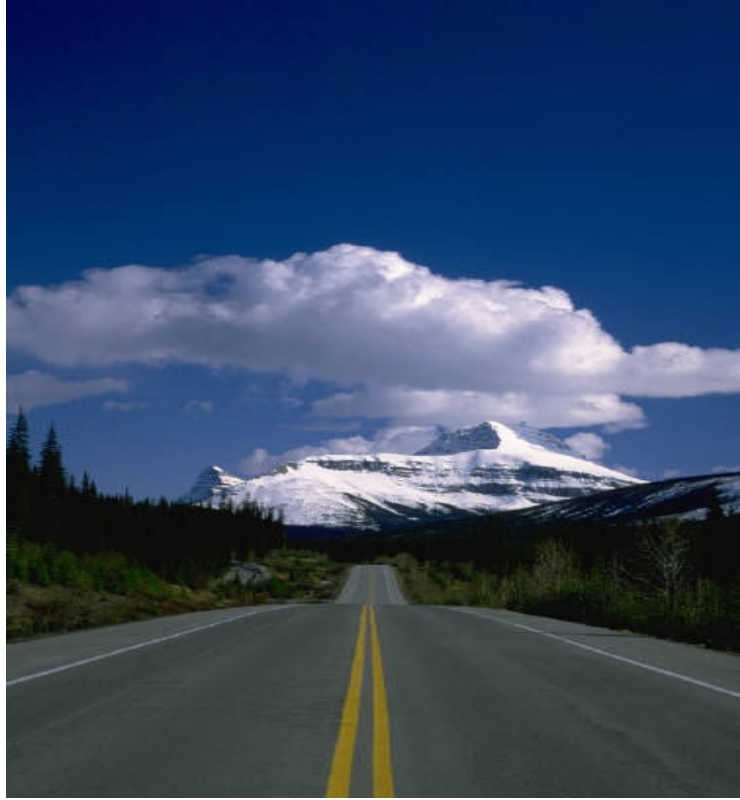


# Northern Economic Forum 2006

## "Capitalizing on Opportunities"



**September 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**Prince George, BC**



Western Economic  
Diversification Canada

Diversification de l'économie  
de l'Ouest Canada



**Community Futures**  
Development Corporation of the North Cariboo



Indian and Northern  
Affairs Canada

Affaires indiennes  
et du Nord Canada

Dear Economic Development Practitioner,

As recommended by the 2005 Northern Economic Development delegates we cordially invite you to the 2nd Northern Economic Forum. The Forum will be held from September 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Prince George.

*“Most practitioners believe that many of our issues and opportunities are regional in nature and success is more eminent when we work together and strategically.”*

**Theme:**

As with last year’s event, the Forum will profile current northern initiatives for those actively practicing economic development in Northern BC. The Forum focuses on creating synergies and commitments to work cooperatively to develop an implementation strategy for the North.

This year’s theme is “Capitalizing on Opportunities” and will investigate the changing economy in the north and profile four areas of major development.

During the Forum, we will have four breakout sessions on the major development areas with group interaction following the presentations. Conference participants will be required to identify their top priorities for the breakout sessions and will have the ability to attend two of the four sessions.

We anticipate that presenters will have current and relevant information on the status of their projects that would be of significant value to economic development practitioners.

**Benefits:**

An increased regional knowledge, understanding & intelligence of Northern BC Economic Development initiatives and projects that are currently in the development stage and will have a major impact on the north.

Improve the working relationships between CED professionals across Northern BC.

Practitioners will develop next steps to enhance the Northern economy and when possible, commit to their respective roles.

