



## Communiqué – Spring 2009

Greetings from the Alberta Low Impact Development Partnership Society! We are contacting our friends, partners, members & supporters to update you on our goings-on since our last newsletter, and to let you know what is coming up for the ALIDP in 2009.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting Announced**

**May 13 2009, 10:30am – 1:00pm**

**Holiday Inn 67<sup>th</sup> Street, Red Deer, AB**

Numerous stakeholders and members participated at our first annual general meeting, held in Edmonton in November 2007. At that time, many individuals and organizations made membership and volunteer commitments to help steer and guide the future of ALIDP. At that meeting, it was suggested that future AGMs be held in the spring to accommodate budgets and schedules.

The 2009 Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 13 at the Holiday Inn 67<sup>th</sup> Street, Red Deer Alberta. Please note that as a registered society, only current, paid members may run or vote for our board of directors, or participate in any formal decision-making. This event is free to members only and includes lunch – see attached poster for details on registering. See also the attached Call for Board Nominees poster. In addition to the normal AGM business, we will feature a launch of LID Criteria for Alberta (see below).

### **ALIDP Launches LID Criteria for Alberta**

**May 13 2009, 1:30pm – 3:30pm**

**Holiday Inn 67<sup>th</sup> Street, Red Deer, AB**

The ALIDP is pleased to present LID Criteria for Alberta. This resource is a direct result of feedback & input received from past workshops, conferences, and other communications from our stakeholders. Attendees will be invited to provide thoughtful feedback. This free event is open to both members and non-members; however, pre-registration is requested. View the attached poster, or visit [www.alidp.org](http://www.alidp.org) for more information or to register.

### **Website Update**

While our existing website has served us well over the past couple of years, it has many limitations. As such, we will be working on improving the layout and increasing the content of [www.alidp.org](http://www.alidp.org). This will include a series of members-only pages that will provide access to current and cutting-edge LID resources and research. We welcome any feedback, suggestions, links, etc you may have. We have already begun adding some resources, so if you have any resources to share with the community, please send them along! Contact our Coordinator with your suggestions ([kimberly.kiel@calgary.ca](mailto:kimberly.kiel@calgary.ca)).

### **LID Tools**

We have heard loud and clear from our members and stakeholders that there is a need for numerous LID tools and resources. From developing LID criteria to compiling available resources, such as bylaws, best practices and success stories, our Board and volunteer committees will be very active this year. Support from our membership fees and additional fundraising will support the development of these necessary tools and resources. Again, any suggestions or resources are welcome; contact our Coordinator ([kimberly.kiel@calgary.ca](mailto:kimberly.kiel@calgary.ca)).

### Workshops & Conferences

Building on the successes of previous multi-day LID conferences, we hosted our first LID Workshop in November 2008, which provided an informal opportunity to network and learn from colleagues and LID experts. "Developing Tools to Implement LID" attracted 160 participants who came together in Cochrane for one day to learn about and discuss some common LID issues, challenges, and themes. Feedback from the participants was very positive, and we look forward to providing more of these hands-on opportunities again. Look for our next multi-day LID conference in Spring 2010.

### Water Balance Model Update [www.waterbalance.ca](http://www.waterbalance.ca)

In September of 2008, the ALIDP signed an Inter-Provincial Partnership (IPP) with the British Columbia Inter-Governmental Partnership, who operates the Water Balance Model powered by QUALHYMO. This award-winning model is an on-line decision support and scenario modeling tool for rainwater and snowmelt management and stream health protection. The model now includes climate data from both Edmonton and Calgary (among other Canadian municipalities), and enables users to model low impact development practices at both a watershed scale and during functional design. The IPP allows **ALIDP members exclusive access to the Water Balance Model**. Any ALIDP member, whose annual dues exceed \$1,000 may become full Paid Subscribers to the WBM (ALIDP transfers the \$1,000 fee on your behalf).

### Membership in ALIDP

Are you a current member of the ALIDP? We want to ensure that our past friends, supporters and stakeholders continue to derive full benefit from the ALIDP by securing an annual membership. We look forward to maintaining the momentum that many of you initiated, but we cannot do it without your continued support and involvement. Please visit our website for more information about [membership benefits](#). We have also included a membership form with this newsletter. If you have any questions about your membership, the fees or the work of the ALIDP, please contact our Coordinator ([kimberly.kiel@calgary.ca](mailto:kimberly.kiel@calgary.ca)).

### ALIDP Presentations available

Would you like to bring ALIDP representatives into your organization, municipality, or community group to present the benefits of LID or provide information on ALIDP membership? Contact our Coordinator to request a presentation or more information ([kimberly.kiel@calgary.ca](mailto:kimberly.kiel@calgary.ca)).

### New Office

We have secured valuable office space through our partnership with the City of Calgary, which generously donates office space and supplies for our Coordinator in the Calgary Water Centre, a building that showcases many examples of low impact techniques. Our new contact information is:

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*We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Thank you for your continued support and interest in promoting low impact development in Alberta.*

### ALIDP Board Members

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