

- Public consultations were held in June, soliciting feedback from the general public on the proposed Phase II Fairview Container Terminal in Prince Rupert, BC. Comment was requested on the proposed Scoping Document, which provides information on the project and proposed approach of the environmental assessment by regulatory authorities. Information on the proposed project is available on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's website, in the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry, under reference no. 08-03-37956: [www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca](http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca)

## Industry Notes

- Membership in the Northern Gateway Alliance of communities grew in June. Alliance members support regulatory review of Enbridge's proposed Northern Gateway Pipeline project. The Alliance seeks further membership support for regulatory review. They also seek additional "Alliance Leaders", publicly in support of the proposed multi-billion dollar private infrastructure project proceeding to review: [www.northerngatewayalliance.ca](http://www.northerngatewayalliance.ca)
- Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines held Community Advisory Board meetings related to their proposed project in June. They included meetings in Kitimat, Terrace and Prince George, British Columbia with others scheduled for Alberta in July
- Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, John B. Gibson will settle into the role of President and CEO of the Prince George Airport Authority. Prior to coming to Prince George, Gibson was Vice-President of Marketing for the Hamilton International Airport
- Kitimat LNG Inc. announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Korea Gas Corporation (KOGAS), the world's largest LNG importer. KOGAS will acquire up to 40% of Kitimat LNG production and an option for an equity stake in Kitimat LNG's liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminal. Through the MOU, KOGAS intends purchasing two million tons per annum (mtpa) of LNG from the proposed terminal for 20 years for a total value over US\$20 billion



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*Lorne Keller, VP of Development with the Prince Rupert Port Authority, addresses questions raised during a public meeting related to the proposed Fairview Container Terminal Phase II*

- A geothermal workshop was held in Terrace, BC in June to inform a variety of public, business and government interests on related new opportunities. While spoken of in the Terrace area and province for decades, no serious level of exploration or development has occurred. British Columbia is now auctioning proposed geothermal permits in 4 areas, Lakelse Lake being one. Geothermal technology use offers many development possibilities in power generation, hot springs development, greenhouses and heating. Geothermal power is regarded as one of the greenest and most promising ways to generate electricity, but Canada has yet to see any power plants developed. The US currently generates over 3,400 Megawatts (MW) of geothermal power. A single MW is enough electricity to power 1,000 average North American homes for a year. More information can be obtained on the Canadian Geothermal Energy Association website: [www.cangea.ca](http://www.cangea.ca)



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*Western Canadian grain, destined for Iran, loading in June at the terminal of Prince Rupert Grain Ltd., an NCDC member*

- In June, NCDC member the City of Prince Rupert announced a more proactive approach regarding future plans for the Prince Rupert Port Authority, including expansion of the Fairview Container Terminal and Ridley Island's industrial park. City Council agreed to proceed with related applications for \$300 million from the federal Building Canada Fund
- Public consultations with City Council on the future use of the Edmonton City Centre Airport (ECCA) occurred over three days in June. A final decision is expected from Council soon
- A former director of the Prince Rupert Port Authority, Stuart (Bud) Smith, was appointed as Interim Chairperson of the Ridley Terminals Inc. (RTI) Board of Directors

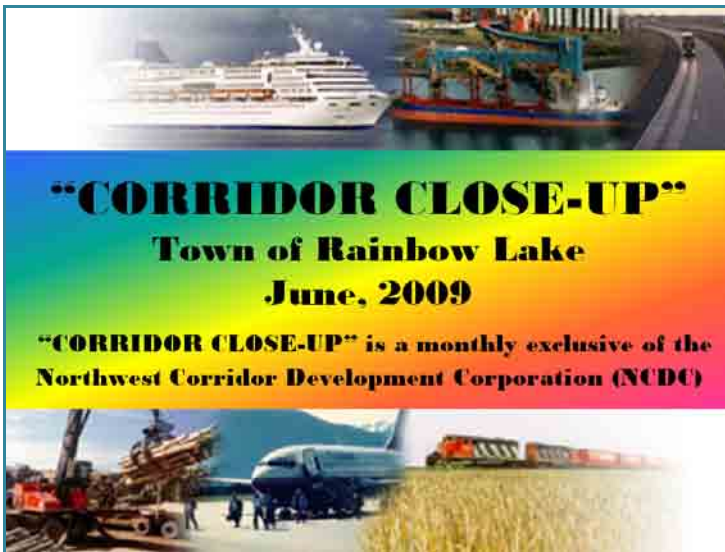


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*Project cargo offloaded from the CDC Asia this month in preparation for the Rio Tinto Alcan smelter expansion in Kitimat, British Columbia*

