

## Ministerial Meeting Report Nunavut Legislative Assembly

**Date:** September 27, 2005

**Title:** Northern Development Ministers Forum –  
September 14 to 16, 2005 – The Pas, Manitoba

**Department:** Economic Development & Transportation

### Participants:

- Hon. Peter Kilabuk (Nunavut)
- Hon. Andy Scott (Canada)
- Hon. Pearl Calahasen (Alberta)
- Roy Danyluk, MLA (Alberta);
- Honorable Geoffrey Kelley (Québec)
- Hon. Brendan Bell (NWT)
- Dennis MacKay, MLA (British Columbia)
- Honourable Buckley Belanger (Saskatchewan)
- Hon. Oscar Lathlin (Manitoba – Conference Host)
- Assistant Deputy Minister Jim McClure (Ontario)
- Hon. Jim Kenyon (Yukon)
- Hon. Tom Rideout (Newfoundland and Labrador)
- John Hickey, MLA (Newfoundland and Labrador)

Supporting Minister Kilabuk from the Government of Nunavut: Alex Campbell and Ed McKenna.

### Nunavut Position:

- Minister Kilabuk's presentation on "Northern Innovation" recommended that this project be concluded in 2006 with the preparation of a final report, but that the theme should be maintained within the Northern Development Ministers Forum communications projects.
- Minister Kilabuk responded to Minister Scott's presentation on the "Federal perspective" by calling for quick federal action on the implementation of the Strategic Investment in Northern Economic Development Program, pointing out that the Government of Nunavut's complementary Strategic Investment Program

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has received applications for funding exceeding the available program budget by a factor of four.

### **Meeting outcome/Current situation:**

- It was agreed to develop a three-year action plan for Northern Development. Senior officials to prepare work plan for review by deputies by January 1, 2006.
- It was agreed to implement the recommendations as approved by Ministers for each priority project: Northern Awareness Enhancement Campaign; Recruitment and Retention; Northern Innovation; Website development; Northern Transportation Investment Strategy; Maximizing the Economic and Social Impacts of Major Northern Projects; Education, Training and Employment; and, Infrastructure.
- It was agreed to continue efforts to link with other FPT forums.
- Newfoundland has requested that a MOU be developed between them and the GN to work together on common issues.

### **Next Steps:**

- The Northern Development Ministers Forum Working Group will meet in November to prepare the 2005-2006 work-plan and initiate planning for next year's conference in the Yukon.
- Participate in the development of a 3 year action plan for review by the Deputy Ministers by January 1, 2006.
- Newfoundland-Nunavut to work on the development of a MOU to cooperate on issues that affect both jurisdictions.

**Attachments:    Agenda**  
**Press Release**

June 29, 2005

# **Northern Development Ministers Forum**

## **Member Jurisdictions**

Canada  
Ontario  
Quebec  
Manitoba  
British Columbia  
Saskatchewan  
Alberta  
Newfoundland/Labrador  
Yukon  
Northwest Territories  
Nunavut

**“Education, Training and Employment”**

## **2005 Agenda**

**Northern Development Ministers Forum  
September 14, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Opaskwayak Cree Nation  
The Pas, Manitoba**

# Northern Development Ministers Forum

September 14, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005

## “Education, Training and Employment”

### Forum Agenda

#### Wednesday September 14/05

- 1:00 p.m.**                      **Pre Charter Reception** - for those travelling by Charter from Winnipeg at the Four Season West Hotel adjacent to Winnipeg International Airport - ???? Room  
(Harvey Bostrom will be your host)
- 2:30 p.m.**                      **Check in at Calm Air Ticket Counter** – Winnipeg International Airport
- 3:30 p.m.**                      **Depart Winnipeg International Airport**
- 5:00 p.m.**                      **Arrive** - The Pas Airport
- 5:45 p.m.**                      **Check In at Kikiwak Inn**
- 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**      **Welcoming Reception – Wescana Inn**  
(Ministers, Senior Officials, Local Dignitaries and Elders)
- Transportation will be provided from the KiKiwak Inn to Wescana Inn and return



# Northern Development Ministers Forum

September 14, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005

“Education, Training and Employment”

## Forum Agenda

### Thursday September 15/05

- 7:30 am                    **Registration and Breakfast** - Kikiwak Inn
- 8:30 am                    **Welcoming Remarks** – Bignell Room  
The Honourable Oscar Lathlin  
Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, Manitoba
- 8:45 am                    **General Information about the Forum:**  
Mr. Ronald L. Richer, Coordinator  
Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat
- 9:00 am                    **Opening Remarks and Updates** – Member Jurisdictions
- 10:30 am                   **Break**
- 10:45 am                   **Summary of 2004 Forum Proceedings:**  
Honourable Mme. Nathalie Normandeau  
Minister for Municipal Affairs and Regions  
Member of the National Assembly for Bonaventure
- 11:00 am                   **2005-07 Three Year Action Plan:**  
Honourable Oscar Lathlin  
Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, Manitoba
- 11:30 am                   **Northern Awareness Enhancement Campaign:**  
Honourable Pearl Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and  
Northern Development, Alberta
- 12:00 noon                **Lunch** - Kikiwak Inn

