

The Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) welcomes new members

The Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) has seen some changes in recent months. New members have been appointed, and as of March 2008, the NADC reports to government through the Minister of Finance and Enterprise, the Honourable Iris Evans.

Michael Ouellette of Grande Prairie is the Council's new Vice-Chair. The NADC also welcomes four new members: Brian Allen of Grimshaw, Sharon Anderson of Gift Lake, Andy Neigel of Athabasca, and Pat O'Neill of St. Paul. As a final note, Mel Kuprowsky has joined the NADC team as a Senior Northern Development Officer in the Lac La Biche office.

Council members bring broad and diverse private, public and volunteer experience, along with a passion for Northern Alberta. More information on our members can be found on the NADC website at www.nadc.gov.ab.ca.

Win a Diamond! Campaign attracts visitors North

Visitors traveling the Deh Cho Travel Connection this summer will find that "diamonds in the rough" means more than fascinating communities and spectacular scenery - it also means a brilliant one carat Polar Bear Diamond™ valued at \$11,500. To win the diamond and other amazing prizes, travelers must collect no less than four stamps from each jurisdiction – Alberta, Northwest Territories and British Columbia. Pick up your 2008 *Diamonds in the Rough* passport and get it stamped at any of the twenty-five designated visitor information centres along the Deh Cho route. The contest runs from May 15 to September 15, 2008. Full contest details are available at www.dehchotravel.com.

Living in the North is not for everyone

But it might just be right for you. Check out the new Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) bursary website at www.benorth.ca.



Annual NADC meeting with northern MLAs

The Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) held its annual meeting with northern MLAs on May 28th to discuss common northern and rural concerns.

Inadequate rail service was identified as an ongoing and significant threat to the viability of the northern agriculture and forestry industries. Concerns were also raised about the state of the livestock/hog and bee industries, and attrition in the rural agriculture sector. Other themes discussed were building strong communities through strong municipalities, and supporting our seniors, aboriginal population, and libraries. Increasing school completion rates at all levels, especially in the aboriginal population, was viewed as important. Housing, transportation and senior centre funding were identified as priority issues for seniors throughout the province.

Council was advised of several key reports expected this fall including the nuclear expert panel report, a report on carbon capture storage, and a provincial energy strategy setting out a thirty-year roadmap. Northerners were also encouraged to pay attention to the provincial Land Use Framework and the rebranding Alberta initiative.

NADC Events

Mountain Pine Beetle Follow-up Meeting

9:00am-2:00pm, Friday, June 27, 2008
Holiday Inn and Conference Centre, Grande Prairie
Join us to be updated on the mountain pine beetle infestation, what provincial and federal government is doing, and the role of industry. Please register by June 24th by calling the NADC at (780) 624-6275.

Challenge North 2009 Conference

April 22-24, 2009 - Cold Lake, Alberta
Mark your calendar! Join us at our triennial conference to network, learn and help establish strategies for northern Alberta's development.

Alberta Government Consultations

Draft Land Use Framework

Closing Date: Friday, June 20, 2008
www.alberta.ca/home/consultations.cfm

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