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Northwest Corridor Development Corporation Conference

Session II – Ports and Pathways; Air, Multimodal...

City of Fort St John – North Peace Regional Airport and City Update

Mayor Bruce Lantz

North Peace Regional Airport

A wide-angle photograph of the North Peace Regional Airport terminal building. The building features a prominent glass facade and a large, overhanging roof supported by wooden beams. To the left, a control tower is visible. The foreground shows a paved tarmac area with yellow and black markings. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

‘Your Gateway to a Northern Adventure’

Mission Statement: ‘to operate a safe, friendly, clean, efficient and profitable airport with a local sense of place.’

North Peace Regional Airport: Background



- ❑ The North Peace Airport Society owns the North Peace Regional Airport at Fort St. John, BC
- ❑ North Peace Airport Services is a subsidiary of Vancouver Airport Services
- ❑ The North Peace Airport Society and North Peace Airport Services are working toward the development of a strong and viable airport; with a comprehensive development plan focused on future growth and sustainability.



North Peace Regional Airport: Update



- ❑ The Oil and Gas Industry drives strong potential growth
- ❑ Support remains strong from both Air Canada Jazz , Central Mountain Air and Swanberg Air; especially with the withdrawal of services by Hawkair (Jan 2007) and Peace Air (May 2007).
- ❑ NPRA is the busiest airport in northeastern BC
- ❑ NPRA is self-sufficient, supported through revenue generated from business operations.
- ❑ The North Peace Regional Airport does not receive tax dollar funding for general operations but is able to apply for ACAP (Airport Capital Assistance Program) funding for specific capital projects. Airports do not receive infrastructure dollars from regional or provincial governments.

North Peace Regional Airport: Update



- ❑ Local and regional charter operators provide significant passenger and aircraft traffic volumes at the NPRA – especially during the oil and gas industry crew moves (10,000 to 15,000 people during weekly/biweekly moves).
 - ❑ Most notably is locally-based North Cariboo Air (38 aircraft)
 - ❑ Other charter companies
- ❑ Cargo operations have slowed somewhat in recent years but are still a key part of the airport operation
- ❑ The airport plays a key role in supporting the North Peace Region's medical services with 24 hour/365 day air ambulance service

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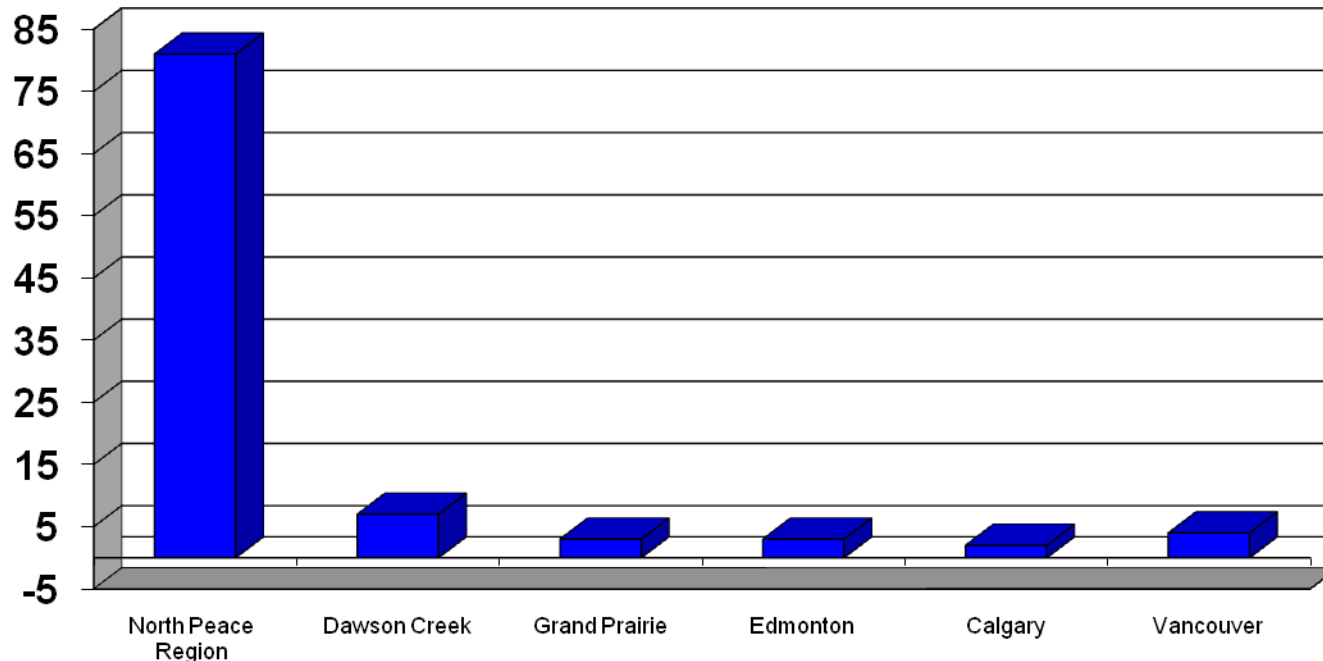


