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Alberta Low Impact Development Partnership

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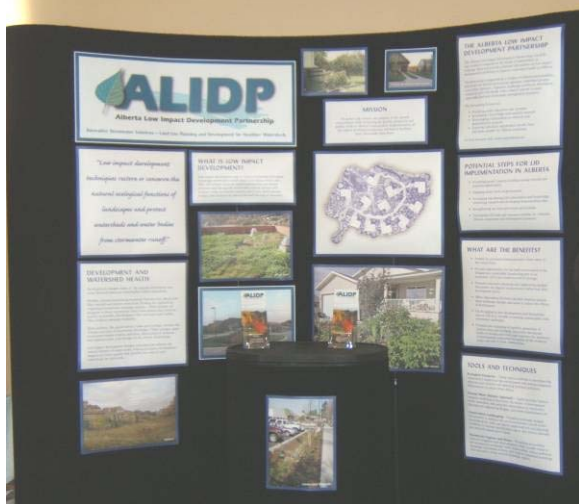
On behalf of the Alberta Low Impact Development Partnership, we would like to extend Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2007.

This is the first communiqué that we hope to send to our stakeholders as a means of communicating of what the Partnership has been involved in and carried out on behalf of its stakeholders. These communiqués are envisioned to be sent out twice each year.

The past year was exciting because the number of stakeholders more than doubled. Stakeholder meetings were held on April 25 and October 3; the record of the latter meeting is attached to this communiqué. The next stakeholder meeting is slated for April 2007. The Steering Committee welcomed Brian Chinery of Alberta Environment – Southern Region and Doug Marter of the City of Calgary Parks while Mary-Ellen Tyler of the University of Calgary Environmental Design had to step back.

The Partnership was actively involved in the organization of the *Cochrane Low Impact Development Conference – Innovations in Urban Development*, hosted by the Cochrane Environmental Action Committee in October. This conference attracted over 150 attendants and was a great success, evidenced in the attached summary of feed-back received. The presentations as well as the outcome of the various workshops, see attached, will be posted at the conference website <http://www.lidconference.ca> in the very near future.

The Cochrane conference was used as the opportunity to roll out the first three products generated by the Partnership: (1) a brochure (see attached PDF file), (2) a display, see the picture to the left, and (3) a PowerPoint presentation. One of the items generated as part of these three products was the logo shown on the top of this communiqué. Copies of the brochure are available on request for further distribution while the PowerPoint presentation can be used for presentations to any interested party; we have already received invitations to make these presentations to several of our stakeholders.



ALIDP Display at "Communities as Water Stewards II: Planning for Action", joint Bow River Basin Council and Alberta Stewardship Network Event on December 12th and 13th in Cochrane

Credit: Maureen Lynch, Tri Community Watershed Initiative

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In response to request by several stakeholders in central and northern Alberta a similar conference will be held in Edmonton in June or September 2007. In addition, we envision initiating an annual workshop, rotating through the province, with practical information related to policies and guidelines; the analysis, design and construction of low impact development measures; and the long-term operation and maintenance of these initiatives.

Following is a summary of our action items for 2007:

- Organize LID conference in Edmonton in June or September 2007;
- Organize first annual LID workshop;
- Develop and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Strategy
- Create a database of LID applications in Alberta;
- Finalize governance and financial models;
- Finalize discussions with Stakeholder to act as Treasurer on behalf of Partnership;
- Secure funding from various agencies and stakeholders;
- Enter into discussions with Urban Development Institute;
- Enter into discussions with Alberta Environment and Alberta Municipal Affairs;
- Develop fact sheets about specific LID practices;
- Review available design tools for LID hydrology computations and recommend which ones would be suitable for use in Alberta;
- Engage into national partnership with like-minded organizations in other provinces;
- Initiate creation of website with case studies, design information, sample policies, etc.;
- and
- Retain services of (part-time) coordinator.

We fully realize that this is a very ambitious list; however, many recognize that action is required right now in view of the tremendous growth pressures in our province. We are convinced though that most of this can be accomplished with your help.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Liliana Bozic, City of Calgary Water Resources
Co-Chair

Lyndon Gyurek, City of Edmonton
Co-Chair

Attachments: Record of Meeting of October 3, 2006
 PDF of ALIDP Brochure
 Feed-back on Cochrane LID Conference
 Results of workshops at Cochrane LID Conference