

Highlights from the Governance Team Meeting December 7, 2009

Project and Budget Status Report

Positive information was reported regarding the overall budget for the CLC project and the commitment to a balanced budget remains. Of note, a contribution from Ben Meyer of Shunda Construction and Consulting Management for \$81,000.00 has been finalized.

Executive Director's Report & Community Engagement Site Report

Construction is wrapping up at the Core High School and Health & Wellness Centre where these facilities are approximately 95% complete. The target date for the government agencies to move into the Centre is January 8, 2010, while the high school students will move into their new location on February 2, 2010. Currently the gymnasium floor is being finalized, while work on the elevated running track and fitness centre floor continues on schedule. All of the landscaping work, exterior lighting, and parking lots have been completed. A CLC 'Year in Review' has been drafted and the final version will be available in January 2010. As well, seventeen separate groups (made up of 143 individuals) were toured through the CLC facilities over the past month.

Presently, there are fully operational Community Engagement Sites in the communities of Bowden, Cremona, Delburne, Drumheller, Innisfail, Red Deer, Stettler, and Sundre. Work at the sites in Elnora, Spruce View, and Penhold continues and is nearing completion. The Carstairs Engagement Site is currently on track to be completed in February 2010. In addition, the CLC is in the planning stages for Community Engagement Sites in Hanna, Red Deer College, Didsbury, and Sylvan Lake. The Community Engagement Site Coordinators and the CLC team have been working diligently to provide community members with meaningful and relevant programming. A broad range of activities have been going at these sites, which is a benefit both to these communities and to rural Albertans in general. The Community Engagement Site webpage is up and running and can be found by following the link on the CLC website's homepage or at www.communityengagementsites.ca.

Events

A highly successful North American Energy Symposium was held at the CLC facilities in November 2009. Numerous delegates from across Canada and the United States were on hand to exchange ideas and information on best energy practices. Initial planning is underway for the grand opening of the Core High School and Health & Wellness Centre. This event will likely take place in late May or early June 2010, with details to follow. The CLC received a letter from the Honourable Lindsay Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, expressing 'sincerest thanks and congratulations for making Alberta Arts Days 2009 a great success'. Also of note is the Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Education receiving the prestigious Premier's Award, in part due to their partnership in the CLC.

