



- “Travel Alberta has identified China as an important tourism market with tremendous potential,” said Tourism, Parks and Recreation Minister Cindy Ady. The Minister went to Beijing early this month to help launch a unique tourism marketing campaign aimed at raising Alberta and Canada’s profile in China. With about 291,000 visitors to Alberta from the Asia Pacific region spending an estimated \$251 million in 2006, Ady said, “Our involvement with the program will showcase Alberta on the world stage as a must-see destination and an exceptional tourism experience to key Chinese tourism-industry trade and media contacts”

Industry Notes

- Kitimat LNG Inc., a Calgary-based private company focused on developing liquefied natural gas (LNG) and related facilities in North America, announced plans this month to develop an LNG export terminal near Kitimat, BC. The proposal calls to construct, own and operate an LNG terminal to be located on its existing Bish Cove site near the Port of Kitimat. A previous proposal was for import, versus export, of LNG. That proposal had received all regulatory, environmental and government approvals. But, with fundamental changes occurring in the global natural gas market, a new export based proposal was determined as more viable. The new proposal is based on receiving natural gas via pipeline from Western Canada. The proposed LNG terminal will then cool and liquefy this natural gas, preparing it for export shipment by ocean vessels. In all likelihood, LNG exports will be directed at growing Asian markets. Kitimat LNG Inc. will work with all levels of government on approvals, processes and permitting for this new, export, proposal. With more gas supplies from the Northwest Corridor coming on stream, it’s good news for the entire region

Alberta Notes

- Aiming for closer ties on energy, the environment, trade, education, health care and transportation, Alberta and Saskatchewan held a first ever joint Cabinet meeting in Lloydminster, Canada’s border city, culminating in the two premiers signing a protocol agreement for future cooperation

North West Territories Notes

- Premier Floyd Roland met his Alberta counterpart this month to renew the Northwest Territories - Alberta Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation and Development. The agreement calls for working cooperatively for mutual benefit in areas such as economic and infrastructure development, business and trade, as well as social and community development
- Minister of Finance, Michael Miltenberger released two discussion documents to help guide discussion on how best to increase future revenues, and then met with representatives from a wide spectrum of organizations for a two day round table meeting this month. The Minister encouraged input from residents by October 15th for inclusion in the Government’s 2009/2010 budget process by emailing Revenue_Options@gov.nt.ca or by mail to the Department of Finance in Yellowknife

Yukon Notes

Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon provided an update to his counterparts on Yukon’s key innovation highlights; this at a three day meeting in Stratford, Ontario this month. Included in his update were the Yukon Cold Climate Innovation Centre, the Climate Change Research Centre of Excellence, and the Yukon Technology Innovation Centre. “The ministers agreed that innovation has become a major driving force in economic growth and social development,” Minister Kenyon stated

Manitoba Notes

- Bill 47, The CentrePort Canada Act was introduced and went into second reading in September. Introduced by Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Ron Lemieux, the Manitoba Government indicated in their news release, the proposed Act is to:

- establish CentrePort Canada Inc., a non-share capital corporation with a mandate to operate Manitoba's inland port, attract and coordinate business investment in the inland port area and market the port;

- designate 20,000 acres of land in the vicinity of the James Armstrong Richardson International Airport for the inland port to serve as a transportation, trade, manufacturing, distribution, warehousing and logistics centre;

- support the fast-tracking of investment and economic development decisions based upon a single, comprehensive transportation, infrastructure and land-use plan for the inland port area;

- mandate CentrePort Canada to develop a business plan and a budget for self-sustaining operations;

- establish the governance of the corporation, which would feature a 15-member board nominated primarily from the private sector; - develop the inland port area in consultation with landowners, nearby community members as well as port users; and

- protect the 24-hour operation of the Richardson International Airport

- The last jurisdiction to do so, this month, the Manitoba Government signed a Framework Agreement for \$718 million through the Federal Government's Building Canada Fund. The Framework Agreement outlines how the Building Canada Fund will operate in the Province

Saskatchewan Notes

- 130,000 scrap tires are to be recycled in \$11 million worth of highway projects in the Province, Highways and Infrastructure Minister, Wayne Elhard, announced this month. Instead of conventional pavement, crumb rubber asphalt, produced in part from these scrap tires will be used at the rate of 500 to 1300 tires per lane per kilometer, depending on the type of project

