

# Final Report

MLA Len Mitzel Attends Ports-to-Plains Meeting

Denver, Colorado

June 8-9, 2009

# Government of Alberta ■

## Overview:

Len Mitzel, MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat travelled to Denver to participate in the first Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Alliance (PTP) planning meeting to integrate Alberta into the organization.

The mission was successful in meeting its objectives as outlined below.

## Mission Objectives:

1. Work with the PTP to develop a working plan that incorporates Alberta into the fold of the organization.
  - a. The plan should focus on strengthening trade relations and allowing the province to further realize the economic benefits with member jurisdictions in Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming.
  - b. The plan must look for ways to collaborate with other members and address challenges and opportunities common to all the communities in the PTP region.
2. Work with the PTP organization to explore avenues within the U.S. that focus on energy advocacy and reinforces with U.S. lawmakers Alberta's firm commitment to help meet North America's energy security needs in an environmentally responsible way.

## Results:

MLA Len Mitzel attended the one-day planning session between Alberta and PTP officials and helped develop a working plan to incorporate Alberta into the organization. The plan addressed the day-to-day working protocol between the two groups, reviewed upcoming events and activities and Alberta's role, and developed expectation guidelines between the two groups. In addition, discussions focused on working with PTP to advance energy advocacy in Washington, D.C. and other centres in the U.S. to promote Alberta as a secure, reliable and environmentally responsible supplier of energy.

The outcome of the meeting produced a draft operating plan for Alberta and PTP that will be used as a blueprint over the next 12 months as Alberta and the PTP move forward.

## Delegation:

Len Mitzel, MLA Cypress-Medicine Hat