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Industry and International Notes

Saskatchewan-based, Cameco Corporation, was named to the Financial Post's "Top 10 Best Companies to Work for in Canada." Cameco, a mining company leading in First Nations and Métis employment, also focuses on worker training and safety. Other "Top 10" companies with a presence in the Northwest Corridor region include AMEC Americas Limited and Enbridge Inc. Both of these companies sent representatives to participate in NCDC's October Conference and Annual General Meeting. For more on why they and others are in the top 10 best companies to work for, visit: <http://www.canadastop100.com/fp10/>

Talks on a new collective agreement between CN and the Teamsters Canada Railway Conference adjourned in October. Talks were to resume again in November with the help of federally appointed mediators. Both sides were reportedly optimistic that a new collective agreement could be reached without disruption, replacing that which expired December 31, 2008.

The National Post reported sources in October as saying the proposed Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Project's estimated price tag was concerning to Ottawa. These sources said Ottawa decided against their \$16.2 billion investment.

West Fraser Timber Company Ltd. announced in late October it will be permanently closing its Eurocan paper mill operations in Kitimat, British Columbia. The closure, reportedly is expected to be January 31, 2010 and affects 535 employees.

In October, the Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan Inc. reported a \$951.2 million US drop in third quarter earnings compared to the same period last year. Results reflected fertilizer dealers and farmers being overly cautious in their buying.

David Jacobson, recently appointed U.S. Ambassador to Canada, visited the Alberta oilsands in October. "I understand the importance of the oilsands," Jacobson reportedly said. "I understand the importance of that oil."

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Federal Notes

An independent panel appointed by the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities is currently undertaking Phase II of a rail freight service review. They will be receiving submissions until February 26, 2010 at 11:59 PM EST. For more information, including the Rail Freight Service Review Panel's Terms of Reference and on how to make submissions to the Panel, use the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/yhzpls6>

Yukon Notes

Highway and Public Works Minister, Archie Lang announced the completion of rehabilitation work to the M'Clintock River Bridge, ahead of schedule and under budget.

Yukon officials attended the China Mining Congress and Expo in Tianjin in October.

The Yukon Legislative Assembly reconvened October 29th.

Saskatchewan Notes

Opening of the Third Session of the Twenty-sixth Saskatchewan Legislature occurred with the throne speech on October 21st.

The province's tenth shortline railway officially opened in October. Last Mountain Railway (LMR) purchased 108 km of track between Davidson and Lumsden, from CN, for \$5.1 million. LMR received an interest free \$1.6 million loan from the Province.

Northwest Territories Notes

A successful 1st Annual Strategic Northern Infrastructure Symposium was held in Yellowknife in October. Hosted by the Northern Strategy Group, the well attended two day event covered the need for new northern infrastructure on many fronts including communities, communications, roads, ports, pipelines and mines. Access a number of the symposium presentations using the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/yg8dsnr>

Northwestel launched high speed DSL internet services in more NWT communities in October. These included the communities of Enterprise, Fort Good Hope and Aklavik.

Access a recently released Arctic Energy Alliance's NWT Community Wood Pellet Study by using the following convenient link: <http://tinyurl.com/ylclemd>

Manitoba Notes

It was announced the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce would receive \$280,000 in joint funding from the Government of Canada and Province of Manitoba to further its promotional efforts. This joint funding flows through the Canada-Manitoba Western Economic Partnership Agreement (WEPA). An additional \$100,000 will be provided by the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce and local business community. The funding will allow a Chamber initiative called, "Selling Winnipeg to the World", launched in June, 2008, to move forward.



CORRIDOR CLOSE-UP

Innovista Industrial Park—Town of Hinton

The Town of Hinton led the way with early development of Innovista Industrial Park, Canada's first new from the ground up eco-industrial park. The concept of the site was based on being socially responsible, economically advantageous and ecologically sensitive.

Positioned right along Highway 16, on the edge of the Canadian Rockies, Innovista will contribute to the economic success of its tenants through offering a high profile location, innovative and efficient infrastructure systems and a progressive business environment.



Photo: R. LaBoucane

The finishing touches of Phase 1 were completed in September 2009. There are currently 3 tenants operating out of the park and another one under development. Six lots remain available for purchase in this phase.

Some of the features of Innovista Industrial Park include:

1. Onsite Storm Management – Prevents flooding, promotes groundwater recharge, reduces water pollution and erosion control to a nearby creek and creates a new habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife.
2. Preserved Habitat and green spaces – Ecologically sensitive areas including elk habitat, marsh habitat and sensitive riparian zones are protected in the 40 acres which will remain undeveloped.
3. Low impact infrastructure – Only 7% of the development is dedicated to roads versus 12% in regular industrial parks.
4. Small Bore Sewer™ System – Reduces the environmental impact by minimized leakage, long lifespan and uses less resources to manufacture and install.
5. Trails including a recycled tire pathway.

The park has its own zoning as an Eco-Industrial District. This land-use allows for a range of light and medium industrial uses. Tenants of the park develop their parcel according to the Eco-Industrial District Development Guidelines. The intention of the guidelines are:

1. Maximize environmental and business performance for the whole park;
2. Create a sense of place that is more than just a collection of buildings and parking lots;
3. Maximize efficiency of resource use through integrated design;

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4. Minimize energy use;
5. Minimize water demand, treatment and contamination;
6. Provide functional outdoor spaces and wildlife habitat;
7. Integrate development with environment; and
8. Manage construction proactively to reduce costs and environmental impacts.

