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Natural Gas Rebate Not Triggered for November

(from the Government of Alberta website, Wednesday, October 31, 2007) Continued low natural gas prices caused by record-high natural gas storage levels in the United States and mild autumn weather have kept prices below the natural gas rebate threshold. Rebates are triggered when two of the three regulated natural gas providers charge regulated rates above \$5.50/GJ. This month, two of the three providers are charging rates below that level. Rebate amounts increase as the price of natural gas rises, with the maximum cost of natural gas to most Alberta consumers capped at \$8.75/GJ. For more information click [here](#).

More Alberta Police, Prosecutors in \$470M Crime-Fighting Plan

(from the CBC News website, Tuesday, November 06, 2007) Responding to a safe communities task force that travelled the province for input, the Alberta government announced it's hiring more police officers and increasing addiction treatment beds. The justice minister said the initiatives aim to balance enforcement with prevention and treatment. The province accepted the majority of the 31 recommendations made by a government-appointed task force that met with more than 1,700 Albertans this spring to discuss ways to reduce crime. For more information click [here](#).

Oil Sands an Emerging Global Growth Star

(from the *Edmonton Journal*, Wednesday, November 07, 2007) As oil leaps towards a new landmark high of \$100 US a barrel, the world's top investor-owned producer has singled out Alberta as an emerging global star of production growth. Oil sands output will multiply fourfold to more than four million barrels daily by 2030, ExxonMobil Corp. predicts in a new international industry outlook report. And that forecast errs on the conservative side by projecting "fundamentals" of demand and supply trends instead of relying on prices to stay sky-high. For more information click [here](#).

17 Family Farms Honoured as Pillars of Their Communities

(from the *Edmonton Journal*, Tuesday, November 06, 2007) Seventeen family farms from central and northern Alberta have been recognized for their commitment to their communities and for showing leadership in the farming industry. Garry and Lynn Burnett of Fort Saskatchewan were among the honourees. The couple has been growing grain and raising cattle for 68 years. The Burnett family farm was founded more than 100 years ago and now occupies 900 acres of land. For more information click [here](#).

Federal Government Invests in the Alberta Biodiesel Industry

(from the Government of Canada website, Tuesday, November 06, 2007) The federal government has announced that the federal ecoAgriculture Biofuels Capital (ecoABC) initiative would contribute \$638,559 to help build a biodiesel plant in Aldersyde, Alberta. The plant has also received direct equity investment from farmers totalling \$275,000. Western Biodiesel Inc. is constructing and will operate Aldersyde's new \$8 million biodiesel plant. The plant is expected to begin production this December and produce 19,000,000 litres of biodiesel annually. For more information click [here](#).

Cattle Numbers Down at Alberta Farmfair

(from the CBC News website, Wednesday, November 07, 2007) Tough times in the cattle industry are to blame for fewer entries at the 2007 Farmfair International in Edmonton this week, Alberta ranchers say. The number of cattle being shown at the annual livestock event is down 20 per cent from the 1,700 entered in 2006. Ranchers attribute the decline to the soaring loonie coupled with the U.S. ban on cattle over 30 months of age due to fears of BSE. For more information click [here](#).

Alberta Firms Can Appeal Decision that Methane in Coal is a Separate Resource

(from the *Edmonton Journal*, Wednesday, November 07, 2007) The Alberta Court of Appeal has opened the door for a pair of corporate heavyweights to appeal a decision from the province's Energy and Utilities Board that allows coal-bed methane drilling on land where the ownership of the resource is disputed. Carbon Development Corp. (formerly Luscar) and EnCana Corp. were granted leave to appeal on three points related to the EUB's assertion that natural gas in coal is separate from the coal itself, effectively making it public property. For more information click [here](#).

Economic Cooperation Vowed by New Premier

(from the *Edmonton Journal*, Friday, November 09, 2007) Saskatchewan's new pro-business government -- led by premier-designate Brad Wall -- vows it will bolster western economic co-operation with Alberta. But Wall, whose Saskatchewan Party swept the election with 52 per cent of the popular vote and defeated NDP leader Lorne Calvert Wednesday, was cautious about just how close he'll connect to the Conservative giant across the Western border. However, Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach said he hopes the Saskatchewan Party victory will help break down trade barriers between the two provinces. For more information click [here](#).

Municipal News

Leduc County and Drayton Valley Qualify For Disaster Relief. On Wednesday, October 3, the province announced that it would be spending \$19.5 million in recovery relief to areas in the province which suffered property and infrastructure damage from overland flooding last year.

MD of Rocky View Sets Out Flood Response Plan. Two years after major flooding caused millions of dollars of damage in the MD of Rocky View, the MD has rolled out a flood response plan that is hoped to lead to a more effective response to future flooding events.

Westlock County council gave the go-ahead to administration to apply for \$50,200 in provincial funds to complete minor repairs for 49 bridges – just over \$1,000 per bridge.

Fall 2007 Convention

The AAMDC Fall Convention is only one week away! Any changes resulting from the recent municipal election or organizational structural meetings can be forwarded to Candice Van Beers via email at candice@aamdc.com. For updated information on the fall convention visit www.aamdc.com.

Announcements

Sunday Hunting Survey

The Fish and Wildlife Division of the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) is still accepting responses to its Sunday Hunting survey. SRD wants to assure those municipalities that received a survey but have not responded, that their responses are still welcome even though the October 31 deadline has passed. For further information, please contact Jim Allen at James.Allen@gov.ab.ca.

AESO Southern Alberta Transmission Development Open Houses

In its role of planning the transmission system for all Albertans, the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is currently investigating the need to reinforce the transmission system so that generation projects can be connected reliably to the provincial grid. In doing so, the AESO is holding its first series of Open Houses in southern Alberta to provide opportunities to discuss the issues facing the transmission system and to review the process for reinforcing the transmission system. To attend an Open House or for more information about them, please contact Matt Gray, Stakeholder Relations Advisor (Transmission), toll free at 1.888.866.2959 or at matt.gray@aeso.ca.

Canadian Subsidiary Directory

The Canadian Subsidiary Directory 2007 is now available. Newly revised, it is the most complete and affordable reference for anyone looking for financing. It is the perfect tool for new and existing businesses, individuals, foundations and associations. This publication contains more than 3,000 direct and indirect financial subsidies, grants and loans offered by government departments and agencies, foundations, associations and organizations. In this new 2007 edition all programs are fully described. To obtain a copy please call toll free 1-866-322-3376.

Employment Opportunities

Sturgeon County, hr@sturgeoncounty.ab.ca

- Senior Utilities Services Officer
- Planning Officer

MD of Peace/Northern Sunrise County, ramiles@northernsunrise.net

- Landfill Supervisor

Town of Strathmore, tys@strathmore.ca

- Engineering Technologist

County of Stettler No. 6, slarsen@stettlercounty.ca

- Tax/Assessment Assistant/File Clerk

City of Leduc, resume@leduc.ca

- Administrative Assistant , Planning & Development
- Arena/Facility Technician
- Coordinator, Recreation & Leisure Operations
- Executive Assistant, Mayor and Council

MD of Provost, tpprovost@telusplanet.net

- Economic Development Officer

City of St. Albert, hr.info@st-albert.net

- General Manager

Town of Olds, hr@olds.ca

- Public Works & Utilities Foreman

Town of Slave Lake, tom@slavelake.ca

- Peace Officer

MD of Greenview, fran@mdgreenview.ab.ca

- Information Systems Technician

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