- ❑ The NPRA has recently put in place a comprehensive commercial development and land use plan, including ‘hanger homes’
- ❑ Significant interest and confirmation of the desire to build has been expressed by many local aircraft owners and businesses (i.e. hangar facilities)
- ❑ Helicopter operations remain strong at the NPRA – currently 5 companies have operations.
- ❑ Canadian Forestry Services is a key stakeholder at the NPRA with their tanker base operations

North Peace Regional Airport: Update



- ❑ Airport use by region and/or surrounding community or city – December 2008
 - ❑ Strong Regional Loyalty to the North Peace Regional Airport
 - ❑ Major Hub for the North Peace Region and surrounding communities
 - ❑ Connection point for destinations further north



North Peace Regional Airport: Update



- ❑ The NPRA is focused on expanding the routes that service the North Peace Region (30% of travel dollars spent are lost to Grande Prairie)
- ❑ Regional and Community Airports require government at all levels to investigate and focus on funding opportunities, giving consideration similar to that given to that of other infrastructure
- ❑ Newer facilities and a concerted effort to ensure airport facilities are kept updated, with customer service being paramount, help with the overall passenger experience.



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City Update

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- Enerplex – Soft opening September 16, 2009
- Community Energy and Emissions Plan
- Fort St. John Regional Hospital
- Oil and Gas



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Enerplex

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- The Enerplex is a state-of-the-art recreation facility owned by the City of Fort St. John.
- It is located adjacent to the Curling Club, North Peace Arena, North Peace Leisure Pool, Centennial Park and the Kids Arena
- The facility has been designed to create a lasting legacy that will shape the future of the Energetic City for years to come
- The Enerplex can accommodate any type of programming. The removable ice facilities on the first floor include two NHL-sized rinks which creates over 80,000 square feet of usable event space



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- The second floor features a raised speed skating oval, one of only three indoor Olympic-sized long tracks in North America
- Made with a concrete base, this level features another 60,000 square feet that can be used as additional seating for other events or more event space when the ice is removed.
- The third floor features a three-lane walking track for use year round. It is 380 m in length and features a rubberized running surface



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Enerplex – Today

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- The first scheduled use of the Enerplex happened on September 16, 2009. At this time we have 2 ice surfaces fully operational
- Use of the upper two floors and concession areas will be gradually opened and programmed through October and into early November as construction in these areas is completed
- An official Grand Opening date will be held in the future when all three floors are completely operational



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Enerplex



Main entrance at the Fort St. John Enerplex



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Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP)

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The CEEP will articulate where our community stands on energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through the development of:

- An inventory of current and future GHG emissions
- Targets to reduce GHG emissions
- Actions to achieve these targets
- Policies and tools to incorporate into our Official Community Plan (OCP)
- Indicators to help monitor our progress