## Federal Notes

- The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs announced the re-appointment of John H. McArthur as chairman of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada's Board of Directors
- Bill C-7, legislation to make changes to the Marine Liability Act, has received Royal Assent in Parliament. The Marine Liability Act is the principal legislation dealing with liability of ship owners and operators, related to passengers, cargo, pollution and property damage. For further information on amendments, see: <http://tinyurl.com/nxp23p>
- The Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, announced a new appointment to the Board of Directors of PPP Canada (P3C). Arthur William McMackin, a retired accountant formerly of the firm KPMG, was appointed director for a two-year term. P3C is a federal Crown Corporation recently established for working with public and private sectors, supporting P3s and encouraging further development of Canada's P3 market. The PPP Canada Board manages and invests the Government's Public-Private Partnerships Fund as well as assessing public-private partnership (P3) options for major projects seeking funding from federal infrastructure programs
- Amendments to the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act received Royal Assent in June. Intended to safeguard Arctic waters from pollution and allow Canada to exercise greater control over these waters, they extend the application of the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act. The amendments increase the area defined as Arctic waters from 100 to 200 nautical miles offshore. The expanded coverage is intended to provide Canada with tools to protect against possible pollution from marine activity in Canadian Arctic waters
- Federal changes to air designation allocations were announced for scheduled Air Canada, Air Transat, WestJet and Sunwing air services between Canada and Mexico. The changes should benefit travellers and Canada's tourism industry. For background, including Corridor implications, see: <http://tinyurl.com/ll2yz7>



## The Town of Rainbow Lake

### Overview ([www.rainbowlake.ca](http://www.rainbowlake.ca))

Incorporated in 1966, the Town of Rainbow Lake has seen rapid growth and development in the past few years. 918 km northwest of Edmonton, Rainbow Lake is only 138 km west of High Level on Provincial Highway 58.

Rainbow Lake's roots go back to the 1960's as oil discoveries came into production. Infrastructure developed in support of this, one of Alberta's major petroleum developments.

Over the ensuing decades, the community evolved from a camp complex to a modern town with cultural, educational, recreational, and municipal services expected of a modern, thriving community, now a permanent home to 1200 residents.

Visitors and residents enjoy some of the most spectacular displays of the northern lights during winter months, scenic snowfalls, and extended daylight hours in the summer as well as a fairly moderate climate through most of the year. And, yes, rainbows!

### Community Amenities

Community pride is well evident to Rainbow Lake visitors and residents, alike. Biking, quadding, rollerblading and snowmobiling are some activities enjoyed by town residents and visitors. There is also a walking path for those who enjoy a leisurely stroll any time of day.

There are a number of community facilities and organizations in Rainbow Lake and many different festivities and community planning programs occurring throughout the year.

### ***Recreation Center***

The town's Multi-Use Facility, located at 1 ATCO Road, opened in 1994. It serves as the hub of recreation all year long. The recreational centre houses a dance hall, public library, health & fitness club, meeting rooms, curling rink with three (seasonal) sheets of ice and a new ice skating arena. In addition, the Multi-Use Facility features a lounge and concession stand. The large hall is equipped with modern kitchen facilities serving meetings, dances, and banquets. Ball diamonds are situated just outside the complex. In addition to baseball diamonds and recreation center there is a tennis court and area for shooting baskets which are free to use anytime and maintained by the town.

### ***Children's Center***

This facility was constructed by the Town specifically for child and youth programs. Its unique construction provides toddler through pre-teen space and furnishings on one side of the facility, and an area more suited to older youth on the other side. The Nursery School and the Youth Center are the prime tenants, with every child-oriented program encouraged to cooperate in using the structure.

### ***Golf Course***

Rainbow Lake has a well maintained, 9-hole golf course. Situated on municipal land, the course is operated by a volunteer executive.

More than just a place for golfers, its clubhouse lounge is open for public dining and is a comfortable place for breakfast, lunch, dinner or simply a coffee or beverage.

