

Alberta



Monday, September 24, 2012

*Members of the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) met in Athabasca on September 6 and 7, 2012.*

## NADC Planning Session and Meeting

On September 6, 2012, the Northern Alberta Development Council and staff members from Peace River and the regional offices met in Athabasca for a planning session designed to identify issues and set priorities for the next three to five years. Both Council and staff appreciated the opportunity to sit down together to develop a strong strategic direction for the future. On September 7, Council held an administrative meeting that included a recap of the planning session and the process for moving the plan forward.

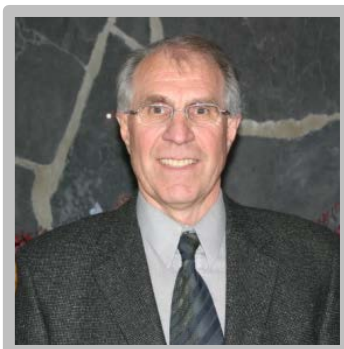
### Presentation

NADC staff presented an overview of Alberta's agriculture and livestock industry, and an update on how northern Alberta farms fare in relation to the rest of the province. The presentation included 10 and 20-year trends on crop production, changes in the variety of crops sown, falling herd numbers, increasing farm capital and costs, and the rate of decline in regional numbers of farms and farm operators.

## MEET THE COUNCIL

Each edition in the future will feature a brief biography of one of the NADC Councillors.

### Williard Strebchuk



Williard Strebchuk of Whitecourt is the Vice Chair of NADC. He is an active community member with extensive municipal government experience including past Mayor of Whitecourt and town Councillor. He's been a member of many local boards, agencies and committees in support of economic and community development.

He's a business owner in Whitecourt with a variety of business interests throughout Alberta

## Staff Updates

Welcome back to Natalie Butler and Lydia Zilahy who both returned from maternity leave over the summer. It's great to have them back, working on NADC initiatives.

## Action for Attainable Housing Development Workshop



The NADC partnered with St. Paul Abilities Network, St. Paul FCSS and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to present a housing workshop in St. Paul on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Inadequate housing options continue to challenge recruitment and retention of employees, and the quality of life for northerners.

Forty five representatives from housing organizations, real estate and asset management companies, developers, municipal planners, FCSS directors and elected leaders spent the day focusing on ways to advance affordable, social and seniors housing in northern communities.

## AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Northern Student Teacher Bursary (NSTB)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### The Positive Youth Development

The Positive Youth Development Provincial Partners released their evaluation report and toolkit September 19, 2012. The document details the evaluation results and process of the introduction of asset development to the town of Whitecourt. The full document will be available on the NADC's website: [www.nadc.gov.ab.ca](http://www.nadc.gov.ab.ca).

### PHYSICIAN ATTRACTION & RETENTION CONFERENCE

The 5th annual Rural Alberta Community Physician Attraction and Retention Conference will be held October 10-12, 2012 at the Mayfield Inn, Edmonton. This event is jointly hosted by NADC and the Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan (RPAP). Previous conferences were sold out events.

Visit [www.nadc.ca](http://www.nadc.ca) for updates and register online at <http://guestlistapp.com/events/105879>



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## PHOTO CONTEST

The 2012 Capturing Northern Alberta photo contest closed on August 31<sup>st</sup>. There are some very talented photographers in northern Alberta! Winners will be announced in October.



Previous winners are showcased at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/nadcca/>

## AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS CONT..

### NSTB APPLICATIONS CONTINUED...

Last year and second last year education students can apply for the Northern Student Teacher Bursary (NSTB) this year. Applications are available on [www.benorth.ca](http://www.benorth.ca).



The application deadline is October 15th.

Please go to [www.benorth.ca](http://www.benorth.ca) for more information.



## OPPORTUNITY NORTH



Join the NADC in telling the World just how much northern Alberta offers! We invite you to incorporate the Opportunity North brand into your recruitment and marketing materials.

Our Brand Guide explains how this can be used to support your recruitment efforts.

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