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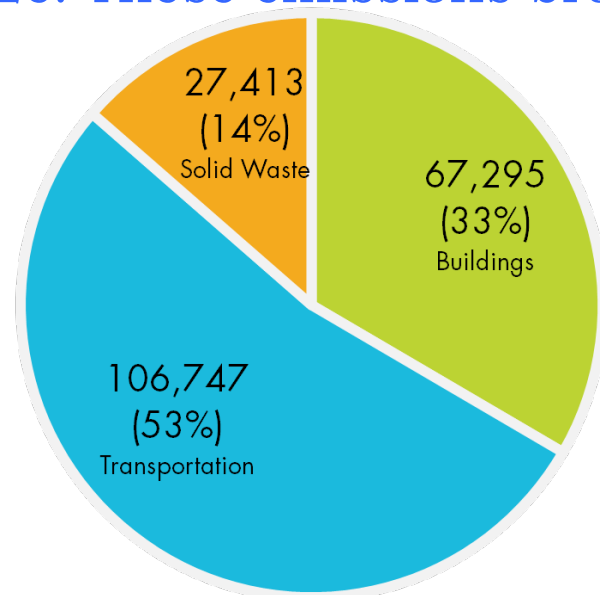
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In 2007, the community energy consumption and GHG emissions were 201,455 tonnes of CO₂e. These emissions broken down by sector:



The City of Fort St. John is committed to achieving 'carbon neutrality' by 2012.



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Regional Hospital

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Fort St. John Regional Hospital Development Fast Facts:

- Located on 40 acres of City – donated land
- \$297.9 million total project cost
- Will include 55 acute care beds and a 123 bed residential care facility
- The official ground-breaking took place on July 22, 2009
- Completion of the project is targeted for spring 2012.



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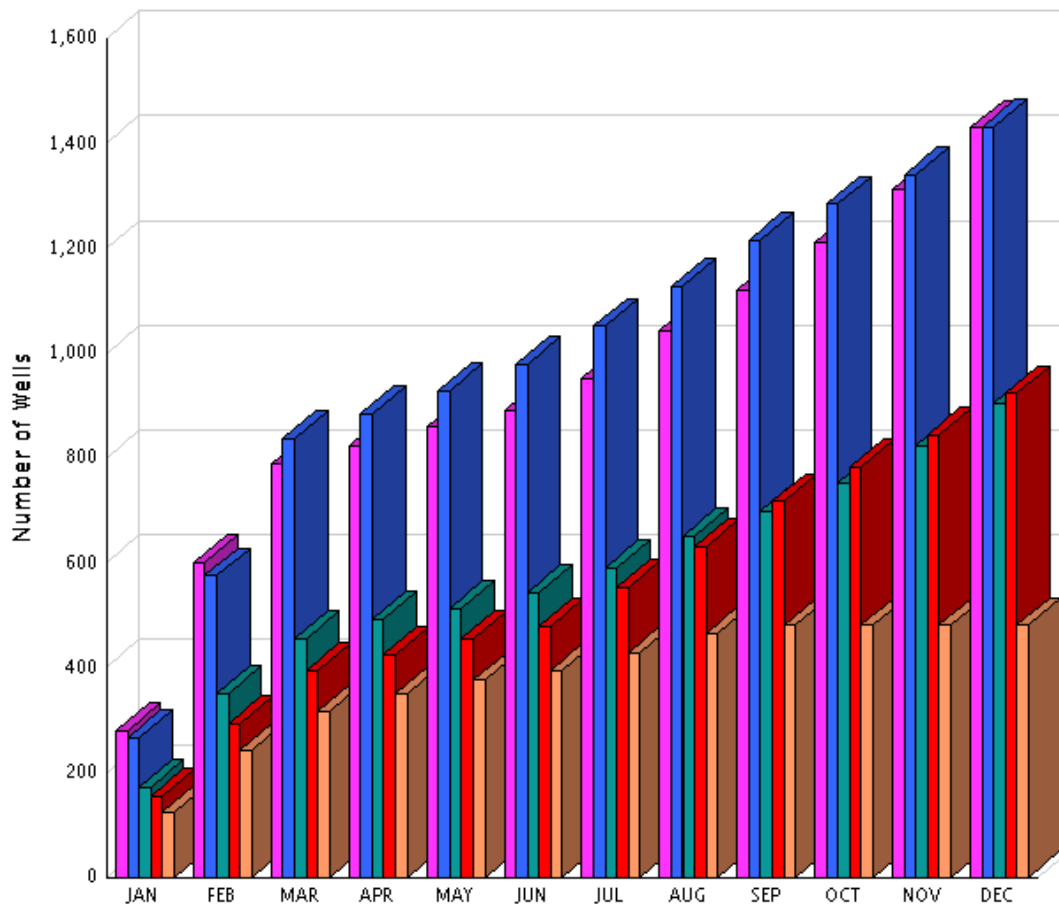
Regional Hospital



