



BRAED KNOTICE

Newsletter for the Battle River Alliance for Economic Development

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BRAED MEMBERS

Beaver County
Camrose County
City of Camrose
County of Paintearth
Flagstaff County
M.D. of Provost
M.D. of Wainwright
Town of Bashaw
Town of Castor
Town of Coronation
Town of Daysland
Town of Hardisty
Town of Killam
Town of Millet
Town of Provost
Town of Sedgewick
Town of Tofield
Town of Viking
Town of Wainwright
Village of Alix
Village of Alliance
Village of Bawlf
Village of Chauvin
Village of Edberg
Village of Edgerton
Village of Forestburg
Village of Galahad
Village of Halkirk
Village of Heisler
Village of Holden
Village of Irma
Village of Lougheed
Village of Rosalind
Village of Ryley
Village of Strome

HARDISTY HOSTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The BRAED Board of Directors' meeting was held at the Hardisty Community Centre on September 19, 2007.

Chair, Michelle Hauser, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The round table was held with everyone sharing what was happening in their communities.

Charlotte Curtis announced that the training component of BRAED will begin in January. A list of topics and dates and venues will be sent out.

The position paper, "Strategic Responses to the Skills and Trades Training Gaps in the BRAED Region", is available from the office. This project was created to address opportunities and issues around skill and trades training in the BRAED region. Chevreux Career Consulting was contracted for this project.

Guest Speaker, Kathy Bosse, a New Venture Specialist with Alberta Agriculture, gave a presentation on current trends, agricultural trends and what affects them, as well as her role in working with businesses.

A tour of the Enbridge Facility, organized by Tony Kulbisky, CAO, Hardisty, was taken after the meeting adjourned. Many thanks to Tony for arranging that visit.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

As a result of the upcoming municipal elections, BRAED's Executive Committee will be chosen at the November meeting of the Board of Directors. Prior to that a "Meet and Greet" will be held for new councils.

The BRAED DEFENCE INDUSTRY TEAM

met for its first time in October. The team is made up of Ivan DesJardine, Ryley; Peggy McFadyen, Provost; Tony Kulbisky, Hardisty; Carley Herbert, Wainwright; and Al Walkey. The Team's first order of business is to create a Terms of Reference and establish an Activity Plan. The purpose of their work is to help businesses get access to the military expansion throughout Alberta's bases. Chair, Ivan DesJardine, is looking for any ideas from BRAED and its businesses on how to help businesses succeed in getting government contracts. Contact Ivan at ivanmarj@digitalweb.net

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Gary Fjellgaard

Saturday, November 24, 2007

Bashaw Ag Grounds

Tickets \$40 each

Contact Gwen Saubak: (780) 372-4400

A Day at the Gallery

November 10th, 2007

Alliance Community Hall

“Showcasing the Artistic Talents of the Village,
County and Region”

Toonie Admission



Visit the new Flagstaff
County website at:
<http://www.flagstaff.ab.ca>

GUEST ADVISOR PROGRAM

Over the past 10 years the Business Link in Edmonton has offered the Guest Advisor Program. This program provides opportunities for entrepreneurs to speak with management consultants, lawyers, accountants, financial representatives and e-business experts, all who volunteer their time to discuss business concerns. Each day of the week a different professional is available.

Mondays: Business Management and
Operations Guest Advisor

Tuesdays: Legal Guest Advisor

Wednesday: Accounting Guest Advisor

Thursdays: Financial Guest Advisor

Fridays: E-Business Guest Advisor

This is a confidential, one-on-one consultation available over the phone or in person. It is an opportunity to discuss business situations with a professional in a neutral location. It is free of charge.

For more information contact:

The Business Link:

100, 10237 - 104 Street N.W.

Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1B1

Phone: 1-800-272-9675 (toll free)

Website: www.cbosc.org/alberta

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If you cross the Canada/US border often, using NEXUS may be a solution for you.

NEXUS is designed to expedite the border clearance process for low risk, pre-approved travelers into Canada the United States.

In the air mode NEXUS uses iris recognition technology to identify the traveler. NEXUS members can also use their cards to enter the United States by land and sea.

To become a member in the program you must submit an application and go through a registration process, satisfy the eligibility criteria, be admissible in Canada and the United States.

Membership will allow you to cross the border more quickly using NEXUS self-service kiosks at participating airports. You can also use your card as an alternative to a passport when entering the United States by air.

Applicants can apply for a membership electronically or pick one up at Canada Post outlets across the country.

