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HERE IS A BRIEF UPDATE OF WHAT OUR PARTNERSHIP HAS BEEN DOING THE LAST FEW MONTHS...

CRP INC...

- The May 14 General Assembly, at Lynwood Ranch, saw a record attendance of approximately 100 delegates and guests. The 2004-06 Business Plan and Letters of Association of CRP Inc. were formally approved and a number of presentations from Provincial Ministers and Deputy Ministers highlighted the meeting.

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If you wish more information, visit the recently updated CRP web site at calgaryregion.ca.

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NEW MEMBERS...

- The County of Wheatland and Town of Nanton have requested membership to the CRP. This will be considered by the CRP Executive Committee soon and the General Assembly later this fall. The Town of Canmore and MD of Big Horn recently joined in February of 2004.
- A first nation communications project will be underway soon to engage several first nations of our region.

MAJOR NEW FUNDS COMING IN...

- Alberta Municipal Affairs recently funded all CRP requests totaling \$700,000 for projects in 2004-2006.
- An Agreement with Alberta Economic Development is being negotiated.
- FCM, private sector and other funding is being sought for other projects.

INVESTMENTS BEING MADE...

- CRP recently contributed to the Calgary International Summit on Trade and Technology.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT...

- Four forums of economic developers of the Calgary Region have been held since January 2004.
- Plans are well underway for an inventory of businesses and other economic assets to promote the Calgary region to the world.
- Work has begun on international marketing of the Region.

NEW PARTNERS FOR WATERSHED INFORMATION MGT...

- Air photo shooting of the Highwood watershed has begun. In addition, the Elbow and Sheep watershed data is being mapped, digitized and augmented with data from new partnerships.
- A broad group of watershed interests from government, private sector and not-for-profit sector has been meeting with CRP to discuss expanded data sharing.
- Funding of the Bow Valley Watershed mapping project, planned for 2005, is being sought.

WASTE MANAGEMENT...

- An analysis of options to reduce organic waste in landfills and track other potential resource streams is underway. It is hoped this work will lead to better waste reduction programs and facilities for the region.

SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION...

- A workshop of stakeholders was held June 30 to finalize terms of reference for the solution-finding report which CRP is leading. This aims at addressing the complex needs of specialized transportation in the Region.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE ENHANCEMENT...

- Phase 1 of this initiative established a digital mapping system that assigns every residence and business in the Region a unique and consistent address so all emergency services can respond more efficiently.
- All mapping is done except the Town of Strathmore and new members Canmore and Big Horn. These will be completed this year.
- Phase 2, a state-of-the-art communications system, will promote safe, seamless and efficient emergency communications amongst all emergency responders across the Region. We are now getting concrete pricing and soliciting other financial partners for this major project.



CRP General Assembly — Health & Wellness Minister Gary Mar fields question on the transition of ambulance services as Chair Bill McAlpine looks on.

TRANSPORTATION ON THE MOVE...

- Initial discussions are underway to assess private and public options for linking regional communities with Calgary. Ultimately, the intention is to develop a Regional Transportation Model and Plan that will include investigating new highways, widening existing highways, improving interchanges, designing bus routes, adding specialized transit and LRT, and including walkways and cycle paths.
- A regional pathways initiative will be underway this fall. A regional pathway system throughout the region is one of the exciting possibilities.

NEW COMMUNICATIONS, NEW DIGS...

- The CRP has just updated its web site with its fresh new colours and logo and a whole lot of new information about the Partnership, its partners and the many projects and initiatives underway.
- Our Administrator Rick Butler has moved into the Cochrane Rancho House where he has set up the first official offices of CRP Inc.