



New North – SANC Services Inc.

Working on behalf of
Saskatchewan Association of Northern Communities

Northern Update

La Ronge, Saskatchewan

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Message from CEO

Hello, Tansi, Edlanet'e

I would like to take the time to introduce myself to all our member communities and organizations in northern Saskatchewan as the new CEO for SANC. I was born and raised in Ile a la Crosse, completed my education in the north and I have grown to really enjoy our region, communities and people.

Previously I was involved with New North as a youth coordinator a few years ago. It feels good to be back again in the role of CEO. I want to ensure that I am here to serve our member communities and to be progressive in all areas of development related to SANC.

From my perspective accountability is number one. In the coming months the executive and I will be laying some ground work for New North's direction. Before this takes place I plan on visiting all our member communities to listen and later reflect on what the northern leaders want to see happen in the north.

Our region is very large in geography; we have a lot of young vibrant people who are ready to move in the direction of working together. Let's make our communities safer and work to respond to some of our challenges we face today.

Thank you.

Eric Gardiner
CEO New North

2011 SASKATCHEWAN ELECTION

Monday November 7/2011 is Election Day in Saskatchewan. For northern Saskatchewan we have two ridings to watch, the Athabasca and Cumberland constituencies. The candidates have already been out campaigning in the communities, ensure you ask questions and be sure to vote on Election Day!

If you haven't already been visited by an enumerator from elections Saskatchewan you should be prepared to give information which will assist elections Saskatchewan in preparing voters.

New North is encouraging all northerners to listen carefully to all parties and candidates who will be running in the election this year. Please get out and cast your ballot on Monday November 7/2011.

For more information please visit:
<http://www.elections.sk.ca/>

NEW INVESTMENTS FOR SASKATCHEWAN'S NORTH

The University of Saskatchewan's International Centre for Northern Governance and Development (ICNGD) announced new investments in research and education for northern Saskatchewan.

Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration (AEEI) Minister Rob Norris joined ICNGD this afternoon to announce the Government of Saskatchewan's investment of

\$1 million to help northern students study, stay and succeed in their northern communities. "The provincial government places a high priority on training for Saskatchewan people, including First Nations and Métis persons, to meet the needs of our growing economy and to put our talents to work at home," Norris said. "Our support for the International Centre for Northern Governance and Development will help ensure our post-secondary system supports our northern residents so they can experience the Saskatchewan Advantage first-hand."

The funds are for expansion of a new Master of Northern Governance and Development program to help students in northern Saskatchewan stay in their communities while completing their degrees and to deliver community-directed research that will seek innovative solutions to governance and development challenges facing northern Saskatchewan communities.

In addition, Gary Merasty, Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility at Cameco Corporation, announced that they would match the government's funding commitment with another \$1 million investment distributed over five years to be used by the ICNGD for graduate student internships, research support, scholarships and distance learning support including the establishment of a new state-of-the-art videoconference facility.

"We are thrilled to receive this level of investment from the Government of Saskatchewan and Cameco Corporation," ICNGD Director Greg Poelzer said. "It really demonstrates that government and industry want to work together to affect real change in Northern Saskatchewan."

Another investment of just under \$60,000 was pledged by the federal government's Mitacs Accelerate program, an initiative that connects

students with real world partners and builds industry interest in funding research. For more information, contact:

Rikki Boté
Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration
Regina
Phone: 306-787-4156

Northern Administrators Conference 2011

New North will be planning the annual northern administrator's conference again this year. The conference is set for October 19-21/2011 in La Ronge. The purpose of the conference is to bring together admin and clerk staff from each of our communities to discuss issues and concerns faced daily by northern community staff.

At this year's conference administrators will be presented with a northern Saskatchewan administrator's handbook which has been developed for New North by the University of Saskatchewan. The handbook will be presented in a draft format, the purpose of the handbook is to provide information about the duties, roles, and responsibilities for municipal administrators in Saskatchewan's North. We hope to receive some feedback at this year's conference so be sure to attend.

A registration package and agenda will be sent out shortly, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call New North.

Areva Resources & Cameco Fall Community Visits

Cameco and Areva Resources will once again be touring all regions of northern Saskatchewan this year. Both companies will be making separate visits to various impact communities updating community members on projects which they are completing at the respective sites for both mining companies.

Darwin Roy, Manager for Community Relations at Cameco informed New North that the visits will allow community members to become updated on mining activity at the northern sites during each community visit. Cameco is striving to double uranium production to 40 million pounds by 2018, representatives will be on hand to provide information and listen to what the communities have to say.

Areva Resources Manager of Northern Affairs Glen Lafleur is also inviting northern residents to the open houses to learn more about the upcoming projects including the McArthur River ore haul, Midwest. McClean underground mine and tailings management facility expansion.

New North is strongly encouraging all community members who will be visited by Areva Resources and Cameco to attend the meetings in your communities.

For more information contact Cameco Northern Affairs at 425-4144 or Areva Resources Northern Affairs at 425-6880.

COMPREHENSIVE MONITORING PROGRAM LAUNCHED IN NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan's Boreal Forest region contains some of the highest quality fresh water in the world. The Ministry of Environment is working with partners on a comprehensive monitoring program for northern Saskatchewan to address environmental concerns.

"There are approximately 100,000 lakes, interconnected by rivers and streams in Saskatchewan's northern region, and we need to protect this priceless resource," Environment Minister Dustin Duncan said. "The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to ensuring that commercial and industrial developments are conducted in a manner that minimizes potential adverse impacts on the environment."

The projected cost of this initiative for 2011-12, is \$1.6 million with the government's contribution equalling \$1 million. The additional funding will be provided through financial contributions from Areva and Cameco, and with in-kind contributions from Environment Canada, the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, Queen's University, University of Alberta as well as the Universities of Regina and Saskatchewan.

This represents a substantial step in assessing and maintaining the ecological integrity of Saskatchewan's northern watersheds, enabling the ministry to better understand the sensitivity of the northern boreal forest and to identify sustainable management practices.

Studies will address First Nations and Métis Traditional Knowledge, clean water, air and land management and biodiversity. Relevant data being collected and reviewed will also assess historical trends dating from the 1970s to the present.

Current working partnerships will be maintained with neighbouring jurisdictions that includes data and information sharing with Alberta through the recent Memorandum of Understanding on monitoring trans-boundary air quality. As well, consultation and information-sharing will be undertaken with northern and First Nation and Métis communities, all levels of government, academia and industry.

For more information, contact:

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Regina
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New North Mission Statement

New North - SANC Services Inc. (Saskatchewan Association of Northern Communities) through strength in unity is organized to advocate, negotiate and initiate, improvements for the interests and concerns to the Local, Provincial and Federal Governments to enhance the quality of life for Northern people within the Northern Administration District (NAD) of Saskatchewan.

New North Executive

Chair:

Mayor Bruce Fiddler, Town of Creighton – 688-8253 (Eastern region)

Vice-Chair:

Mayor Sandra Hansen, Hamlet of Stony Rapids - 439-2173 (Far north region)

Secretary/Treasurer:

Mayor Gordon Stomp, Village of Air Ronge - 425-2107 (Central region)

Mayor Bobby Woods, Town of Buffalo Narrows – 235-4225 (Western region)

Mayor Duane Favel, Village of Ile a la Crosse – 833-2122 (Member at large)

New North Staff

Eric Gardiner - **Chief Executive Officer**

Jane Roberts - **Executive Assistant**

HAVE YOUR SAY...

New North would like to hear your suggestions and comments regarding the bulletin as we value your input. If you would like to request a copy of the bulletin or would like to place an article in the next issue please forward your item(s) to the below address.

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