The announcement of the opening of NEXUS kiosks at the Calgary International Airport was in August. Airports in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Halifax already operate kiosks for over 130,000 NEXUS members, and the program is expected to begin operating soon in Edmonton and Winnipeg.

For more information visit the NEXUS web site at www.nexus.gc.ca or call 1-866-NEXUS-26.



KNM is a home grown Malaysian company with a global brand. It is renowned as Malaysia's leading, world class process equipment manufacturer of the oil, gas, petrochemicals and minerals processing industries with an established and extensive track record of over 100 reputable customers worldwide.

The company's scope of activities include designing, manufacturing, fabricating, assembling, commissioning and maintenance of process equipment, mounded bullets, pressure vessels, heat exchangers, skid mounted assemblies, process piping systems, storage tanks, specialized structural assemblies and module assemblies for the oil, gas, petrochemicals and minerals processing industries.

KNM envisions to expand its global export market and be amongst the top ten manufacturers in the world in its field by year 2008. KNM targets to manufacture products and provide services to the customers' satisfaction, with reasonable return to the shareholders; a win-win relationship with business associates and at the same time play its roles in improving socio-economic conditions of the employees and to contribute towards national growth and development.

KNM is in the process of building a plant in Tofield. Over 100 job opportunities will be available. Visit their website at http://www.knm-group.com/career_frame.html for a listing.

BRAED FACT: Six school divisions make up the BRAED region:

East Central Alberta Catholic School Division No. 16 (Schools in Provost, Castor, Halkirk, and Wainwright)

Clearview School Division(Communities served are Castor, Coronation)

Buffalo Trail Regional Division No. 28 (Irma, Wainwright, Edgerton, Chauvin, Provost)

Battle River School Division #31(Services the City of Camrose, Camrose County, Flagstaff County, and Beaver County)

Elk Island Catholic Schools (Catholic Schools in City of Camrose)

The Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord (Wainwright)



'HELPING EACH OTHER SUCCEED'

BRAED will be hosting a "Meet & Greet" session on November 7th, 2007, at the Killam Community Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

All Councillors and Administrative staff are invited to this information event to view what has been accomplished so far, to see plans for upcoming months and to gain perspective as to how our Region fits in to the context of larger Provincial initiatives. It will be an opportunity to ask questions and network with other Councillors and Staff from neighboring communities.

Our Municipal elections create the occasion to welcome new and former Elected Officials and Staff to another term of public service. We wish to take this opportunity to invite you to join us in reviewing the progress of our regional collaboration.



BRAED COMMUNITY TIES - TOWN OF BASHAW -

The Town of Bashaw, located in Camrose County, is nestled in the valley near the shores of Buffalo Lake at the crossroads of Highway 21 and 53. Centrally located in Prairie Parkland Country, Bashaw is less than an hour drive from Red Deer, Stettler, Ponoka, Lacombe and Camrose.

The Town of Bashaw was incorporated as a Village on August 18, 1911, and granted Town status on May 1, 1964.

Primarily a farming community, the area around Bashaw is known for productive croplands and a diverse livestock industry. The Bashaw Agricultural Society is home to numerous cattle shows that attracts people and participants from local, provincial and national levels. This is also becoming well known rodeo country. Bashaw and area is home to more than a few rodeo champions including bareback champions, saddle bronc champions, and a well known chuckwagon champion. Bashaw also has rodeo schools and rodeos!

Bashaw offers excellent shopping opportunities, a health care centre, local physician, senior housing facilities, seniors lodge, day care centre, RCMP detachment, K-12 School, youth centre, library, ball diamonds, and arena/curling rink. A scenic countryside with lakes, trees and rolling hills make Bashaw and area an ideal location for hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, boating or just a peaceful drive in the country.

The town of Bashaw hosts a campground located on the east end of Highway 53 within Town limits. There are 16 unserviced sites with a trailer dumping station available. Located on the west end of Town next to the arena is Heritage Park. This is a day use area with a gazebo and cook stove inside. There are two golf courses located within 5 minutes of Bashaw.

Recently restored, Bashaw's Majestic Theatre is believed to be the last remaining theatre of its kind in western Canada. Built in 1915, the Majestic serves as one indicator of Alberta's early settlement history. The theatrical productions and Bluegrass Festivals are quickly gaining notoriety.

A quiet, safe, attractive and friendly community, Bashaw is waiting to welcome you.

The next BRAED Board of Directors' meeting will be held on November 21, 2007, at the Norsemen Inn, Camrose, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

If you have questions or comments about the BRAED newsletter, or if you wish to share news from your municipality, contact the BRAED office:

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