# Northern Development Ministers Forum

September 14, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005

## “Education, Training and Employment”

### Forum Agenda

Thursday September 15, 2005

- 1:00 pm.                   **Recruitment and Retention:**  
Honourable Paul Shelley, Minister Responsible for Labrador and  
Aboriginal Affairs – Newfoundland/Labrador
- 1:15 pm.                   **Presentation - TBA**
- 1:45 pm.                   **Northern Innovation:**  
Honourable David Simailak, Minister of Economic Development &  
Transportation – Nunavut
- 2:15 pm.                   **Adjourn**
- 2:30 pm.                   **Ministers, Deputy Minister and Invited Guest Fishing  
Expedition – Saskatchewan River**  
(Transportation provided from Kikiwak Lobby to Saskatchewan  
River and return)
- Senior Official Tour of Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Town of The  
Pas, and Rural Municipality of Kelsey  
(Transportation provided from Kikiwak Lobby and return)
- 5:30 pm.                   **All return to Kikiwak Inn**
- 6:30 pm.                   **Manitoba/Canada Host Dinner Banquet and Entertainment –**  
(Ministers, Deputies, Senior Officials and Local Dignitaries and  
Elders Wescana Inn)  
Transportation to and from provided at Kikiwak Lobby.

**Note: Representatives on the News Release committee will  
meet in Room 201 at the Wescana Inn to finalize the Press  
Release. Supper will be provided**

# Northern Development Ministers Forum

September 14, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005

## “Education, Training and Employment”

### Forum Agenda

Friday September 16, 2005

- 7:30 am.                    **Breakfast** – Kikiwak Inn - Bignell Room
- 8:30 am.                    **Opening Remarks:**  
Honourable Oscar Lathlin, Minister of Aboriginal and Northern  
Affairs, Manitoba
- 8:45 am                    **Newfoundland/Labrador Presentation – TBA**
- 9:15 am                    **Northern Transportation Strategy:**  
Honourable Pearl Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and  
Northern Development, Alberta
- 9:30 am                    **Maximizing Economic and Social Impacts from Major Projects  
in the North:**  
Honourable Brendan Bell, Minister of Resources and Economic  
Development – Northwest Territories  
Honourable Mme. Nathalie Normandeau, Minister of  
Municipal Affairs and Regions - Quebec
- 10:00 am                   **Education, Training and Employment:**  
Honourable Oscar Lathlin, Minister of Aboriginal and  
Northern Affairs, Manitoba
- 10:30 am                   **Break**
- 10:45 am                   **Artic Bridge Presentation - TBA**
- 11:00 am                   **Priority Project – 2006**  
Honourable Jim Kenyon,  
Minister of Economic Development - Yukon
- 11:20 am                   **Approval of News Release**
- 11:30 am                   **Round Table Summary and Concluding Remarks:**  
Honourable Oscar Lathlin, Minister of Aboriginal and Northern  
Affairs – Manitoba

12:00 noon

**Adjournment, Group Photo and Press Release**

12:30 pm.

**Fish Fry – Clearwater Provincial Park**

3:00 pm.

**Depart The Pas Airport for Winnipeg**

(Transportation provided from Clearwater Lake Provincial Park to  
The Pas Airport)

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Northern Development Ministers' Forum The Pas, Manitoba - September 14-16, 2005**

#### **Northern Development Ministers Meet to Discuss Issues Facing the North**

**Opaskwayak Cree Nation, The Pas, Manitoba (September 16, 2005)** – Ministers of Northern Development Forum met in The Pas, Manitoba this week for their annual two-day meeting. The forum discussed a variety of issues including this year's theme *Education, Training and Employment*.

The Northern Development Ministers Forum promotes the diverse interests of northerners and the accomplishments, contributions and potential within northern jurisdictions of Canada.

Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Minister Oscar Lathlin chaired the forum. "It was a great pleasure for me to host the annual forum at Opaskwayak Cree Nation, my home community, and to showcase the region and Northern Manitoba hospitality to representatives from all jurisdictions" Minister Lathlin stated.

Federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, Andy Scott spoke on federal priorities at this year's forum. "I was pleased to meet and speak with such a wide range of interesting and talented people. *Education, Training and Employment* is a key priority for northerners as it is for Indian and Northern Affairs. This meeting was very much in step with the reality of the North and I believe its importance will increase over the coming years, as the region becomes a stronger voice in the Canadian landscape."

