

Life in the Heartland Event Updates Local Communities

May 8, 2015 – Transportation initiatives and industrial construction projects were popular topics at a May 6th event in Fort Saskatchewan. Hosted by Life in the Heartland, the bi-annual information evening drew a crowd of more than 200 people. Residents, businesses, and local government had the opportunity to connect with industry and learn about upcoming projects and plans.

“These events are successful, as they bring the community and industry representatives together to discuss activities at local facilities face to face,” comments Vanessa Goodman, Chair of Life in the Heartland. “People are also interested in the work that’s being done to improve our region’s transportation system.”

Information about industrial turnarounds, facility expansions, community grants and more was available at nearly 20 booths set up by companies, government, and local industry-related organizations.

Six organizations delivered presentations and shared the following details:

- **Alberta’s Industrial Heartland Association** provided an update on the ongoing work with the Government of Alberta to improve the region’s roads, including intersection upgrades and key route improvements.
- **Dow Chemical** highlighted their 2015 plans including safe operations, commitment to adding value to resources, community events like Kids Can Catch, and Community Grants Program.
- **Keyera** presented details about their salt cavern storage expansion to bring the total to 15 caverns, as well as their \$100M Josephburg Rail Terminal which should be in-service mid-2015.
- **North West Redwater Partnership** reported their Sturgeon Refinery project has 2,200 workers on site, busing program is active, and many above-ground parts of the refinery are being assembled.
- **Shell** highlighted its Quest Carbon Capture and Storage project scheduled to be in-service later this year, turnaround activities, their Community Crew, and upcoming tree planting events.
- **Williams Energy** provided details about their planned PDH project which will create 700 construction jobs, and community involvement through scholarships, local fire departments and more.

The presentations are available at www.lifeintheheartland.com. Tweets from the evening can be found by following [@LifeinHeartland](https://twitter.com/LifeinHeartland) or searching #ABHeartland on Twitter. Details about Life in the Heartland’s Fall 2015 Community Information Evening will be available in September.

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Life in the Heartland provides information and resources for residents of the Heartland region.

Supporting partners include Alberta’s Industrial Heartland Association, Alberta’s Industrial Heartland Land Trust Society, Fort Air Partnership, Northeast Capital Industrial Association, and Northeast Region Community Awareness Emergency Response.