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Energy Sector Overview

Welcome to the County of Grande Prairie

Life is Good in the Middle

The County of Grande Prairie is strategically located in Alberta's vibrant Peace Region, and serves the industrial, commercial and residential needs of Northwestern Alberta. The region's strong economic generators contribute significantly to Alberta's vibrant 'open-for-business' economy and success in the global marketplace.

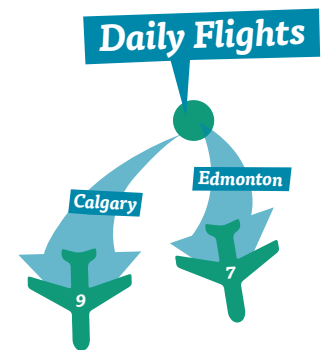
As part of a larger Grande Prairie region, the County benefits from regional strengths and policies such as no provincial sales tax and low municipal tax, while maintaining a high level of service. When combined with world class infrastructure, good work force availability, and opportunities for continued growth, the County of Grande Prairie provides the ideal setting for continued energy development.

Room to Grow

The County of Grande Prairie is located in a resource-rich part of Alberta and Canada and serves four key sectors: Agriculture, Energy, Forestry, and Commerce.

A large selection of industrial/business parks, as well as large sites for heavy industrial areas, are available in various sizes and levels of service, from completely serviced to non serviced, and can include rail and major highway access.

We thank you for the interest you have shown in the County of Grande Prairie and we would be pleased to provide you with any further information you may require regarding business development opportunities in one of the fastest growing regions in Canada.



260,000

Estimated total population
within 200 km (124 mi)



A new Multi-Modal Logistics Centre will connect rail distribution with truck infrastructure.

Energy

Resource Wealth of the North

As a central hub of Alberta and Northern B.C.'s traditional oil and gas industry, the County of Grande Prairie is primed to meet the needs of additional heavy industry and large-scale projects, thanks to modern divided highways, rail access, flexible zoning bylaws, and robust telecommunications, even out in the field.

Alberta boasts the third-largest petroleum reserves in the world, following Saudi Arabia and Venezuela. In 2011, energy exports from the province totalled \$65.8 billion – approximately 71% of Alberta's total economic exports.¹

The Alberta Hub

Alberta is considered a vital hub in providing natural gas to markets across North America. Over 392,000 kilometers of energy-related pipelines in the province help to transport approximately 15 billion cubic feet of oil and natural gas each day to markets throughout North America. Alberta also boasts significant storage capacity.

In 2010, the Alberta Competitiveness Act was passed to ensure that the province remains competitive. Adjustments to Alberta's royalty regime helped spur a 14% increase in Alberta's conventional oil production in 2012. Oil sands production increased by 11% the same year. By 2011, Alberta was ranked one of the top three investment opportunities compared to similar jurisdictions based on the combined tax and royalty rates for natural gas and conventional oil.²

An Experienced Workforce

The Peace Region is the province's largest producer of natural gas and conventional crude oil. It is estimated that over 150,000 Albertans work directly in the oil and gas industry, or in a related field. Of those, approximately 132,000 work in oil and gas extraction, 10,000 work in electricity, and 2,000 in both the coal and pipeline industries.³

\$65.8B

Total energy exports from Alberta in 2011

71%

of Alberta's total economic exports in 2011 were energy exports

15B ft³

of Alberta oil and natural gas is transported each day to markets throughout North America

13.5%

County of Grande Prairie Population Growth Over Five Years

5.9%

National Average

1 "Highlights of the Alberta Economy". AlbertaCanada.com, 2012. Retrieved July 20, 2014. https://albertacanada.com/SP-EH_highlightsABEconomy.pdf