Ongoing projects related to northern innovation, strategies to maximize the local benefits of major development projects, enhancing the public awareness of northern concerns, increasing investments in transportation infrastructure, and development of a forum website were also discussed.

Ministers also heard presentations on Manitoba's Arctic Bridge Project, International Polar Year, and traditional knowledge consultations in Labrador.

The 2006 forum will be held in the Yukon with the theme *Knowledge North* which will focus on improving access to information about the economic capacity and the physical and social resources of the North.

#### **Observations by Ministers in Attendance**



Quebec Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, Geoffrey Kelley, on behalf of the Minister of Municipal and Regional Affairs, madame Nathalie Normandeau, said, "Our discussions helped us identify the main issues related to Northern development and find innovative, concrete solutions that can influence government actions."

British Columbia MLA Dennis MacKAY, speaking on behalf of Economic Development Minister Colin Hansen said, "Continued development is vital to the economic sustainability of Canada's northern communities. British Columbia is pleased to join our fellow provinces and territories in working to find new opportunities for the North. By working together, we are able to establish and share ideas, experiences and best practices that will benefit all northern Canadians. The results of the discussions we've had this week will assist in developing a strategy to maximize the economic and social benefits for northern infrastructure projects."

Saskatchewan Northern Affairs Minister, Buckley Belanger said, "The Forum allows northern Ministers to share knowledge and best practices. We will continue to work together to maximize for northerners the benefits of economic projects and continue to emphasize the importance of transportation to further northern development."

Alberta Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Minister, Pearl Calahasen said, "I am encouraged by the foresight and positive steps we have taken in our discussions held here and the action plans to advance key initiatives in order to tackle issues facing Northerners. Forums like these go a long way in our goal to better the lives of northern people."

Newfoundland and Labrador's Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, Tom Rideout said, "I am very pleased with the results of the Recruitment and Retention priority project, which was led by our jurisdiction. Recruitment and retention issues in Canada's northern regions can be addressed with increased local training, which creates higher skills capacity, particularly for Aboriginal communities. It is good to see the progression of this issue with the Education, Training and Employment project."

Yukon Economic Development Minister, Jim Kenyon noted, "Yukon is looking forward to welcoming the members of the Forum to our Territory in 2006. We are planning a special priority project called "Knowledge North" which will build on the excellent work already completed to enhance awareness of the contributions of the North by utilizing an innovative way to present strategic economic information. We will build on the Forum's work on several projects including measuring economic impacts of major projects. I hope by collaborating in this way with all the jurisdictions we can continue to develop the potential of the North for the benefit of Northerners."

Northwest Territories Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, Brendan Bell noted, "One of the major challenges facing the North is public awareness of the contribution of northerners to Canada and its vast economic potential."

Nunavut Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Peter Kilabuk said, "It has been a great pleasure for me to be able to return to the Northern Development Ministers' Forum. I was privileged to be part of the first Northern Development Ministers' Conference in Newfoundland and Labrador in 2000. In the past five years we have seen great progress in advancing the Northern agenda, and in raising awareness in Canada of the needs of our



people, and of the contribution we make to the country as a whole.”

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**Ministerial Meeting Report**  
**Nunavut Legislative Assembly**

**Date:** September 27, 2005

**Title:** Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation  
– meeting September 22, 2005 – Calgary, Alberta

**Department:** Economic Development & Transportation

**Participants:**

- Hon. Jean-C. Lapierre (Transport Canada)
- Hon. John Godfrey (Infrastructure Canada)
- Hon. Anne McLellan (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness)
- Hon. Lyle Oberg (Infrastructure and Transportation – Alberta)
- Hon. Harvey Cenaiko (Solicitor-General – Alberta)
- Hon. Harinder Takhar (Transportation – Ontario)
- Hon. Michel Després (Transports – Quebec)
- Brian Gallivan (Transportation and Public Works – Nova Scotia)
- Hon. Paul Robichaud (Transportation – New Brunswick)
- Hon. Wayne Steeves (Public Safety – New Brunswick)
- Hon. Ron Lemieux (Transportation and Government Services – Manitoba)
- Hon. Kevin Falcon (Transportation – British Columbia)
- Hon. Gail Shea (Transportation and Public Works – PEI)
- Hon. Maynard Sonntag (Highways and Transportation – Saskatchewan)
- Hon. Tom Rideout (Transportation and Works – Newfoundland)
- Hon. Dianne Whalen (Government Services – Newfoundland)
- John Stecyk (Highways and Public Works – Yukon)
- Hon. Michael McLeod (Transportation – NWT)
- Alex Campbell (Economic Development & Transportation – Nunavut)

**Nunavut Position:**

National Highway System – Nunavut supported the updating of the National Highway Strategy and the reclassification of Highways that qualify under the National Highway Strategy as: (a) Core Route, (b) Feeder Route or (c) Northern and Remote Route as outlined in the National Highway System Review Task Force Report – dated September 22, 2005. Nunavut did ask for clarification on how the proposed National Highway Strategy will apply to future developments in the Manitoba-Nunavut highway and if the criteria would allow the Manitoba-Nunavut Highway to qualify.