**Please join us in the goal of ‘Capitalizing on Opportunities’ for Northern BC with a collaborative approach.**

***We encourage you to say yes and attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Northern Economic Forum!***

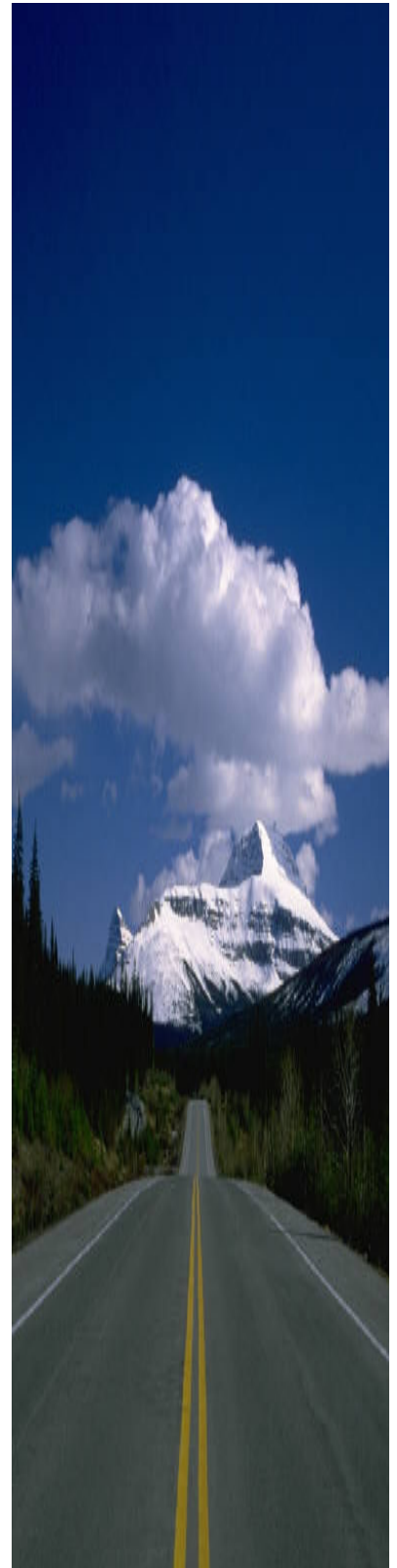
**For additional information, please contact Roger Leclerc at (250) 635-5449 or Don Zurowski at (250) 562-9622**

September 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Prince George, B.C.  
Civic Centre

# Agenda

## Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006

- 6:15 pm Registration & Networking Opportunity –  
No Host Bar
- 6:40 pm Welcoming Comments – Mayor - City of Prince George  
  
Welcoming to the Territory & Opening Prayer  
Lheidli T'enneh First Nations –  
Chief Dominic Frederick and Elder
- 7:00 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm MC, Andy Beesley  
*Greetings & Comments:*  
**Minister of Western Diversification  
Carole Skelton (TBC)**  
  
**MLA – Shirley Bond – Deputy Premier (TBC)**
- 8:35 pm *Capitalizing on Opportunities*  
**Don Zurowski – General Manager  
Community Futures Development Corporation of  
Fraser Fort George**
- 9:00 pm Setting the Stage -MC – Andy Beesley



## Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006

- 7:30 am Registration - Breakfast (Buffet)
- 8:30 am Opening Remarks - Facilitator – Andy Beesley
- 9:00 am - Breakout Sessions:  
12:15 (**Participants to choose one workshop**)
- 10:45 Refreshment Break

<p>A) <b><u>Room 204 – Upper Level:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Ports &amp; Transportation Opportunities</u></b></p> <p>a) Prince Rupert Speaker – Don Krusel or Shaun Stevenson</p> <p>b) Kitimat Speaker – Roger Harris</p> <p>c) CN Railway Speaker – (TBC)</p> <p>d) Prince George Airport Speaker – (TBC)</p> <p>e) Inland Opportunities Speaker – Kathie Scouten</p>	<p>B) <b><u>Room 205 – Upper Level:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Mining Opportunities</u></b></p> <p>a) Partnerships Speaker - Nova Gold (TBC)</p> <p>b) Aboriginal Consultation Speaker - (TBC)</p> <p>c) Regional Business Opportunities Speaker – Kemess – (TBC)</p> <p>d) Electricity Speaker – (TBC)</p>
<p>C) <b><u>Room 206 – Upper Level:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Oil &amp; Gas Opportunities</u></b></p> <p>a) Pipelines – Regional Purchasing Opps Speaker – Enbridge (TBC)</p> <p>b) Supply Services Ministry of Energy, Mines And Petroleum Resources</p> <p>c) Strategic Immigration -Skill Shortages Speaker – Charles Scott</p>	<p>D) <b><u>Room 207 – Upper Level:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Tourism Opportunities</u></b></p> <p>a) Alaska Highway Speaker – (TBC)</p> <p>b) Cultural Tourism Speaker – (TBC)</p> <p>c) Resort Development Speaker – (TBC)</p>

