ca/1213.cfm>
- Accredited Supportive Living Services Limited (ASLS) provided information on a new 68-unit Designated Assisted Living facility planned for Grimshaw. ASLS provides support to individuals with a variety of disabilities throughout the northwest region of Alberta. The NADC is providing a letter of support for this and similar northern facilities. For more information on ASLS, visit: <http://www.aslimited.org/>
- A representative from the Grande Prairie Regional College gave a presentation on the educational and scientific value of the Beaverlodge Research Station and volunteered to give Council a tour to demonstrate potential opportunities for the future.
- Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association is a non-profit group of five municipalities: the City of Fort Saskatchewan, Counties of Lamont, Strathcona and Sturgeon, and the City of Edmonton. Council heard a presentation on how these partners are taking a proactive and cooperative approach to planning and development in Alberta's Industrial Heartland and how construction costs will ultimately determine if upgraders are built here. The

significance of the government's investment in carbon capture and storage to secure American markets was also discussed.

NADC Updates/ Upcoming Events

- The Northern Alberta Elected Leaders met in Spirit River on September 10, 2010. Key discussions focussed on development of Alberta Parks, foreign recruitment and student funding policies.
- The NADC has partnered with Northern Lakes College (NLC) in the development of a user-friendly business retention and expansion survey for municipalities. NADC thanks NLC for their help in this initiative.
- The deadline for the Northern Teacher Student Bursary is October 15, 2010. Applications are accepted online at www.benorth.ca
- The NADC and RCMP are partnering to host a Positive Youth Development, Train-the-Trainer session with Thrive! Canada on October 19-20, 2010 in Peace River. This will be of special interest to school divisions, municipalities, Child and Family Services, First Nation and Métis Settlements, and youth centres. For more information contact Natalie Butler with the NADC, 780-624-6350.
- The Northeast Alberta Information HUB Ltd. (Alberta HUB) and the North West Enterprise Region (NWER) will be jointly offering a free workshop on regional development on November 9th in Lloydminster. For further information, call 1-866-538-1155 or e-mail info@albertahub.com Registration deadline is November 3rd.
- Growing the North! Join us for this exciting conference on January 19th to 21st, 2011. Speakers include:
 - Premier Stelmach (invited)
 - Honourable Rob Merrifield
 - Mike Cory, CN Rail Senior Vice President
 - Anne Giardini, President of the Canadian Subsidiary of Weyerhaeuser
 - James Shepard, CANFOR President
- The next NADC meeting is planned for December 2010.

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