National Transportation Strategy – Nunavut supported the work-plan presented at the Council of Ministers for the development of a National Transportation Strategy prior to the next Council of the Federation meetings in November.

Canadian Driver Licence Agreement (CDLA) – Nunavut supports the CDLA.

### **Meeting outcome/Current situation:**

The National Highway System was approved as outlined in the Task Force Report.

BC, NWT and NS are taking the lead in the development of the National Transportation Strategy based upon the Western Transportation Minister's Strategic Plan.

The CDLA has the general support of the provinces, territories and the federal government. A MOU was signed by most provinces and territories present.

### **Next Steps:**

ED&T will consult with the NWT and the Yukon on the development a northern (territorial) input feeding into the National Transportation Strategy.

ED&T will identify its infrastructure needs that may be considered for inclusion under the National Transportation Strategy.

ED&T will continue its work in developing and updating the *Motor Vehicles Act* and the licence database to comply with the provisions of the CDLA.

**Attachments:**   **Agenda**  
                          **Press Release**




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## Board of Directors

September 20, 2005 - 08:30  
 Imperial Ballroom 5, 7 & 9  
 Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary, AB

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### AGENDA

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|---------------|--|--------------------|
| 08:30 - 8:45  | 1. Opening Remarks and Introductions   | President          |
| 08:45 - 09:00 | 2. <u>Approval of Minutes - April 18, 2005</u>                                       | President          |
| 09:00 - 09:30 | 3. Business Arising from Minutes   | Executive Director |
|               | a) <u>Infrastructure Canada</u>  |                    |
|               | b) <u>Canadian Transportation Awards Program</u>                                     |                    |
|               | c) <u>Austrroads Technical Exchange</u>  |                    |
| 09:30 - 09:35 | 4. Report on Board Ballots   | President          |
|               | a) <u>Environmental Achievement Award and Sustainable Urban Transportation Award</u> |                    |
|               | b) <u>Awards for Service</u>   |                    |
| 09:35 - 10:45 | 5. Reports from Councils and Committees  |                    |
|               | a) <u>Executive Committee</u>  | President          |
|               | b) <u>Chief Engineers' Council</u>   | Chair, CEC         |
|               | c) <u>Urban Transportation Council</u>   | Chair, UTC         |
|               | d) <u>Education Council</u>  | Chair, EdC         |
|               | e) <u>Environment Council</u>  | Chair, EC          |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | <b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>   |                    |
| 10:45 - 11:30 | 6. Reports to the Board  |                    |
|               | a) Highlights of Audited Financial Statements  | Treasurer          |
|               | Part 1   | Executive Director |
|               | Part 2   | Executive Director |
|               | b) <u>Membership Report</u>  | Executive Director |
|               | c) <u>TAC Foundation</u>   | Executive Director |
|               | d) <u>2006 Conference Theme</u>  | Executive Director |
|               | e) <u>Smaller Communities Forum</u>  |                    |
|               | f) <u>Bill C-21 follow-up</u>  |                    |
| 11:30 - 11:50 | Adjournment  |                    |

Please note that the Board Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20,

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### **Council of Ministers responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety Calgary, Alberta - September 22, 2005**

#### **NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM EXPANSION ANNOUNCED**

CALGARY, September 22, 2005 – The Council of Ministers responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety agreed today at their meeting in Calgary to expand the National Highway System (NHS), following a report and recommendations by the National Highway System Review Task Force.

The Task Force was led by Transport Canada and the New Brunswick Department of Transportation, with participation by all federal, provincial and territorial transportation departments.

Approximately 4500 kilometers of feeder routes and 5900 kilometers of northern and remote routes are being added to the NHS, as well as approximately 500 kilometers of key intermodal connector routes.

“I would like to thank the members of the task force for their hard work,” said Transport Minister Jean-C. Lapierre, co-chair of the Council. “These roads are being added because they are of strategic importance to Canada, its provinces and regions as they keep people and goods moving efficiently, effectively and safely.”

This expansion will result in an even better highway system for the benefit of all provinces and territories,” said Minister of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Dr. Lyle Oberg, co-chair of the Council. “The expanded highway system will help increase safety on our roads, which is a priority for the Council.”

Canada’s NHS was established in 1988 and consists of a 24500 kilometer network of key interprovincial and international highway linkages.

