



Transportation Sub- Committee

Sub
Committee
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Purpose

Provide one to three incentives to the FIFO Group that assist in making the Region a better place to live, in turn, increasing the permanent population.

Process

The sub-committee set out to identify incentives for the region, however, what they found was that the incentives that were being tossed around actually helped them to 4 potential improvements these opportunities would fall into short medium and long-term timelines.



Many could be accomplished for the region through lobbying the Provincial/Federal Governments.

Quick Wins



Designate Fort McMurray as a Zone A Northern Community.



Designate a High Occupancy Vehicle Lane(HOV) on Highway 63 north of town.



Support the airport in their endeavor utilize existing empty flights coming into and leaving the community as cheap flight options for local travelers.



East Clearwater Highway Project (East, North and South sections).

Support
construction of the
East Clearwater
Highway project,
East, North and
South Sections

Current Situation: GOA is in Consultation with stakeholders over the feasibility to develop this new route

Intended Outcome: Reduction in commute times to under one hour for the majority of the Northern Oilsands facilities, Secondary Hazardous Goods Route, Secondary mean of emergency egress for residents.

Benefit: Increased quality of life with reduced commute time and benefit of being able to live in Fort McMurray and Commute daily to worksites that are currently to remote.

Significant life safety improvements for Hazardous goods not having to travel through the community , and Secondary egress opportunities for emergencies

Influencers: OSCA, RMWB, MP, MLA'S, Stakeholder organizations

Methodology: Letter Writing, Lobbyist in Edmonton / Ottawa

Timeline: Long term

Designate a High Occupancy Vehicle Lane(HOV) on Highway 63 north of town.

Current Situation: No applicable legislation currently in place to allow for HOV (High Occupancy Vehicles) on a provincial Highway.

Intended Outcome: Implementation of HOV lanes on HWY 63 North and South of HWY 881

Benefit: Reduced Commute times and increased safety with reduction in the number of vehicles on the highway.

Influencers: OSCA, RMWB, MP, MLA'S, Stakeholder organizations

Methodology: Letter Writing, Lobbyist in GOA (Alberta Transportation)

Timeline: Short / Medium term

Support the airport in their endeavor utilize Special Charters, and or existing empty flights coming into and leaving the community as affordable flight options for local travelers

Current Situation: Majority of flights are scheduled and provided by Major Air Carriers.

Intended Outcome: Special Charter could add fun destination and experiential opportunities for residents

Work Crew Charters due to scheduling can result in an empty Plane being flown to or fro the Fort McMurray Airport.

Benefit: Lower cost travel / more access to additional flight times

Influencers: Oilsands Employee Associations (Travel Clubs), RMWB, Stakeholder organizations offering members access to new travel options

Methodology: Airport Authority is in process

Timeline: Short / Medium term

Designate Fort
McMurray as a
Zone A Northern
Community

Current Situation: Intermediate Zone (B) designation allows for a tax deduction of \$5.50 per Day that you reside in the region.

Intended Outcome: Fort McMurray could be designated as Zone (A) then the tax deduction would double at \$11 per day.

Benefit: \$2000 per household per year

Influencers: RMWB, MP, MLA'S, Stakeholder organizations

Methodology: Letter Writing, Lobbyist in Ottawa

Timeline: Short term

Thank you

