

NADC Communiqué

June 15, 2011



Members of the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) met in Fort McMurray on June 8th and 9th, 2011.

NADC Meeting

A roundtable discussion focused on priority issues in the region as well as opportunities for promotion and advancement. Chair Robin Campbell thanked those in attendance for taking the time to talk to Council.



Presentations

- On the evening of June 8, NADC members were welcomed by Mayor Melissa Blake and several council members of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. NADC members enjoyed this opportunity to meet the Council, tour Fort McMurray, learn about the plans for future economic development and get a firsthand account of the issues the area is facing.
- On June 9, the NADC had the pleasure of receiving several groups. Among these groups were the Oil Sands Developer Group, Port Alberta, the Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association and the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce. Each group addressed issues that relate strongly to the NADC's key priorities. In addition, the support roles the NADC could play in future were discussed. The NADC looks forward to working with its partners in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to support and enhance development.

FOREST OPPORTUNITIES SEMINAR

 The Calling Lake Forest Opportunities Seminar, held on May 21st, drew 50 participants who learned about realistic manufacturing opportunities that exist in the wood fibre and bio-energy industry in the region, and how manufacturing can be achieved. Speakers covered topics related to the forest industry and opportunities for new markets.

Look for the next Forest Opportunities Seminar to be held in the High Level area in early October 2011.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Northern Alberta Elected Leaders will meet in Wabasca on July 8th.

Check out other upcoming events at www.nadc.ca.

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Follow NADC on Social Media

NADC has launched several social media sites. We can be found on Facebook under the Northern Alberta Development Council, on Twitter at NADCca, on Flickr under NADCca and on YouTube under NADCca. NADC delivered a social media training session for organizations, municipalities and businesses and will continue to facilitate the development of social media networks throughout northern Alberta.



Welcome Back!

NADC is pleased to welcome Kim Pinnock back from maternity leave.

Slave Lake Update

- On May 25th, the NADC sent Research Officer Steven Rowe to Slave Lake to assist residents returning to the area after the devastating May 15th fire that consumed parts of the community. In particular, the NADC played a significant role in assessing the needs of returning businesses. NADC helped create a temporary job bank which provided job opportunities for residents who had lost their jobs due to the fire, and helped businesses fill vacant positions.
- Over 30 businesses registered with the NADC and in excess of 300 jobs were identified in Slave Lake. Currently, the NADC has transitioned the job bank to Alberta Employment and Immigration and continues to coordinate communications between contractors, job seekers, employers and local economic development units.
- The NADC will be following up initial assessments of Slave Lake businesses and will continue to play an integral role in coordinating efforts to rebuild the community.
- A special six month deferral will be offered for NADC bursary recipients affected by the Slave Lake and area wildfires. Contact the NADC at 780-624-6545 to discuss deferral options.



AWARDS, BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Alberta Education and NADC will be offering the Northern Student Teacher Bursary again this year. The deadline for applications will be October 15, 2011
- NADC has created a special bursary for individuals becoming Large Animal Veterinarians. They can now apply for a \$6,000 bursary in all four years of studies.

For more information please visit www.benorth.ca

NOTE: NADC Bursary return service rate for 2010 was 85%

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