In September 2004, the Council of Ministers approved the addition of 2700 kilometers of new routes to the NHS, as a result of a study undertaken by Transport Canada, to reflect changes that have occurred in Canada’s population, economy and trading patterns since 1988.

The expanded NHS agreed upon today encompasses 38021 kilometers of key highway linkages in three categories:

- **Core Routes**

Key interprovincial and international corridor routes (the original 1988 NHS routes, the September 2004 additions, and links to key intermodal facilities and major border crossings which connect with "core" routes)

- **Feeder Routes**

Key linkages to the Core Routes from population and economic centres (including links to intermodal facilities and important border crossings)

- **Northern and Remote Routes**

Key linkages to Core and Feeder routes that provide the primary means of access to northern and remote areas, economic activities and resources.

The full report of the Task Force can be obtained on the internet at [www.comt.ca](http://www.comt.ca).

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**Ministerial Meeting Report**  
**Nunavut Legislative Assembly**

**Date:** September 18th

**Title:** Energy Ministers Conference

**Department:** Energy

**Participants:**

- Hon. Ed Picco, Minister of Energy;
- Rosemary Keenainak, ADM, Department of Economic Development & Transportation;
- Gordon MacKay, Director, Minerals and Petroleum Resources Division, Department of Economic Development & Transportation.

**Nunavut Position:**

Concerns about the impact of high fuel costs. Concerns about the federal management of Significant Discovery Licenses in Nunavut.

**Meeting outcome/Current situation:**

The energy meeting was dominated by supply concerns and rapid commodity price increases.

The federal government presented their energy framework for Canada initiative in the closed session.

**Next Steps:**

Ministers directed Deputy Ministers to continue the dialogue with industry on: Energy Technology, Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management, Smart Regulation, Energy Information.

**Attachments:**   **Agenda**  
                          **Record of Decision**  
                          **News Release**



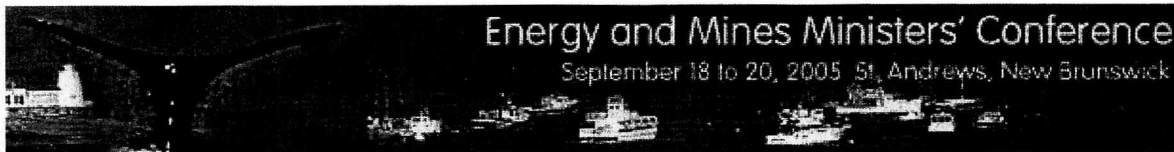
**Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference**  
September 18 to 20, 2005 St. Andrews, New Brunswick

**AGENDA**

**OPEN SESSION – DIALOGUE WITH INDUSTRY**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>PRESENTERS</b>
8:30 AM	Opening of the Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting Logistics – CICS</li> </ul>	CEM Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Johanne Kaszap, Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat</li> </ul>
8:40 AM	Opening Remarks	CEM Co-Chairs
8:45 AM	Presentation and General Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Next Steps in a Dialogue on Energy”</li> </ul>	Michael Cleland, Energy Dialogue Group
9:05 AM	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “The Demand Crunch”</li> </ul>	Roger Larson, Coalition of Industrial Energy Consumers
9:20 AM	Focussed Discussion – Industry Dialogue Working Tracks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worktrack: Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management - EE and DSM Working Group to Present a Report</li> <li>• Worktrack: Smart regulation</li> </ul>	Industry Dialogue Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret McCuaig Johnston, NRCan and Peter Ostergaard, BC, Co-Chairs - EE and DSM Working Group</li> <li>• Robert Hornung, Energy Dialogue Group</li> </ul>
<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
10:30 AM	Focussed Discussion – Industry Dialogue Working Tracks (cont'd.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worktrack: Technology - Technology Working Group to Present a Report</li> <li>• Worktrack: Data/Information</li> </ul>	Industry Dialogue Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graham Campbell, NRCan, Co-Chair - ETWG</li> <li>• Michael Cleland, Energy Dialogue Group</li> </ul>
11:00 AM	Discussion on Energy Awareness Issues	CEM Co-Chairs to introduce the topic for discussion
11:30 AM	Discussion on Refined Petroleum Products Markets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation</li> <li>• Open Discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dane Baily, Vice President, CPPI</li> <li>• All</li> </ul>
12:00 PM	Open Session Closing Remarks	CEM Co-Chairs

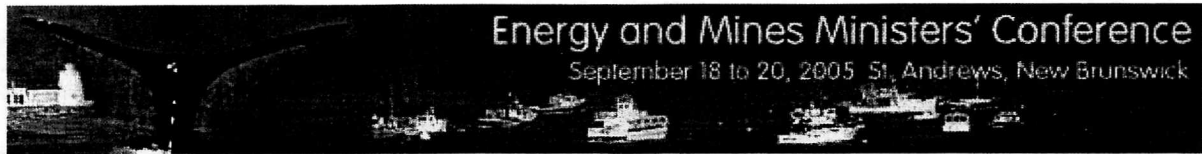
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CLOSED SESSION