- Enterprise and Innovation Minister Lyle Stewart announced the Province had the highest growth rate among provinces (more than 10 times the national average) for total exports in the first 7 months of 2008. Statistics Canada's figures show Saskatchewan's international exports of goods increased by 49.5% over the same period in 2007 at \$17.5 billion in the first 7 months of 2008
- Through the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative (SIGI), this month, Premier Brad Wall announced nearly \$75 million in interest-free loans to municipalities for residential lot development and infrastructure improvements. This is the 1st year of a 4 year program enabling Saskatchewan municipalities to access a total of \$300 million in interest-free loans, or \$75 million per year. Corridor communities like the City of Yorkton saw SIGI Program Projects approved for 2008-09 (\$2 million in interest-free loans for new residential subdivisions and close to \$9.5 million to replace three existing water plants)
- Testing is underway of a Made in a Saskatchewan product using "hot in place" technology to recycle asphalt material on the spot, repairing potholes and other road surface failures. It is manufactured by Battle River Asphalt Equipment Ltd. of Cut Knife. The "hot in place" maintenance vehicle uses a square box with heaters. Lowered onto the failed area it heats up the asphalt concrete material, softening and melting it. The box contains metal teeth that are lowered into the asphalt, dragging it forward and loosening the material. A rejuvenating agent is added along with a small amount of new material. To improve the environmental benefits even further, reclaimed asphalt from other projects will be tested as the "new" added material. The remixed asphalt concrete is then raked over and rollers are used for compacting. City of Regina and Communities of Tomorrow research group are partnering with the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure in the pilot project, testing and evaluating the equipment and assessing performance. In viewing the pilot project firsthand, Highways and Infrastructure Minister Wayne Elhard said, "What's so exciting about this new machine is it heats up the asphalt concrete material around the failure, softens it, re-mixes it and relays it all in one process"

Federal Notes

- Wheels were set in motion early this month on a federal election campaign, which is estimated will cost about \$300 million; sending voters to the polls, Tuesday, October 14th
- Under the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative Transportation Infrastructure Fund, the Federal Government announced it will invest up to \$20.9 million in total on five shortsea shipping projects and two road projects in BC's Lower Mainland. This announced funding is conditional upon negotiation of contribution agreements and completion of any applicable federal environmental assessments required under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. All told the projects represent a potential \$43.5-million joint investment with private sector transportation service providers and the region's municipalities
- The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, Chuck Strahl, announced this month \$1.4 million for new and ongoing geoscience projects in the Yukon. The funding is being used by the Yukon Geological Survey (YGS), which is a part of the Yukon Government's Energy, Mines and Resources department. It is to support several projects in partnership with the Geological Survey of Canada, filling important data gaps and enhancing the Yukon geoscience database. "Yukon government has committed significant resources to the development of an extensive geological database," said the Honourable Brad Cathers, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources for the Yukon, adding, "This research is a great asset to the Yukon's mineral and oil and gas industries and we appreciate the continuing support from the Government of Canada." The geoscience projects include:
 - \$1,202,000 for an airborne geophysical survey of Eagle Plains and Kandik Basin;
 - \$90,200 to initiate geological mapping and mineral occurrence studies of the Frances River map area;
 - \$35,000 for an aggregate assessment of the Peel Plateau; and
 - \$117,000 over three years for the re-analysis of stream sediments

British Columbia Notes

- Although the province still seeks private partnership for funding the total \$400 million project, at the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) conference this month, BC Premier Gordon Campbell announced they will invest an estimated \$10 million required to restart the Environmental Assessment process; this as a first step toward building the Northwest Transmission Line (NTL). The proposed project would extend electricity on a new 287 kilovolt line along Highway 37, some 335 kilometres, from Terrace to Meziadin Junction and north to Bob Quinn Lake
- A September sale of oil and gas rights reached \$220 million, pushing already record setting totals to over \$2 billion on the fiscal year
- In responding to medical emergencies at BC mine sites, the Province's ambulance employees can now call a 24-7 mine emergency information and co-ordination hotline. The government's toll-free line went live this month. It's intended to give ambulance responders access to the latest mine hazard information, allowing to better respond to emergencies and potentially avoid tragedies like that at Kimberley's Sullivan Mine in 2006
- A series of BC/Canada joint announcements occurred this month regarding improvements to Highway 97. Federal funding comes from the \$33 billion Building Canada Fund. The projects are part of a \$200-million, five-year phase of the Cariboo Connector strategy. The BC Government says Hwy 97 improvements will increase safety and decrease travelling times, while providing northern communities with a first-class trade corridor
- BC's Finance Minister, Colin Hansen, announced that a 2008 Budget Consultation paper to be mailed to all BC households. As well as a questionnaire asking BC residents about choices needing to be made in developing the next provincial budget. As well as the questionnaire, the paper contains information on how BC residents can provide input directly to the Select Standing Committee at a series of public meetings, by participating in online surveys or by mailing the Select Standing Committee directly



Photo: G. Aldridge

Smoky and "Mighty" Peace Rivers, flanked in fall colours, converge on the Town of Peace River, as will those soon attending the NCDC Conference

