



FORGING HEALTHY
CANADIAN COMMUNITIES
NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

EDMONTON: JULY 5 - 8, 2008



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RURAL MATTERS!

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Who Should Attend?

- ... Rural municipalities
- ... Towns or villages under 10,000
- ... Industry, service, or commodity groups that serve rural Canada
- ... Provincial or federal government
- ... Rural youth, 4-H members
- ... Aboriginal communities
- ... Anyone with an academic or policy interest in rural sustainability



“This is going to be the rural sustainability event of the year ... With over 40 educational sessions and 6 keynote speakers there is something at Rural Matters for YOU!”

-- Deborah Grey

WHAT IS RURAL MATTERS?

RURAL MATTERS! is thought-provoking speakers, education sessions and lively roundtable discussions about the issues that affect rural Canada.

RURAL MATTERS! is an opportunity to strengthen the dialogue between rural decision makers across Canada.

RURAL MATTERS! is an effort to find a common voice and vision for a sustainable rural future.

RURAL MATTERS! is about creating stronger rural/urban relations.

RURAL MATTERS! is an opportunity to affect change.

For more information, visit www.ruralmatters.ca

Alberta



ENGAGING TOPICS
CAPACITY BUILDING
LABOUR ISSUES
MANAGING ECONOMIC CHANGE
ENVIRONMENTALISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY
... AND MORE

“Canada’s towns, villages and counties are its foundation and the key to its future success. Rural Matters! is not only a chance to celebrate the diversity, vitality and importance of rural Canada -- it’s also an opportunity to affect change and play a role in creating a sustainable rural future.”

-- AAMDC President
Donald W. Johnson

DYNAMIC SPEAKERS
INCLUDING
REX MURPHY
DEBORAH GREY
SHELIA WATT-CLOUTIER
DR. PATRICK MOORE
... AND MORE

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

National Trade Show ... with over 100 exhibitors focussing on rural products and services.

Study Tours ... explore and learn about Alberta -- from the oil sands to the badlands, from the province’s beautiful cultural heritage to the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains, there is a tour for every taste.

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have your say ... **REGISTER NOW**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Title: Mr. () Mrs. () Ms. () Other: _____
First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Organization: _____
Job Title: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **Province:** _____ **Postal Code** _____
Phone: () _____ **Fax:** () _____
Email: _____

TOPIC STREAM (Select One)

- () **Environment**
Climate / Air, Water and Land Roundtables
- () **Economic & Industry**
Economic, Labour and Population / Industry Sector Roundtables
- () **Infrastructure**
Core Infrastructure / Social and Service Infrastructure Roundtables
- () **Governance and Sustainability**
Leadership and Governing / Capacity Building and Community Sustainability Roundtables

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Delegate List** A list of delegates - name, position, organization, city and province - will be made available to all registrants. Do you consent to have your name on this list? **Yes** () **No** ()
- Special Needs** Please let us know whether you have any dietary restrictions or other special requirements we need to be aware of: _____
- Simultaneous Translation** All sessions will be presented in English. Please indicate where you require a headset for translation into French for plenary sessions. *Simultaneous translation will not be provided for policy development roundtables or for the workshops.* **Headset:** **Yes** () **No** ()

REGISTRATION FEES AND PAYMENT

Full registration includes one (1) ticket to the Gala Dinner and one (1) ticket to the Picnic and Social Event. There are no single-day registration fees available for this conference.

- () **Early Bird (Until June 3, 2008)** \$519.75 () **Full Registration** \$624.75 () **Student Registration** \$157.50

I will be attending the Gala Dinner **Yes** () **No** () I will be attending the Picnic and Social Event **Yes** () **No** ()
Additional Tickets: Quantity ___ x \$52.50 = \$ _____ **Additional Tickets:** Quantity ___ x \$52.50 = \$ _____

PLEASE NOTE: All order fees include 5% GST. No GST exempt fees are provided for the registration.

VISA () **Mastercard** () **Cheque/Money Order Enclosed** ()

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