<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Closed Ministerial Luncheon</i></b>	<b><i>Ministers Plus DM Co-Chairs</i></b>
1:15 PM	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on "Energy Outlook" (20 Minutes)</li> <li>• Presentation on Alberta's Oil Sands (15 Minutes)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian Hayhow, NRCan</li> <li>• Mike Ekelund, ADM, Oil Development Division - Alberta Department of Energy</li> </ul>
2:00PM	Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on the Federal Energy Framework Initiative</li> </ul> De-brief Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Session Presentations and Discussions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NRCan</li> <li>• All</li> </ul>
2:30 PM	Discussion on Transmission for Electricity and Natural Gas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transmission infrastructure adequacy / enhancements               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Electricity</li> <li>- Natural Gas</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Regulatory efficiency for oil and gas pipelines</li> </ul>	CEM Co-Chairs to introduce the topic for Ministerial discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manitoba</li> <li>- NRCan</li> <li>• Western Energy Alliance</li> </ul>
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b><i>BREAK</i></b>	<b><i>All</i></b>





CLOSED SESSION CONTINUES

3:15 PM	<p>Roundtable Discussion on Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jurisdictions share best practices</li> </ul>	<p>CEM Co-Chairs to introduce the topic for Ministerial discussion</p>
3:45 PM	<p>Working Groups Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working Group Report on Renewable Energy (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Working Group Report on Ethanol and Biofuels (5 minutes)</li> </ul>	<p>Working Group Co-Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PEI – Table report and provide summary</li> <li>• Quebec – Table report and provide summary</li> </ul>
4:00 PM	<p>ADM Electricity Working Group Progress Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrical Reliability Progress Report</li> <li>• Report on Regulatory Efficiency: Electricity and Related Transmission</li> <li>• Roundtable Discussion on Electrical Reliability and Follow up from Working Group Progress Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ontario and NRCan</li> <li>• Quebec</li> <li>• CEM Co-Chairs to open the floor for further discussions on reliability</li> </ul>
4:30 PM	<p>Provincial Participation in International Energy Discussions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister Efford, NRCan</li> </ul>
5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Record of Decision and Communiqué</li> <li>• Invitation to CEM 2006 – Yukon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministers</li> <li>• Minister Archie Lang, Yukon Energy, Mines, and Resources</li> </ul>

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1 **October 14, 2005**

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3 **September 20, 2005**

4 **Council of Energy Ministers**

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6 **Record of Decision**

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9 **1. AN ENERGY ISSUES AGENDA**

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11 Ministers discussed the emerging opportunities and the challenges facing the Canadian energy  
12 sector. They noted the importance of each jurisdiction having well-articulated energy policies,  
13 plans and strategies that will ensure a sustainable energy future. Ministers reiterated the  
14 importance of the work of the CEM, their Deputy Ministers' dialogue with industry and the  
15 various CEM Working Groups, to help governments deliver on their energy policy agendas.

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17 **CEM INDUSTRY DIALOGUE PROCESS:**

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19 Ministers discussed the Industry Dialogue process and continue to agree that government –  
20 industry collaboration is essential. Ministers directed Deputy Ministers to continue their  
21 dialogue with the energy industry associations and to advance the four key working tracks –  
22 energy technology, energy efficiency, smart regulation, and energy information.

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24 ***Energy Technology/Energy Efficiency and DSM***

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26 Ministers noted the work of the ADM Steering Committee on Energy Efficiency (ASCEE) and  
27 the Energy Technology Working Group (ETWG) since the 2004 CEM. This type of  
28 collaborative effort between governments and industry will help maximize Canada's energy  
29 efficiency potential and allow all jurisdictions and industry to identify priorities and lever  
30 resources to expedite energy efficiency and energy-related technology deployment within  
31 Canada. Ministers endorsed the recommendations of both the ASCEE and the ETWG and  
32 directed them to report their further progress to the Energy Ministers at CEM 2006. The  
33 recommendations include:

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35 **A. Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management:**

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- 37 • Encourage greater interdepartmental coordination on opportunities to improve energy use –  
38 in particular with ministries responsible for housing, buildings, industry and transportation;  
39 • Endorse the joint energy efficiency agenda and implementation framework as a means of  
40 realizing the achievable energy efficiency potential in Canada, including, but not limited to  
41 the four priority areas identified; and,  
42 • Endorse the creation of a working group in transportation, to discuss opportunities for  
43 cooperation and to coordinate joint projects.

