

## Updates from the Northern Alberta Development Council

July 2020

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### Message from the Chair

I am pleased to provide an update on a number of items related to the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) as we relaunch our economy and enter into summer.

Firstly, I am pleased to share that the NADC will have a [full compliment of members](#) this fall with new appointments and re-appointments recently announced by our government through [O.C.194/2020](#). Having a full Council is essential to ensure we are able to successfully execute our mandate to advise government on the north's economic and social development priorities.

Secondly, the NADC will be undertaking some exciting work this fall to develop a Northern Strategy, identifying the priority actions and supports needed to ensure the north is well positioned to support Alberta's economic recovery, and build a prosperous future for all Albertans. Members will focus on providing advice that will help support the north in achieving its full potential. More information on the strategy and engagement in the region will be forthcoming this fall.

As I reflect on the past few months, I'm encouraged by the resilience of our northern communities and the innovative solutions and collaborations that have emerged as we faced these unprecedented times together. It is the north's entrepreneurial spirit that will continue to build the region in the months and years to come.

Please continue to stay informed with the latest information on re-launch, supports for business and government's [response to COVID-19](#).

I encourage you to support local businesses and explore local tourism opportunities and events as they re-open. I look forward to brighter days ahead for all of us. Stay safe.

Tracy Allard, Chair  
MLA for Grande Prairie

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### NADC Bursary Program Updates

- The NADC Selection Committee is finalizing the recipients and all students will be notified by end of July, 2020.
- Selection Committee for FNMI will meet this summer and all students will be notified of their application status by the end of August, 2020.
- Deadline for the second selection for the FNMI applications is November 15, 2020. All applicants will be advised by January 15, 2021.
- If you are a recipient and have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, please call the Bursary Coordinator at 780-624-6545 to discuss options or visit our website for more information: <http://www.nadc.ca/our-bursaries/nadc-bursary/>.

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### Economic Recovery and Northern Strategy

- The NADC is focused on supporting the north to transition back into full economic activity. The provincial government has announced supports for businesses who were impacted by the pandemic, and as we cautiously enter Phase 3 of re-launch, economic growth to facilitate job creation will be a key focus for the Council.
- Government has released its response to the [Fair Deal Panel](#). The release outlines work and direction underway to support the north through the NADC. "NADC will continue to focus on the development of one or more multi-modal corridors across the north, which would include broadband, utilities, roadways, and rail. Alberta will develop a Northern Strategy for Alberta, which will further develop the corridor concepts and complement the work of other provincial and territorial members of the Northern Minister's Development Forum."

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### Construction of Grande Prairie Hospital Complete

The NADC is pleased that the construction of the new regional [hospital in Grande Prairie](#) is now complete. The facility will deliver a wide range of medical and health services to northern residents and we look forward to the facility becoming fully functional in the coming year.

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### Important Links

#### Alberta's Economic Recovery Plan:

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/alberta-recovery-plan.pdf>

#### COVID-19 Information for Albertans:

<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>

#### Biz Connect Information to the Fair Deal Panel:

<https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx>

#### Government of Alberta Response to the Fair Deal Panel:

<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/735ca928-7938-41c0-ba33-a38a0d7e3251/resource/7153e491-4274-4ec7-bcbe-ecb56d663683/download/fair-deal-panel-report-government-response-june-2020.pdf>

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### About the NADC

The Northern Alberta Development Council is a provincial government agency that investigates northern Alberta's economic and social development priorities, programs, and services. Council provides advice and recommendations to the Government of Alberta.

Please visit the [NADC website](#) for more information on the Council.

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