### ***Annual Events***

- Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
- Annual Father's Day Fish Derby
- Annual Town Clean-up
- Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night
- Canada Day Parade and Celebration
- Church of Hope Flea Market
- Community Night
- Curling bonspiels including: Boxing Day Family Fun Spiel and Oilmen's Bonspiel
- Ducks Unlimited Supper and Auction
- Figure Skating Carnival
- Golf tournaments including: Glow Ball, Men's, Ladies, Junior, Oilmen's and Victim's Services
- Ladies Night Out
- RCMP Regimental Ball
- School Christmas Concerts, Craft and Bake Sales
- Snowmobile Rally
- Tournaments: Hockey and Red Eye Slow Pitch



## Economic Base and Development

The Town of Rainbow Lake is a member of the Regional Economic Development Initiative Association for Northwest Alberta (REDI), [www.rediregion.ca](http://www.rediregion.ca) formed in 2002. REDI promotes and enhances economic growth of its member communities as a whole on a regional basis. Rainbow Lake actively participates in REDI whose mission is “to promote, support and enhance economic growth and diversification in Northwest Alberta through regional cooperation and partnerships.”

Oil and Gas remains a dominate industry in Northwest Alberta since the 1965 discovery of a major oil field in Rainbow Lake. Husky Oil operates a large natural gas plant near Rainbow Lake and co-owns/operates a co-generation facility with ATCO Power. Owned 50/50, Husky/ATCO, the 90-megawatt gas-fired cogeneration and peaking facility features two LM6000 gas turbines and one heat recovery steam generator. Husky’s gas plant uses the steam produced by the plant while the electric energy is sold into the Power Pool of Alberta. As a result, the plant with its adjacent co-gen facility results in improved electrical power reliability and significantly reduces transmission line losses.

Both commercial passenger and charter air service is provided via the Rainbow Lake Airport, situated adjacent to town. The Town of Rainbow Lake, with its paved 4500 foot runway, is one of seventeen communities in British Columbia and Alberta served by the regional commercial air carrier, Central Mountain Air: [www.flycma.com](http://www.flycma.com)

The industrial area is a hub of oilfield related businesses including camps, heavy equipment sales and service, construction, trucking, welding, sandblasting and painting, landscaping, plumbing, gas fitting, electrical, home repair and more. For a town its size and locale, it’s not lacking in terms of essential services, including daily over-the-road freight delivery.

The community features three hotels, two restaurants, a lounge and two taverns. There are also two tanning salons, laundry mat, gift/drugstore, Sears Depot, video rentals, magazines, school and office supplies and post office. Rainbow Lake has a health clinic with prescriptions being sent to/from High Level.

The town offers an attractive mill rate on both commercial and residential properties. Rainbow Lake has a variety of businesses, including many home based, such as wellness therapies. In town, you’ll find accounting and bookkeeping services. There are also two RV parks and campgrounds. Another campground is located just 38 km west at the (Rainbow) Lake.

Transportation and infrastructure improvements are integral to the future of Rainbow Lake and region. Construction of east-west and north-south connecting highways are essential examples. Achieving this will require good cooperation among provincial, territorial and federal governments in funding northern projects as a priority. Such improvements ultimately yield returns of significant benefit to all Canadians.

The Town of Rainbow Lake’s optimism is reflected in the words of REDI’s Regional Economic Development Officer Crystal Draper, “The region has just scratched the surface of its potential, the next five to ten years promise to be exciting times.”

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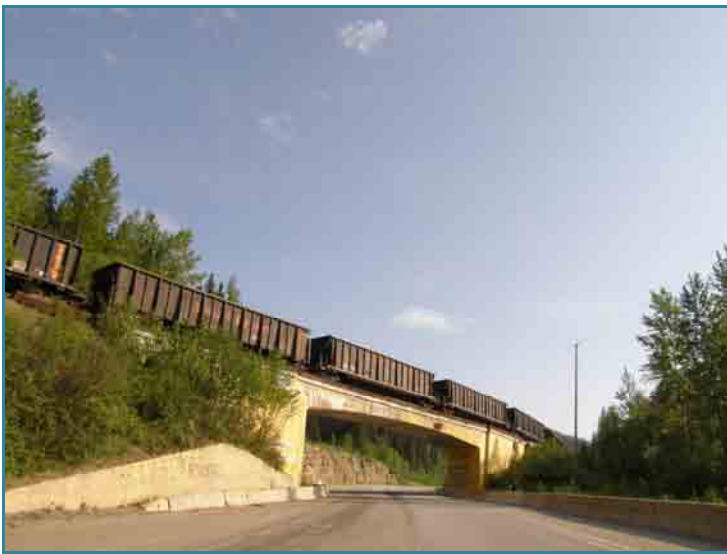


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*A CN train rolls over one of several rail overpasses needing replacement in order to improve clearance for over-the-road traffic on BC's Highway 97; one of many infrastructure improvements still required to facilitate this being, "the North's decade"*

