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Forestry 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.

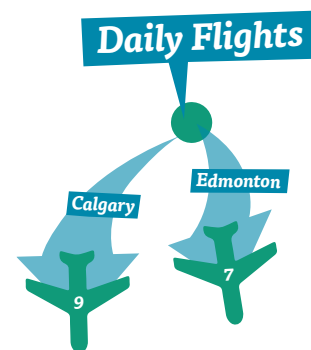
As part of a larger Grande Prairie region, the County benefits from regional strengths and policies such as no provincial sales tax and low municipal tax, while maintaining a high level of service. When combined with world class infrastructure, good work force availability, and opportunities for continued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



The two major FMAs within the Peace Region cover over 1.3 million hectares of harvesting land.

Forestry

A Rich Resource

Alberta is covered in nearly 38 million hectares (58%) of forest, with about 22.5 million hectares suitable for harvest. Each year, the province allows 29.7 million m³ to be harvested.¹ The province of Alberta is responsible for approximately 14% of Canada's total production.²

The Peace Region is one of the top two Alberta regions for the production of forest products, first for employment in the forestry sector, and is the leading producer of pulp, paper and panelboard. The two major Forestry Management Agreements (FMAs) within the Peace Region cover nearly two million hectares of land, with over 1.3 million hectares of harvesting land.

The Peace Region is host to two major FMAs: Weyerhaeuser Grande Prairie FMA, and Canadian Forest Products Ltd. (Canfor) FMA. Ainsworth Lumber Company Ltd. and Tolko Industries Ltd., also operate on these FMAs, under agreements with Weyerhaeuser and Canfor.

Strong World Markets for Alberta Lumber

The United States imported approximately 28% of Alberta's total production in 2012. While the U.S remains the largest importer of Alberta's lumber products, opportunities also exist with emerging overseas markets. Japan is the second-largest purchaser of Alberta's lumber, while China, the fastest growing partner in terms of demand, is third.

Between 2006 and 2012, domestic shipments grew 53%, providing approximately one quarter of total Canadian domestic supply. Much of Alberta's lumber is used in residential housing, which has remained a strong industry in Canada since 2009.³

Thanks to the strength of Alberta's domestic imports, the rising demand from emerging markets and the recovery of the U.S. housing market, the future remains promising for Alberta's lumber exports.

1.3 million

Harvesting land covered by the two major Forestry Management Agreements (FMAs) within the Peace Region

22 million

Hectares of forest suitable for harvest in Alberta

29.7 mil m³

Forest the province allows to be harvested each year

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

2 "Economic Impact of Alberta's Forest Sector". Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, Government of Alberta, 2012. Retrieved July 7, 2014. <http://esrd.alberta.ca/lands-forests/forest-business/documents/ForestryEconomicImpactReport-May2013.pdf>

3 "Economic Trends" June 2013. www.finance.alberta.ca. Retrieved June 17, 2014. www.finance.alberta.ca/aboutalberta/economic-trends/2013/2013-06-economic-trends.pdf

13.5%

County of Grande Prairie Population Growth Over Five Years

5.9%

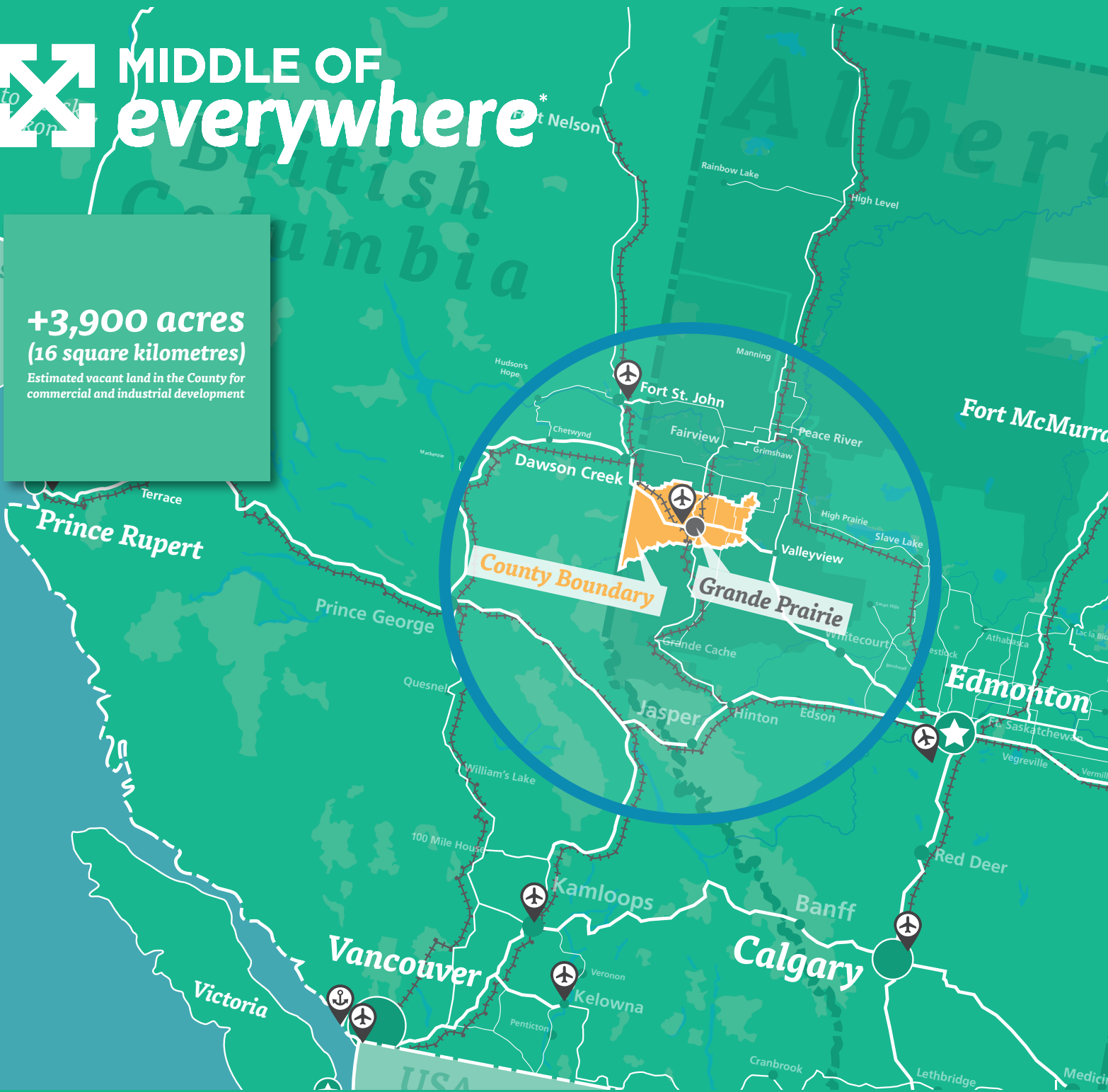
National Average



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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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