When complete the entire three phase park will have cost approximately \$21 million. The park is funded by the Town, land sales revenue and a \$3.3 million grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund.

It is estimated that Hinton's eco-approach will reduce green house gas emissions by over 15,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂E) per year compared to a traditional industrial park.

As well as developing Innovista, Hinton has also shown commitment to sustainable development by locating its Infrastructure Services Building (ISB) in the park. The ISB and its associated buildings are home to Public Works, Parks and Building Maintenance Departments and total over 3500^m² on 5.65 acres. The facility along with all other new municipal buildings was built to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver standards

The green attributes of the ISB include:

- 30% reduction in potable water consumption
- 40% reduction in greenhouse gasses (compared to MNECB)
- 75% less construction waste

- 15%+ recycled content
- 20%+ regional extracted/manufactured materials
- Maximization of passive solar heating/lighting
- Minimization of volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
- Local and drought resistant plantings
- On-site Storm Water Management
- ATCO Partnership – A solar hot water system which pre-heats water for domestic use, car wash & in-floor radiant heat; provides 30% of hot water heating energy; saves 8.5 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually; and generates 150 GJ of energy.
- Partnership with neighbouring tenant to reduce the footprint for salt/sand storage facilities

As green building developments gain momentum, Hinton has shared its development experience with other municipalities looking to do similar projects. For more information regarding the Innovista Industrial Park visit www.eip.hinton.ca or contact Renée LaBoucane at rlaboucane@hinton.ca



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British Columbia Notes

Official groundbreaking by provincial and college officials occurred for the Northwest Community College's new \$16.7-million campus expansion and upgrade in Smithers. The main campus building will be upgraded and expanded to accommodate additional mining and mineral exploration programs including geo-science technician and environmental monitoring assistant, as well as adult special education, home support and long term care aide.

Provincial, federal and college representatives were on hand for an official October groundbreaking. This one at the College of New Caledonia's Prince George campus. A new \$19.7 million Technical Education Centre will be built.

Planning is underway for the City of Prince Rupert's Homecoming 2010. It will be the community's 100th birthday. Homecoming 2010 dates are May 20 - 24, 2010. For more information use: <http://tinyurl.com/ylkh9jd>

George Iwama was officially installed as the fourth president of University of Northern British Columbia in October. Iwama is the first Japanese Canadian to become a Canadian university president.

Local, provincial and federal politicians worked to organize an emergency strategic planning session to occur in Kitimat in November, following on the news of the pending closure of the Eurocan paper mill in the Private Port community.

For the Prince Rupert Port Authority monthly traffic summary for September, 2009, use the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/yh8q6qg>

The October British Columbia oil and gas rights sale was the highest in 2009. The land rights sale resulted in \$370 million in bonus bids, the sixth-largest sale on record, brought calendar year to date sales to a total of \$700.6 million.

Alberta Notes

The Second Session of the Twenty-seventh Alberta Legislature re-convened October 26th. Business for the fall sitting included five bills carried over from the spring and ten new ones expected to be introduced.

The Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) intended to cut red tape for the commercial trucking industry. The MOU should reduce barriers as well as address safety regulations between the two provinces. It met with approval from both the Alberta Motor Transport Association and the Saskatchewan Trucking Association.

It was announced in October that Simon Farbrother, currently Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Waterloo, Ontario, has been hired as Edmonton's new City Manager. Farbrother will replace Edmonton's retiring City Manager, Al Maurer, who will be leaving his post in February, 2010. NCDC wishes to take this opportunity to wish Al Maurer well in his retirement.

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NCDC Organizational Notes

NCDC's October Conference/AGM had participation from as far away as the United Kingdom. A number of conference presentations have been posted to the NCDC website with more yet to be posted. For these presentations, link to: <http://tinyurl.com/ydj36hp>



Photo: G. Aldridge

Prince George Mayor, Dan Rogers, accepts a token of appreciation from NCDC Chair, Carolyn Kolebaba

NCDC plans to host, "Capitalize on 2010" Infrastructure Workshops in the coming months. The workshops are proposed to focus on best practices in infrastructure project prioritization and management. NCDC is seeking sponsors and presenters for the workshops. Preliminary plans are to stage workshops in four Northwest

Corridor locations. For information on participating through sponsorship, presenting and/or participating, contact Gerard Aldridge.

Your 2009/2010 NCDC directors chosen at the October 7th AGM are: Maynard Angus, Veronica Bliska, Laurie Brown, Jeff Burghardt, Brian Downie, Ray Fennig, Berry Heinen, Fred Jarvis, Charles Johnson, Carolyn Kolebaba, Bruce Lantz, Tim McEwan, Lynn Stevenson, Kelli Svendsen, Ron Vanderlee, and, Gordon Van Tighem. Planning is underway for the first meeting of the new NCDC board of directors, scheduled for December 1, 2009 in Victoria, BC.

Thanks to these organizations for their 2009/2010 membership renewals received in October:

County of Grande Prairie
Northwest Community College
CN
City of Prince Rupert
BC Maritime Employers Association
Municipal District of Northern Lights
Town of Hinton
Peace River Regional District
City of Prince George
City of Dawson Creek
Eidsvik and Associates
Town of Rainbow Lake

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