### **British Columbia Notes**

- BC Cabinet appointments in June included: Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Shirley Bond, Transportation and Infrastructure. Bill Bennett, Community and Rural Development and Kevin Krueger, Minister for Tourism, Culture and the Arts. John Rustad is now Parliamentary Secretary for Silviculture to the Minister for Forests and Range, Pat Bell
- NCDC member, Northwest Community College (NWCC) continued with its transformative journey to indigenize the culture and practice of post-secondary education, hosting the Challenging the Paradigm 2009 Conference. The conference featured speeches from a number of Aboriginal leaders. The opening coincided with National Aboriginal Days celebrations in Terrace, BC

### **North West Territories Notes**

- The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Inuvik Petroleum Show occurred in June. Event organizers and others attending expressed a need for progress towards a proposed \$16.2 billion Mackenzie Valley Pipeline in order for interest in the show to carry forward. Currently still in regulatory review, the Joint Review Panel's report and recommendations on the proposed gas pipeline are not expected until December

### **Alberta Notes**

- Provincial legislation proposed in June is intended to ensure that critically needed upgrades to the electrical transmission system are completed. Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act 2009, includes amendments to several existing Acts authorizing both the need for the first group of critical transmission infrastructure projects and establishing a legislative approval process for future projects
- Alberta, in partnership with Treaty 7 Management Corporation, attracted over 600 delegates to Gathering for Success, an international symposium on Aboriginal economic development strategies

### **Saskatchewan Notes**

- A committee guiding development of the transportation network for northern Saskatchewan held its first meeting in June. The Northern Transportation Advisory Committee (NTAC) is mandated to advise government on developing a comprehensive Northern Transportation Strategy
- Former Provincial Minister of Highways and Infrastructure, Wayne Elhard, was appointed Chair of the newly created Global Transportation Hub Authority (GTHA). The GTHA will focus on planning, financing, marketing and attraction of tenants as it guides development of the Global Transportation Hub

### **Yukon Notes**

- Yukon hosted the 2009 Western Premiers' Conference (WPC) in Dawson City in June. It was attended by premiers and officials from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Issues of common interest were discussed, ranging from western competitiveness to Canada's energy future

### **Manitoba Notes**

- Manitoba has experienced its highest increase in population in at least 37 years. This according to Statistics Canada figures released in June for the 12 month period running from April, 2008 to April, 2009

## NCDC Organizational Notes



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*Don Krusel (standing, upper right), President and CEO of the Prince Rupert Port Authority, updates NCDC's Board of Directors on port operations*

- NCDC's re-developed website is now on the world-wide web. It features both public and NCDC member exclusive content. NCDC members are invited to inquire for the necessary log-in information. Always a work in progress, we are committed to its improvement over time, subject to available funding
- Draft minutes of the NCDC Board of Directors June meeting will soon be posted in the Member's Area of [www.nwcorridor.com](http://www.nwcorridor.com)



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*Christina Csondes, Manager of Quickload CEF and Sam Harling, Economic Development Officer with the Terrace Economic Development Authority, on board the M/V Inside Passage, participated as NCDC members in a tour of Prince Rupert's harbour*

- Sponsorship is needed from NCDC and non-NCDC members alike, for "One Mind, One Heart, One Corridor" – The 2009 Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation. Refer to the website, or see: <http://tinyurl.com/nljfq6>
- Visit our website for a 2009/2010 membership fee schedule, or see: <http://tinyurl.com/kk9dgx> Apply for NCDC membership! Visit our website, or see: <http://tinyurl.com/knzu6d>

## Editor's Notes

- NCDC member organizations - Take the opportunity to have your organization profiled, "In the Corridor." This month's CORRIDOR CLOSE-UP is on the Town of Rainbow Lake. Next month's issue will profile the BC Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA). You're invited to take part in this value-added feature, exclusive to NCDC members. Email [aldridge@nwcorridor.com](mailto:aldridge@nwcorridor.com)
- NCDC can be your connection to the growing *twitter* community. Keep our website home page open/reduced on your computer's desktop daily and check in on live feeds of information. Gleaned from sources worldwide, it pertains both directly and indirectly to the Corridor. Often times breaking information, it may relate to various modes of transportation and related logistics and supply chain management. Also, it often includes timely information on economic development, trade and tourism, with convenient links to more. NCDC "tweeted", in June, on over 1/3 of its membership. Email or call if you want NCDC "tweeting" about you to a worldwide audience

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