

Corporate Update 2005

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development:

- Ongoing assistance to the Métis Settlements Transition Assessment and Planning (TAP) process, including financial sustainability analysis, and with issues including housing and governance.

Alberta Health and Wellness:

- Evaluation of Health Link Alberta.
- Review of the provincial-territorial Health Lines Collaboration reviewing the implementation of health information and advice telephone services in Western and Northern Canada.

Alberta Human Resources and Employment:

- Support in the development of a new provincial labour force supply strategy, an action plan for AHRE to support the development of Alberta's labour force, and preparation of associated background documents.
- Assistance with three forums: Deputy Minister's Policy Forum (April 2005); a Minister's Forum on Developing a World Class Labour Force (October 2005); and Work Safe Alberta Forum (October 2005).
- Support for the Employment Insurance policy review.
- Review of Work Safe Alberta.
- Assistance with the development of the business plan for Work Safe Alberta.

Alberta Advanced Education:

- Survey of apprentices, journeypersons, and employers regarding ratios of apprentices and journeypersons in the Ironworker, Boilermaker, and Steamfitter-Pipefitter trades.
- Review of strategic information requirements to support planning in Alberta's post-secondary system.
- Facilitation of an industry forum for the Floorcovering Installer Trade.

Alberta Children's Services:

- Development of an evaluation plan for Alberta's Bullying Prevention Strategy.

Alberta Economic Development:

- Periodic updates of the Oil Sands Information Publication.
- Preparation of an approach to strategic planning for environmental products and services.
- Surveys of tourism providers to measure awareness and satisfaction with services provided by Travel Alberta.

Alberta Municipal Affairs:

- Review of the Municipal Internship Program.
- Research and support relating to service and infrastructure provision in Fort McMurray and area.
- Comparison of tax rates and utility rates among Alberta municipalities.

Seniors and Community Supports:

- Survey of service providers and private guardians who use the services of the Office of the Public Guardian.
- Synthesis and analysis of submissions to the MLA review of the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program.
- Development of a framework to evaluate recent changes in Alberta's Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program.

City of Edmonton:

- Research and writing support for the City of Edmonton Property and Business Tax Structure Review Committee.
- Review of the City of Edmonton's Capital Budget Process.
- Advisory services to the City's Office of Infrastructure.

Other Municipalities:

- Research and analysis of the revenue-sharing arrangements between two municipal jurisdictions.
- Review of the CAO position in a small Alberta municipality.
- Examination of impacts and issues associated with the proposed off-site levy on developments near Fawcett Lake.
- Development of long-range financial models for the County of Grande Prairie.
- Analysis of community indicators for the Wood Buffalo Region.
- Development of an Economic Development Strategy for Red Deer County.

Resource and Utility Companies:

- Socio-economic impact analyses of Shell Scotford Upgrader Expansion Project, BA Energy Heartland Upgrader, Suncor Voyageur Project, Shell Muskeg River Mine Expansion, Imperial Oil Kearl Oil Sands Project, CNRL's Primrose East Project, and PetroCanada's Fort Hills Upgrader.
- Satisfaction surveys of residential and business customers of a regional utility.
- Traffic impact study of proposed industrial developments northeast of Fort Saskatchewan.
- Assessment of the economic impact of two petrochemical industrial facilities in the greater Edmonton area on the region and their host communities.

Regional Issues Working Group (RIWG):

- Ongoing support to the Regional Issues Working Group (RIWG), a collaboration of oil sands companies - including analyses of royalty and tax payments, housing issues, and general regional infrastructure needs.
- Demographic analysis in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.
- Survey of camp workers in the Fort McMurray area.

Other Agencies and Organizations:

- Profile and assessment of the post-secondary system in Calgary and the surrounding region, for Calgary Economic Development.
- Preparation of regional economic indicators for the Grande Alberta Economic Region.
- Assessment of an infrastructure project funding application for a First Nations community, on behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

- Analysis of the economic impact of the Edmonton Grand Prix on local businesses and services.
- Survey of residents in an Edmonton neighbourhood, as part of the planning process for a major commercial venture.
- Membership survey of Northeast Alberta Aboriginal Business Association.