

**Final Mission Report – Mission to Alaska
Travel to Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska
September 26-28, 2010**

Executive Summary:

Energy Minister Ron Liepert and three government MLAs, Mr. Jeff Johnson, Mr. Cal Dallas and Mr. Evan Berger travelled to the state of Alaska to further Alberta/Alaska relations in key segments of the energy sector. The delegation was supported by Ms. Courtney Luimes, Executive Assistant to the Minister and Mr. Jay O'Neill, Director of Communications.

Mission Objectives:

- Share the facts about Alberta's energy story with a key jurisdiction
- Proactively counter misconceptions about Alberta's energy and environmental policies
- Develop awareness around environmental initiatives, energy development, and investment opportunities in Alberta.

Sunday, September 26, 2010

Travel to Anchorage, Alaska

Monday, September 27, 2010

Meeting with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

The Minister met with Commissioner Larry Hartig to exchange views on the energy sector and sustainable development.

Presentation to Anchorage Chamber of Commerce

The Minister delivered remarks to approximately 60 members of the Anchorage business community. This speech served as an opportunity to advance a clear picture of Alberta's approach to sustainable development in the oil sands. A media availability was done following the speech.

Meeting with the Mayor of Anchorage

The Minister met with His Worship Dan Sullivan to discuss common oil and gas interests shared by Anchorage and Alberta.

Meeting with Alaska Department of Revenue

The Minister met with Commissioner Pat Galvin to discuss Alberta's royalty framework.

Senior Canadian Officials Reception

The delegation hosted a small reception for senior Canadian officials attending the Congress to share Alberta oil and gas messages while networking with counterparts and interlocutors.

Monday, September 27, 2010

MLA travel to Fairbanks, Alaska and return to Anchorage, Alaska

In addition to joining the Minister at several Anchorage meetings, the MLAs delivered a concurrent program in Fairbanks. This allowed the delegation to meet with a number of Alaska officials involved with the transportation and upgrading of Alaska's natural resources.

Meeting at Cold Climate Housing Research Centre

MLAs met with officials to discuss common approaches to energy research and innovation and reinforce Alberta's value-added sector capabilities.

Meeting with Department of Training and Workforce Development

MLAs met with officials to discuss the status of Alaska natural gas pipelines and share best practices in workforce training.

Tour Alaska Pipeline Training Centre

MLAs shared information about Alberta's expertise on pipelines and learned about Alaska's approach to this critical engineering aspect of the industry. The Centre was inspired by and modeled on the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology's (NAIT) centre.

Presentation to Joint House/Senate Committee on Energy

MLAs delivered a 20-minute presentation on Alberta's Energy Story to the Committee which is chaired by Senator Lesil McGuire, former president of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region.

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Interview with Alaska Journal of Commerce

The Minister conducted a one-on-one media interview with Tim Bradner, editor, to share insight on Alberta's energy issues and to facilitate informed and accurate reporting on Alberta's energy related issues.

Meeting with Alaska Department of Natural Resources

The delegation met with Commissioner Tom Irwin and department representatives to focus on the commonalities between the Alaska objectives and Alberta's energy industry interests.

Keynote address to the Alaska Oil and Gas Congress

The Minister delivered the luncheon keynote speech titled, "Exploring lessons learned from Alberta's royalty structure and the impacts on industry investment." The speech provided an excellent venue to draw attention to Alberta's recent conventional oil and natural gas sector regulatory changes in front of an audience of key oil and gas decision-makers.

Meeting with Federal Coordinator

The Minister met with Mr. Larry Persily, Federal Coordinator, to discuss the status of Alaska's natural gas pipelines and the benefits of tying into the Alberta Hub.

Travel from Anchorage, Alaska to Edmonton, Alberta