- 12:15 pm Lunch (Buffet) – **Alcan Sponsored Lunch**

- 1:00 pm - Breakout Sessions:  
 4:15 **(Participants to choose one workshop)**
- 2:45 Refreshment Break

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- 4:15 pm Closing Remarks – Facilitator - Andy Beesley
- Evening Networking and Community Exploration

## Friday September 15th

### Regional Partnerships to Capitalize on Opportunities

- 7:30 am Breakfast (Buffet) - *INAC sponsored Breakfast*
- 8:30 am Panel Opportunities – Facilitator - Andy Beesley
- 8:30 am - Panel A  
9:15 am a) Omineca Beetle Action Coalition – (TBC)  
b) Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition – (TBC)  
c) Northern Development Initiative Trust – (TBC)
- 9:15 am - Panel B  
10:00 am d) Regional Alliance Groups  
- 16/97 Regional Alliance – Roy Spooner (TBC)  
- Northwest Regional Alliance – Roger Leclerc  
- Branding the Peace – (TBC)
- 10:00 am Refreshment Break
- 10:15 am - Regional Discussion Groups  
11:30 Room 204 – 16/97 Regional Alliance  
Room 205 – Northwest Regional Alliance  
Room 206 – Branding the Peace
- 11:30 am - “What is your role in advancing Northern BC?”  
12:00 Summarization of Forum and closing remarks  
Facilitator – Andy Beesley



## Registration

Included is a registration form that should be mailed to:

Community Futures Development Corporation  
1566-7<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Prince George, BC V2L 3P4 **Attention: Shirly Prokopchuk**

Phone: (250) 562-9622 Fax: (250) 562-9119  
Email: [shirlyp@cfdc.bc.ca](mailto:shirlyp@cfdc.bc.ca)



**Register  
Early!!**

***Early Registration is \$150.00 per delegate  
by August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006***  
***After Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - \$180.00 per delegate***  
*(Forum fee includes dinner (Sept 13th) breakfasts and lunch)*

## Accommodation

Northern Economic Forum has set aside rooms at the following Hotels:

### Coast Inn of the North

Comfort Rooms \$ 89  
Superior Rooms \$ 104  
Corner Suites \$ 124

### Days Inn

Standard Room \$89  
(Single or double)

Toll Free 1-800-663-1144  
(Quote – Northern Economic Forum-  
C2488)

Phone: (250) 562-7072  
(Quote – Northern Economic Forum  
P39699)

**\*\*\*Please note these rooms must be booked prior to August 25th, 2006**

**If you are interested in a round of golf on Wednesday Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Prince George Club and Curling Club, you can contact them at (250) 563-0357. Rates are as follows: 18 holes - \$44.00 or 9 holes - \$30.00**

**Registration Form**  
**Northern Economic Forum**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**Civic Center – Room 101**  
**Prince George, British Columbia**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Forum Fee Total      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed   

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Please make cheque payable to:

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In order to accommodate delegates for Sessions A & B on Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, please check off the sessions that you would like to attend.

We will do our best to accommodate everyone for their highest priority. However, if there are an exceeding number of delegates for one particular topic, please be advised that you may be switched to your next priority selection.

*\*\*See Agenda for breakdown of sessions.*

Thurs. Sept 14		Room 204	Room 205	Room 206	Room 207
		<b>Ports &amp; Transportation Opportunities</b>	<b>Mining Opportunities</b>	<b>Oil &amp; Gas Opportunities</b>	<b>Tourism Opportunities</b>
9:00 – 12:15	Session A				
1:00 – 4:15	Session B				

*Please identify your priorities using the following rating system:*

*Highest Priority    1    2    3    4    Lowest Priority*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_