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MEET THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

In 2003, the Town and M.D. of Wainwright established the Wainwright Economic Development Board (WEDB) to oversee the promotion, expansion and enhancement of economic development for the Town and MD. The past 7 years have seen many successes for the Board and they plan to continue to move Wainwright ahead!

The Wainwright Economic Development Board currently consists of 8 voting members:

Doug Callaghan - Chair
Brad Hopfauf - Vice-Chair
Corey Jasper - Member at Large
Derek Nordstrom - Member at Large
Mike Lagace - Member at Large
Stuart Warriner - Member at Large
Jason Dewling - Town Council member
Morley Muldoon - M.D. Council member



Doug Callaghan, WEDB Chair

WAINWRIGHT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD -YEAR IN REVIEW

The Wainwright Economic Development Board (WEDB) saw many successes in 2009. Below are a few of our main accomplishments.

The WEDB partnered with the Wainwright Main Street Project to purchase the kiosk that is stationed at the Peace Memorial Multiplex. This kiosk allows users to view the Town website at any time to find information on everything from ice times to local business contact information. It is being well used and we welcome you to try it out the next time you are enjoying yourself at the PMM.

A Back To School contest was sponsored by the WEDB in August with all entrants eligible to win a Netbook computer. Over 2500 people entered the contest with entries coming from Wainwright to Newfoundland.

The WEDB began an Economic Development Initiative Fund of which you can find more information within this newsletter. We encourage any community groups or organizations providing an event or activity that will encourage positive economic activity in the community to apply.

The Board was also involved in the organization of Wainwright's first Red Friday breakfast. This very successful event was able to donate over \$1600 to the Soldier On Fund.

The promotion of tourism to Wainwright and District also became a goal of the WEDB in 2009. An increase of advertising in and out of province as well as the relocation of the Tourist Information Centre to the Wainwright & District Museum helped us to increase the visibility of Wainwright to tourists. 2010 will see us expand on our tourism initiative.

The Wainwright Economic Development Board is excited to continue to promote the economic development of Wainwright & District in 2010.

WAINWRIGHT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FUND

The Wainwright Economic Development Board (WEDB) offers funding to community groups or organizations providing an event or activity that will encourage positive economic activity in the community.

Grants are awarded based on applications submitted which meet the criteria of promoting local economic activity at the discretion of the WEDB. Funding is made available annually through the Wainwright Economic Development Board Economic Initiatives budget. Applicants are welcome to apply on an annual basis with a maximum request of \$5000.00 per event / activity.

We prefer that application forms be submitted 60 days prior to event date. Grant applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis at the regular meetings of the WEDB.

Applications can be found online at www.wainwright.ca/business/index.shtml and can be submitted to the Economic Development Officer in the following formats:

Mail or in person:
WEDB, Town of Wainwright
Attention: Carley Herbert, EDO
1018 - 2nd Ave
Wainwright, AB T9W 1R1

Fax:
WEDB, Town of Wainwright
Attention: Carley Herbert, EDO
780-842-2898

Email:
cherbert@wainwright.ca

Any questions you may have about this fund can be directed to Carley Herbert, Economic Development Officer by calling 780-842-3384

INTERESTED IN THE WEDB

If you are interested in joining the WEDB or have any suggestions for the Board, please contact Carley Herbert, Economic Development Officer at 780-842-3384.

THINK OUTSIDE THE TANK! DOING BUSINESS WITH THE BASE

The Battle River Alliance for Economic Development (BRAED) has provided the below information on procurement with CFB Wainwright and further information can be found by visiting BRAED's website at www.braedalberta.ca and viewing the video "Thinking Outside The Tank!"

1. Procurement under \$5,000

Under \$1,000 – 1 quote
\$1,000 - \$2,500 – 2 quotes
\$2,500 - \$5,000 – 3 quotes

Once quotes have been received from suppliers for the identified requirement, the assigned Department of National Defence (DND) buyer will determine which quote provides the best value for the goods or services being procured. Price as well as the ability to provide the goods and services in a timely manner will be evaluated.

2. Procurement \$5,000 to \$25,000

DND provides, if possible, three quotes to Public Works and Government Services (PWGSC). PWGSC reviews the quotes and will award the contract to the supplier who satisfies the requirement while providing the best value for the government.

3. Procurement over \$25,000

The MERX system is Canada's leading e-tendering service responsible for Government procurements over \$25,000. MERX allows businesses to view and access procurement opportunities daily, order tender documents directly from the MERX web site and receive a notice of amendment or cancellation pertaining to documents that have been ordered. Bids are evaluated by PWGSC to ensure they meet the Statement of Requirement. The contract will then be awarded to the bidder that provides the best value.

Web: www.merx.com

Phone: 1-800-964-MERX (6379)

Email: merx@merx.com

Civilian and military buyers are responsible for obtaining the quotes from prospective suppliers. Any business wishing to be considered in this process should send their information package, including an overview of goods and services and contact information, to the Base Supply Officer at the Base:

**Canadian Forces Base Wainwright
Attention: Base Supply Officer
Bldg 593, Denwood AB T0B 1B0
Phone: 1-780-842-1363 ext. 1440**