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45 **B. Energy Technology:**

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- 47 • Initiate collaboration on priority projects and facilitate access to available funding  
mechanisms;  
49 • Continue and expand the engagement and dialogue with industry to zero in on priority  
50 energy technologies;  
51 • Further develop a dedicated partnership program to formalize Federal-Provincial-  
52 Territorial-industry collaboration in energy technology development; and,  
53 • Assist governments across Canada in harmonizing energy technology and innovation  
54 strategies.

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56 **C. Smart Regulation:**

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58 Ministers and industry representatives discussed the importance of maximizing the effectiveness  
59 and efficiency of the regulatory mechanisms governing the energy sector in Canada. Ministers  
60 acknowledged the efforts of industry to establish regulatory reform success criteria and recognize  
61 the need for governments to pursue individual and collective efforts toward establishing  
62 effective, efficient regulatory environments. As such, Ministers asked Deputy Ministers to work  
63 with the energy industry associations to determine the how governments can best work with  
64 industry and other stakeholders to take concrete actions to address regulatory issues and report  
65 back to CEM.



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67 **Energy Information/Energy Awareness:**

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69 Energy issues are increasing in their importance to Canadians. CEM Ministers recognized the  
70 need to provide timely and accurate energy data and information to all Canadians, thereby  
71 increasing awareness and allowing Canadians to make informed decisions with respect to energy  
72 supply options and conservation practices. Ministers directed Deputy Ministers to work with the  
73 energy associations to address data and information deficiencies, and dissemination priorities.  
74 Deputy Ministers are to report back on progress at CEM 2006.

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76 **Energy Strategies**

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78 CEM Ministers emphasized that they have a leading role to ensure a sustainable energy future  
79 for Canada. It is critical that the energy future of Canada includes balancing our evolving energy  
80 supply and demand needs. Simultaneously, the future of energy in Canada must lend itself to the  
81 overall economic prosperity and environmental sustainability, and respect the social needs of  
82 Canadians.

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84 Ministers discussed the energy strategies and plans they have in place, as well as the work the  
85 federal government is undertaking to develop a federal Energy Policy Framework. Each  
86 provincial and territorial jurisdiction in Canada will continue to develop and maintain their own  
87 respective energy plans and policies and seek opportunities for collaboration, when applicable.  
88 Provincial and Territorial Ministers also stated their support of the Council of the Federation in  
89 building a Pan-Canadian Energy Strategy.

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91 **2. CEM WORKING GROUPS**

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93 Ministers discussed the work that the CEM Federal-Provincial-Territorial Working Groups have  
94 carried out over the past year. Ministers endorsed the recommendations put forth in the Working  
95 Group reports to Ministers. As noted earlier, Ministers reiterated the importance and timeliness  
96 of the CEM Working Groups' efforts to address key issues and challenges facing the energy  
97 sector in Canada.

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99 **Renewable Energy Working Group:**

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101 Ministers acknowledged the completion of the Working Group's in-depth analysis of renewable  
102 energy in Canada. The Report along with the knowledge acquired through stakeholder  
103 consultations will help inform the members of the working group and facilitate their efforts to  
104 prepare a renewable energy framework for Canada to further promote renewable energy use.  
105 Ministers stressed the importance of the Renewable Energy Working Group's 2005/06-work  
106 plan. The Plan provides a framework to enable all jurisdictions individually and/or collectively  
107 to maximize renewable energy potential in Canada thereby strengthening energy diversity in  
108 Canada while helping achieve our environmental objectives.

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110 Ministers therefore directed the Renewable Energy Working Group to:

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- 112 • Develop a discussion paper, over the 2005 / 2006 period, on a Renewable Energy Framework  
113 which will reflect the work undertaken by the Federal / Provincial / Territorial Renewable  
114 Energy Working Group in the last few years, including the outcome of the renewable energy  
115 workshop in May 2005;
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- 117 • Draft a consultation plan with appropriate stakeholders to be submitted at the CEM in 2006  
118 with the view to engage in consultations on a proposed renewable energy framework in 2006  
119 / 2007;
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- 121 • Submit a final discussion paper for a Renewable Energy Framework ministers in 2 years at  
122 the CEM in 2007.

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124 **Ethanol and Biofuels Working Group:**

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126 Ministers endorsed the recommendations put forth by the working group to intensify Federal-  
127 Provincial and Territorial collaboration in the area of ethanol and bio-diesel, to take a more  
128 national approach, and to work together on specific support measures for next generation  
129 renewable fuels that will lead to a viable and competitive industry. Ministers also accepted the  
130 recommendation to change the name of the working group to the Working Group on Renewable  
131 Fuels.