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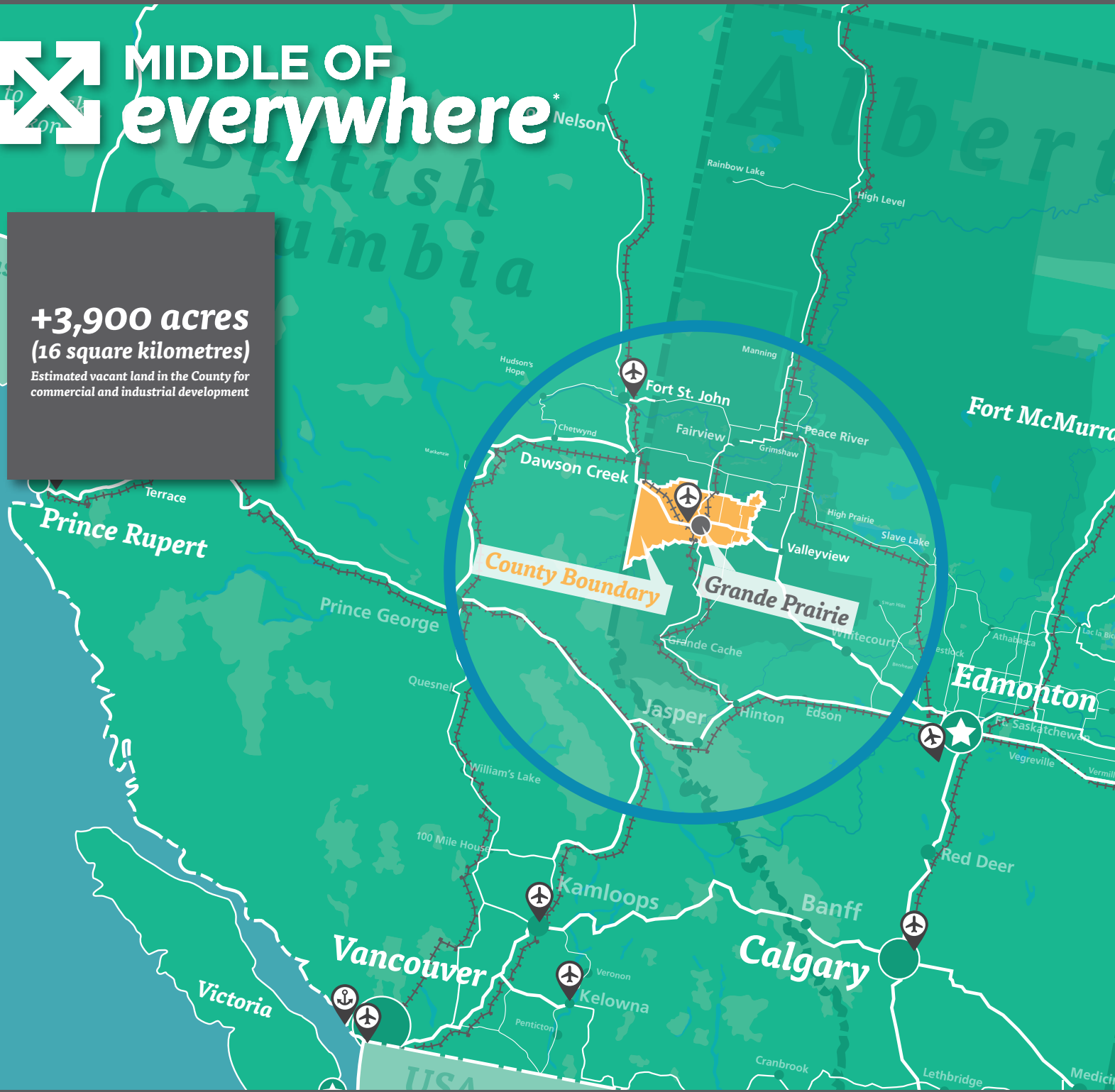
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+3,900 acres
(16 square kilometres)

Estimated vacant land in the County for
commercial and industrial development



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Alberta, Canada

Interested in knowing more?

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