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## Media Release

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### Premier's Dinner Planned to Coincide with 2013 Growing the North Conference

The Premier of Alberta has confirmed that she will be in Grande Prairie next month. Although her visit will coincide with the 2013 Growing the North conference, the level of Premier Redford's formal participation in the conference has yet to be determined.

"We are aware that the Premier will likely have many stops scheduled elsewhere in the community during her visit, so we aren't sure exactly how much of the conference she'll be able to attend," says conference spokesman Walter Paszkowski. "As a result, we've tagged on a banquet evening to occur on February 20<sup>th</sup> for those interested in connecting with our province's leader while she's in Grande Prairie."

Although the banquet is being planned by the Growing the North committee, the event is separate from the conference itself, and separate tickets will be required to attend the banquet, scheduled for Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Pomeroy Hotel (formerly the Grande Prairie Inn).

"Premier Redford will speak to banquet attendees about issues that are of utmost concern to Peace Country residents, including economic development, infrastructure, and health care," says Paszkowski. "The Premier is a dynamic speaker and will help to present the provincial perspective on many of the issues that are brought up during the conference itself."

Banquet tickets are on sale now for \$100 plus GST. Conference attendees will receive a considerable discount to attend the event, and will pay only \$65 plus GST.

The County of Grande Prairie, City of Grande Prairie, Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce, Farm Credit Canada, Community Futures Grande Prairie & Region, and Grande Prairie Regional College Centre for Research & Innovation have partnered to host the conference, which on average attracts 350 to 450 attendees from all over Alberta, Northern British Columbia, and the Northwest Territories.

The conference runs February 20 & 21 at the Evergreen Park Trade & Exhibition Centre, with the Premier's Banquet scheduled for Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Pomeroy Hotel in Grande Prairie.

The cost to attend the two-day conference is \$150 plus GST. For more information, or to register for the conference or the Premier's Banquet, visit [www.growingthenorth.com](http://www.growingthenorth.com) or contact the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce at 780-532-5340.

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