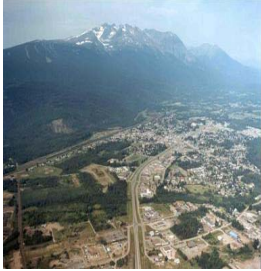


Area Updates



Kitimat Smelter A Go

Rio Tinto Alcan recently announced that it has awarded a **\$200 million** contract to **Bechtel** to conduct the procurement, engineering and construction management of the planned **\$2.5 billion** Kitimat Modernization Project.

Dick Evans, chief executive of Rio Tinto Alcan, stated in the July 9 press release that the signing of the contract is a **critical step towards the realization of the project**,

The project would increase production to 400,000 tonnes by increasing production capacity **by 40%**. 2011 is the projected date that first metal is expected.

Fort St. John: The Next Fort McMurray?

Energy giants claim there is an estimated **12 trillion cubic feet of natural gas** in a huge field in the Horn River Basin in north-eastern B.C. near **Fort Nelson**.



There have been two other natural gas findings, one in the Montney field near **Dawson Creek** and the other in the Noel field near **Fort St. John**.

These proven reserves are **so huge they have been compared to Alberta's oil sands** - each well drilled at **Montney** is estimated at **\$3 million to \$5 million** and each well at **Horn River** in the **\$8 million to \$10 million range**.

EnCana Corp. and **Apache Corp.** are already on site.

Various companies spent more than **\$440 million** in April 2008 for gas drilling rights in BC, nearly all of it in the northeast.

According to Andy Ackerman, president of the Fort St. John Chamber of Commerce, it will take about **two years** for the impact of the latest gas discoveries to translate into a **rush of people and real estate investors**.

Prince Rupert

Potash shipping on the west coast of BC will nearly double due to Canpotex's plan to build two west coast terminal projects – a new facility in Prince Rupert and an expansion in Vancouver.

The **\$500 million potash shipping projects** are expected to be complete by the end of 2012.

A **\$170 million container handling terminal** in Prince Rupert, as well as the **\$20 million container transloading facility** in Prince George and **\$36 million runway expansion** at Prince George Airport all make up the northwest transportation corridor, **demonstrating Canada's strength as a bulk exporter**.

BC Mining Update

The mining industry is **alive and well** in British Columbia, according to Honourable Kevin Krueger, British Columbia Minister of State for Mining.



During Mining week the Mining Association of British Columbia released the 40th annual **PriceWaterhouseCoopers report card outlining the state of the mining industry** according to forty mining companies that responded.

A few key points in the report were that:

- Mining in B.C. is a **\$6.9 billion** industry
- **2007 was a stellar year** for the B.C. mining industry
- Gross revenues remain strong even though they were reduced somewhat by coal prices - \$80 dollars a tonne average. Coal prices were better in 2006 and volumes were slightly down as well however present day companies are signing contracts for **\$300 dollars a tonne** indicating that **2008 will be a banner year**
- The average mining salary was reported at **\$101,900 including benefits**, paying better than any other heavy industry

Update – Past Offerings



Walsh Avenue Apartments - Terrace
49 Suites
Purchased April, 2008
\$69,900, \$79,900 and \$90,900

Crestwood Estates - Williams Lake
76 Townhomes
Purchased July 2007
\$109,900 and \$114,900



Kuldo Apartments - Kitimat

8 ten unit buildings for \$250,000 each
Purchased April 2007



Rosewood Court - Kamloops
48 Apartments
Purchased Jan. 2004 \$42,900
Recent comparables 100,000
***ROI 483% with 25% down**

Roosevelt Apartments - Prince Rupert

45 Apartments
3 bedroom, 1000 Sq. Ft.
Purchased Jan. 2007 for \$70,000
Recent comparables \$109,000
98% occupancy as at July 1



Cameo - Ft. St. John

24 Apartments
Purchased Sept 2004 \$60,000
Recent sales \$95,000
***ROI 233% with 25% down**



Sage Apartments Merritt

50 Apartments
Purchased March 2007
Average Price \$60,000



Bavarian Villa - Kimberley
12 Apartments
Purchased Dec. 2004 \$55,000
Recent Sales \$116,000
***ROI 373% with 25% down**



Alpine Vista - Kimberley
14 Apartments
Purchased Feb 2005 \$ 55,000
Recent sales \$116,000
***ROI 407% with 25% down**

Wilkinson - Quesnel
36 Apartments
Purchased Feb. 2006
Average Price \$55,000
97% occupancy



*ROI = Return on Investment



Noted Quote:

“Nothing of great value in this life comes easily. The things of highest value sometimes come hard. The gold that has the greatest value lies deepest in the earth, as do the diamonds.”

-Norman Vincent Peale