July 22, 2009 Ground-breaking



Number Of Wells Drilled in B.C. - Cumulative Monthly Graph Reports Last 5 Calendar Years



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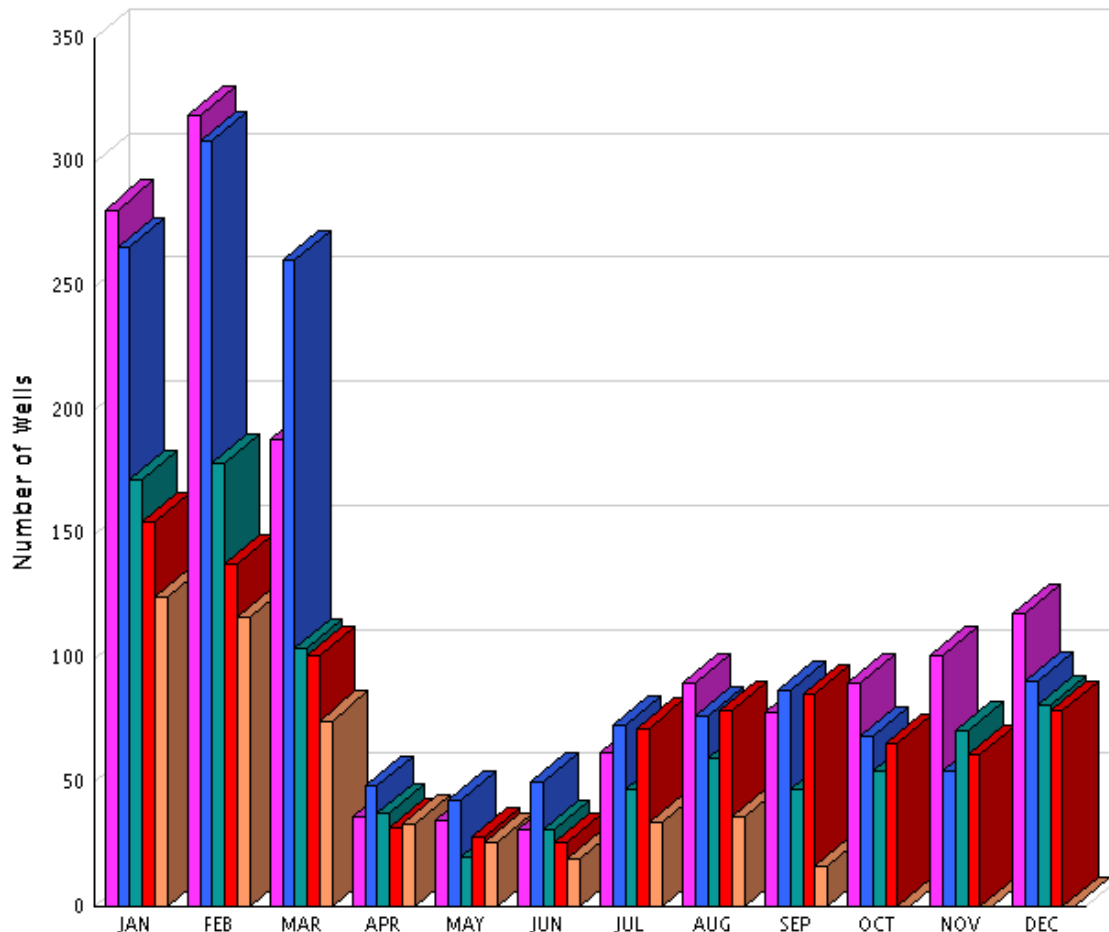
2007

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First Nations

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- First Nations are represented by strong organizations – Treaty 8, Northeast Native Advancing Society, Northeast Aboriginal Business Centre – that promote self-sufficiency
- Dunne-Za Ventures implements environmental protection programs
- Doig River Enterprises offers soil remediation, oilfield services, ranching and forestry services



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Summary

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- Airports are key to growth in the North
- But their ability to serve is limited without sustainable funding
- Fort St. John no longer is a frontier town. Forward-thinking measures include better amenities and environmental leadership limited only by our ability to fund them
- First Nations are emerging as industry powerhouses



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Thank You!
Questions and Answers...