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133 **ADM Electricity Working Group:**

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135 **Reliability Standards/Electricity Reliability Organization (ERO)**

136 The ADM Electricity Working Group has been working in cooperation with U.S. agencies on  
137 mechanisms to improve electricity system reliability. To support a more secure and reliable  
138 North American electricity system Ministers:

- 139 • Made a commitment to ensure that the means are in place to implement and enforce  
140 mandatory reliability standards in all interconnected jurisdictions;
- 141 • Supported the FPT Electricity Working Group's participation in the Bilateral Electric  
142 Reliability Oversight Group.
- 143 • Endorsed the principles for an Electric Reliability Organization that can function on an  
144 international basis; and,
- 145 • Encouraged the ongoing cooperation between the working group and the Canadian  
146 Association of Members of Public Utilities Tribunals (CAMPUT) reliability sub-committee  
147 and the development of memoranda of understanding with the North American Electric  
148 Reliability Council based on a common template.

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150 **Environmental Regulatory Efficiency for Hydropower and Related Transmission Lines**

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152 Ministers recognized the importance of regulatory efficiency and directed the Working Group to:

- 153 • Collect comments on the second version of the Report from Energy Departments and major  
154 hydro utilities
- 155 • Finalize the Report in the fall of 2005 and coordinate the release strategy.

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157 **OTHER BUSINESS:**

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159 **East –West Transmission**

160 ***Transmission infrastructure adequacy/enhancements:***

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162 Ministers were briefed that increasing energy supply is key to giving Canada a sustainable  
163 energy future and in order for Canadians to have a reliable access to energy supplies from within

164 Canada, now and in the future, Ministers emphasized the need to have adequate electricity,  
165 natural gas, and oil transmission systems, capable of maximizing the transportation of energy  
166 goods.

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168 Ministers reviewed the current status of transmission systems and further recognized that  
169 enhanced domestic energy distribution and transmission systems are vital to the development and  
170 competitiveness of energy markets in Canada.

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172 Ministers agreed to profile the need for adequate domestic transmission systems in their  
173 respective work toward developing energy strategies. Ministers also emphasized the need to  
174 work closely with industry stakeholders to explore opportunities to maximize Canada's  
175 transmission capability.

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177 ***Regulatory efficiency for oil and gas pipelines:***

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179 Ministers discussed the creation of a federal-provincial-territorial working group to examine  
180 ways to accelerate the process for issuing environmental and other permits for oil and natural gas  
181 pipelines, in order to allow more speedy development and completion of oil and natural gas  
182 transmission projects. Ministers directed the Industry Dialogue Working Group on Smart  
183 Regulation to include this issue in their mandate.

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185 **Provincial Participation in International Discussions**

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187 As requested, the federal government reported on the status of efforts to address provincial and  
188 territorial participation in international energy discussions.

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## CANADIAN ENERGY MINISTERS CALLED UPON TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES FACING CANADA'S ENERGY FUTURE

St. Andrews, New Brunswick, September 20, 2005— Canadian energy industry associations are calling on governments to cooperate in developing an energy framework at the annual Council of Energy Ministers' meeting being held in St. Andrews, New Brunswick on September 20, 2005.

This is the principal recommendation in a report entitled, *Investing in Canada's Energy Future: Getting the Framework Right*, submitted by the Energy Dialogue Group (EDG), a coalition representing the full spectrum of the energy industries in Canada. Without a framework that clearly defines energy policies and the integration of energy supply, environmental goals and research and development, Canada faces a volatile energy future.

The submission calls on Ministers to address the many challenges to Canada's energy future. "The speed at which Canada can develop energy resources and the associated infrastructure continues to lag behind growth in demand," says Mike Cleland, President and CEO of the Canadian Gas Association (CGA) and EDG Chair.

EDG research shows Canada faces several major energy challenges including regulatory processes, lack of public acceptance and skills shortages. These challenges contribute to slower than needed supply development. High energy prices driven by both world and North American factors necessitate a process of adjustment with increased energy efficiency being the most important response. Finally, growing challenges on the environmental front require a new realism about our energy options looking into the future.

In the report, the EDG strongly advocates the need for an energy framework supported by industry, government and the public to overcome these and other challenges.

"The EDG views an energy framework as imperative if we want to ensure consumer and investor confidence in the Canadian energy system as well as meeting our environmental objectives," says Cleland representing the CGA, one of the 18 associations of the EDG. "It will require a coherent approach that recognizes the different roles of the federal, provincial and territorial governments, industry and the public on these and other energy issues and policies."

In the submission, the EDG also provides a status update and ongoing objectives for the four defined work tracks: energy efficiency, information and public understanding, technology and smart regulation as well as human resources (an emerging track).

The EDG is a coalition of associations representing the full spectrum of energy industries in Canada. It is committed to working with federal, provincial and territorial governments to address emerging challenges of Canada's energy economy.

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