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NADC NEWSLETTER

An e-newsletter from Northern Alberta Development Council sharing key updates on NADC advocacy, initiatives, and engagements.

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Message from the Chair

This fall, Council has actively engaged in discussions around several northern issues including: broadband connectivity, midwifery and health services, growing and processing northern flax and the potential for geothermal energy development in the north. A number of important reports were published this fall, including our 2017-18 Annual Report that outlines the important work, and partnerships that have supported northern development this past year.

Our Council brought their northern experiences and perspectives to the Legislature in October, meeting with the ministers of Economic Development and Trade, Service Alberta, and Municipal Affairs to discuss the importance of broadband to the north. Council shared local perspectives on the challenges and barriers that northern municipalities face as they work to get connected and the need to ensure unserved and underserved communities are supported as part of the Provincial Broadband Strategy.

Council also met with Alberta Health Services to further discuss midwifery and maternal services in northern Alberta, and provide the northern perspective to further policy and program development in this area.

We were pleased to end this year with the much anticipated Northern Leaders' Summit. Over 130 delegates joined us in Slave Lake to discuss the north's future and what we will need to maximize our potential. We were joined by our Premier, the Honourable Rachel Notley, and seven members of Cabinet who participated in the discussions. We look forward to sharing a summary of the proceedings with you in the new year.

Council wishes you a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season with our best for 2019. In the new year, we will continue to visit and connect with northern communities and collaborate to build a stronger Alberta through a stronger north.

Debbie Jabbour, Chair
MLA for Peace River

Fall Meetings

Council in Edmonton meeting with ministers at the Legislature and with Alberta Health Services on midwifery in northern Alberta



Northern Leaders' Summit

Northern Leaders' Summit - December 13, 2018



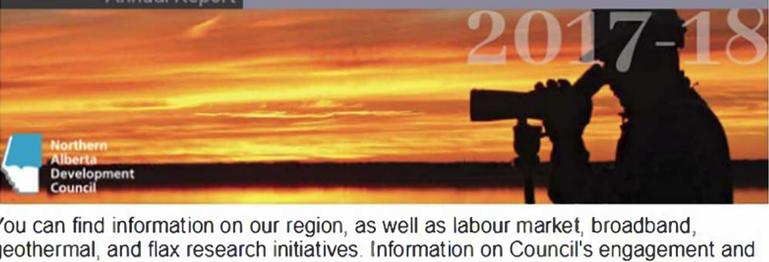
Flax Report

NADC partnered with InnoTech to continue research on growing flax in northern Alberta. The final report *Biochemical Profiling of Selected Lines/Varieties of Northern Adapted Flax and Full Utilization of Alberta's Flax Fiber* is now available on the NADC [website](#).



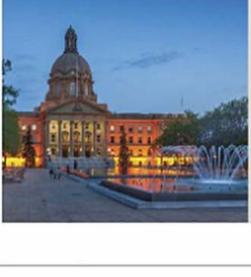
Annual Report

The 2017/18 Annual Report is now available online!



You can find information on our region, as well as labour market, broadband, geothermal, and flax research initiatives. Information on Council's engagement and advocacy efforts this past year, a summary of our collaborative program's successes, and key achievements through our many business partnerships on health, education, water and municipal issues are included in the report.

Read the full report [here](#) to find out how NADC has contributed to building and developing a stronger Alberta through a stronger north in the past year!



Bursary Updates

See our [website](#) for more information on our bursaries!

First Nations, Métis & Inuit Bursary

Upcoming Deadlines!



- 26 Students Selected
- 131 Applications Received

NADC & Specialty Bursary applications will open in January 2019. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2019.

FNMI Bursary applications will open in February 2019. Deadline to apply is June 1, 2019.

Upcoming 2019

Check out these upcoming reports and meetings in the new year!



Watch for the upcoming proceedings report from the Northern Leaders' Summit in early 2019.



Watch for the release of the Geothermal Energy in Northern Alberta report in early 2019.



Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) will be meeting in St. Isidore on January 18, 2019.



Water North Coalition will be holding a meeting in Lac La Biche on January 24, 2019.



NADC will be at Growing the North in Grande Prairie on February 20-21, 2019.

About the NADC

The Northern Alberta Development Council is a provincial government agency that investigates northern Alberta's social and economic development priorities, programs, and services. Council provides advice and recommendations to the Government of Alberta.

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