NCDC Organizational Notes

- Welcome to our new NCDC members for 2008/2009 this month:
 - Fairview Agricultural Society; "Grow with us"
 - Grande Alberta Economic Region (GAER); Representing 12 rural municipalities, villages and towns in west central Alberta working together to promote unique, diverse opportunities
 - Municipal District of Peace No. 135; Since 1916 from the north bank of the Peace River, 500 km NW of Edmonton
 - Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA); "Sustainable Economic Development throughout the Peace Region of Alberta, Canada"
 - Town of Hinton; check out their Innovista Industrial Park; Canada's 1st, from the ground up, Eco-Industrial Park: www.eip.hinton.ca
- Many thanks to all those renewing NCDC membership for 2008/2009 this month:
 - British Columbia Maritime Employers Association
 - Chamber of Shipping
 - City of Dawson Creek
 - City of Edmonton
 - City of Fort St. John
 - City of Grande Prairie
 - City of Prince George
 - City of Prince Rupert
 - City of Terrace

- CN
- Community Futures 16/37
- Community Futures Pacific Northwest
- District of Mackenzie
- District of Tumbler Ridge
- Initiatives Prince George
- Kitimat Terrace Industrial Development Society
- Northern Sunrise County
- Northwest Community College
- Northwest Regional Airport Terrace-Kitimat
- NWT Association of Communities
- Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
- Pacific Pilotage Authority
- Peace River Regional District
- Prince Rupert Airport Society
- Prince Rupert Grain Ltd.
- Prince Rupert Port Authority
- Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine
- Ridley Terminals Inc.
- SMIT Marine Canada Inc.
- Terrace Economic Development Authority
- Town of Grimshaw
- Town of Rainbow Lake
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**“TAKE TEN IN THE
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October 7 - 9, 2008
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EVENT OUTLINE

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Afternoon (2:00 – 5:00 PM)

Arrival and registration (2:00 – 5:00 PM)

Optional Tours

(Transportation provided from/to the Belle
Petroleum Centre)

Daishowa Marubeni International – Peace River
Pulp Mill (3:00 – 5:00 PM)

Enterprises Macay – Compressed Hay Bale
Exporters (3:30 – 5:00 PM)

Evening (7:00 – 9:00 PM)

TAKE TEN IN THE CORRIDOR – A 10 YEAR RETROSPECTIVE

Reception/entertainment/meal (7:00 – 8:00 PM)

Evening Program (8:00 – 9:00 PM):

Welcome - Northwest Corridor Development
Corporation (NCDC) - Don Zurowski, Chair

Greetings – Iris Callieux, Mayor, Town of Peace
River

Greetings – Agnes Knudsen, Reeve, Northern
Sunrise County

Greetings – Honourable Frank Oberle, MLA,
Peace River Constituency

Greetings – Honourable Chris Warkentin, MP,
Peace River Constituency

A Corridor Retrospective – Jeff Burghardt, NCDC
Past Chair

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

Breakfast (8:00 – 9:00 AM)

Breakfast Speakers (8:20 – 8:50 AM)

Berry Heinen, Deputy Mayor, Town of Peace
River

Kamie Currie, Project Officer – North, Rural
Alberta's Development Fund

Port Session (9:00 – 10:15 AM)

Kitamaat Port Development Society – Roger
Harris, Executive Director

Prince Rupert Port Authority – Don Krusel,
President & CEO

Refreshment Break (10:15 – 10:30 AM)

Agriculture Session (10:30 – 11:45 AM)

Informa Economics – Chuck Penner, Senior Consultant

Prince Rupert Grain Ltd. – Jeff Burghardt, President & CEO

Lunch (11:50 AM – 1:10 PM)

Lunch Speakers (12:10 – 1:10 PM)

Honourable Robin Campbell, Chair, Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC)

Rob Beynon, Vice President, Development Economics, InterVISTAS

Transportation Session (1:15 – 2:30 PM)

CN – Fiona Murray, Sales Director, Petroleum and Chemicals

County of Grande Prairie – Everett McDonald, Reeve

Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines – Roger Harris, Vice President Aboriginal & Community Partners

Refreshment Break (2:30 – 2:45 PM)

Reciprocal Session (2:45 – 4:00 PM)

Branding the Peace Country Association – Joni Aylward, Brand Manager

Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association – Dawn Fargey, Executive Director

WESTAC – Lisa Baratta, Manager, Corporate Services

NCDC/NADC Session (4:00 – 5:00 PM)

Northwest Corridor Development Corporation (NCDC) - Don Zurowski, Chair,

Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) – Dan Dibbelt, Executive Director

Evening (6:30 – 8:30 PM)

Banquet with entertainment

Thursday, October 9, 2008

Breakfast (8:00 – 9:00 AM)

Breakfast Speaker (8:30 – 8:50 AM)

Daishowa Marubeni International – Tim Lanteigne, Manager, Peace River Pulp Mill Division

Tourism Session (9:00 – 10:15 AM)

Mighty Peace Tourism Association - Nicole Halvorson, Executive Director

GeoTourism Canada - Gary Christopherson, Director

Refreshment Break (10:15 – 10:30 AM)

Airport Session (10:30 – 11:45 AM)

Northwest Regional Airport – Laurie Brown, Airport Manager

Regional Community Airports Coalition of Canada (RCACC) – Brian Grant, Vice Chair (and CEO, Grande Prairie Regional Airport)

Conference Closing Remarks

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