



Saskatchewan



BACKGROUND

Canada-Saskatchewan Northern Development Agreement

The Canada-Saskatchewan Northern Development Agreement (NDA) was established to provide \$20 million over five years (2002 to 2007) for a variety of northern economic development initiatives.

Projects must meet one or more of the Agreement's five strategic priorities:

- Economic Infrastructure: projects that support major new economic initiatives with significant benefit to Northerners;
- Innovation: projects that could lead to new discoveries, new products or new services in northern Saskatchewan;
- Realizing Employment Opportunities: initiatives that will help Northerners take advantage of employment opportunities, with emphasis on the needs of northern youth;
- Capacity Building: support for organizations that will enhance the capacity of Northerners and their organizations to be self-sufficient; and
- Investment Attraction: efforts taken to identify, research and promote specific investment opportunities in northern Saskatchewan, particularly value-added industries.

The Northern Development Board Corporation and the Canada-Saskatchewan Northern Development Agreement were both established as implementation mechanisms in support of Saskatchewan's Northern Strategy. The Strategy includes common goals and objectives adopted by NDB members and the provincial government in support of social and economic development in northern Saskatchewan.

The current composition of the Northern Development Board Corp. includes:

Al Rivard (Chair), Métis Nations – Saskatchewan
George Smith, Métis Nations – Saskatchewan
Philip Chartier, Métis Nations – Saskatchewan
Dale McAuley, Métis Nations – Saskatchewan
Eric Sylvestre (Vice-Chair), Meadow Lake Tribal Council
Etienne Black, Meadow Lake Tribal Council
Don Deranger, Prince Albert Grand Council
Ed Henderson, Prince Albert Grand Council
Glen Strong, Athabasca Economic Development & Training Corp.
Napoleon Mercredi, Athabasca Economic Development & Training Corp.
Gord Stomp, New North (Saskatchewan Association of Northern Communities)
Bruce Fidler, New North (Saskatchewan Association of Northern Communities)