



Conference Agenda

Thursday, January 21, 2010 Northern Transportation

8:00 am	Registration at TEC Centre
	Event MC: Robin Campbell, NADC Chair
	Opening Remarks
	Reeve Everett McDonald, County Of Grande Prairie
9:00am	Chris Warkentin, MP for Peace River
	Hon. Mel Knight, Alberta Minister of Sustainable Resource Development
	Wayne Drysdale, MLA Grande Prairie – Wapiti
	Steve Zink, Business Development Bank of Canada
	Morning MC: Don Anderson, Farm Credit Canada
10:00am	John DePutter – DePutter Farm Market Advisory Service
	<i>John will give an overview of global agricultural and economic issues and discuss what economic and political trends may influence the future development of the region.</i>
	John Vickerman – Vickerman Associates: Specializing in global transportation issues
11:00am	<i>President of Vickerman Associates, LLC a firm that specializes in the planning and design of port, intermodal and freight logistic facilities. John provides innovative solutions to operational, planning and design issues confronting marine and intermodal transportation.</i>
12:00pm	Lunch served
	Afternoon MC: Everett McDonald, Reeve County of Grande Prairie
1:00pm	Mike Cory – Rail Transportation in Alberta’s North
	<i>Mike Cory is the Senior Vice-president for Western Region with CN Rail. Mike started with CN as a labourer in 1981. Over the years he has held various positions with CN.</i>
	Panel Session – Northern Sector Representatives
	Charles Simoneau, Farm Credit Canada
2:00pm	Brady Whittaker, Alberta Forest Products Association
	Don Gnatiuk, Grande Prairie Regional College
	Janet Annesley, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
	Panel Session - Innovation and Technologies
3:30pm	Dan Turner, Hovertrans International Inc.
	Steve Zink, Business Development Bank of Canada
	Richard Dunn, Encana
6:00pm	Reception at TEC Centre
7:00pm	Dinner Served
	Evening guest speaker: David Emerson
7:30pm	<i>Emerson served as a federal industry minister holds a PHD in economics from Queen’s University, served as an economist with Economic Council of Canada.</i>
9:00pm	Wrap up

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Friday, January 22, 2010 Community Economic Development

8:30am	Welcome and Introductions to the Day
9:00am	Dan Gardner – Author and Risk Evaluator – The Science and Politics of Fear
10:00am	Jim Dinning – Chair of Export Development Canada
	Panel Session - Economic Development Organizations in the North
	James Cleland , Alberta Economic Development Authority
	Jon Close , Community Futures Alberta
10:45am	Joy Playford , Business Development Bank of Canada
	Diane Simsovic , Regional Alliances
	Marc Tremblay , Conseil de développement économique de l'Alberta
	Paul Wyminga , Aboriginal Development Initiatives
12:15pm	Lunch served
12:45pm	Luncheon Speaker – Arlene Dickinson – CBC's The Dragon's Den Introduced by Steve Zink of Business Development Bank of Canada
2:00pm	Introduction of CED Toolkit by the Northern Alberta Development Council
3:00pm	Closing remarks