

Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association Supports Federal Government's Decision on Northern Gateway

Alberta's Industrial Heartland (June 18, 2014) – The municipal partners of Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association (AIHA) support yesterday's decision by the Government of Canada to accept the recommendation from the National Energy Board to approve Enbridge's Northern Gateway project subject to 209 conditions.

"Production from Alberta's oil sands is expected to reach over 5 million barrels a day by 2030, up from 1.8 million barrels per day in 2012," stated Wayne Woldanski, Chair of Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association. "Given our growing resource base and the need to access new markets, an export pipeline like Northern Gateway will provide one means for transporting our resources to new customers."

The twin pipeline will begin in Strathcona County's portion of Alberta's Industrial Heartland, near Bruderheim, Alberta and run 1,177 kilometres to Kitimat, British Columbia. According to Enbridge, the total estimated project cost is \$6.5 billion. Enbridge is targeting project completion by late 2018.

While the Government of Canada's decision on Northern Gateway is an important and significant development for the province of Alberta, it is only part of the solution to our challenge of plentiful but landlocked natural resources.

"It is necessary to pursue a diversified portfolio of options for Alberta's bitumen," explained Chair Woldanski. "In addition to projects like Northern Gateway, we must recognize the vital need for more upgrading and processing within the province for multiple long term benefits – economic diversification, new forms of government revenue and furthering our leadership in environmental stewardship."

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Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association is a cooperative effort of the Counties of Lamont, Strathcona, Sturgeon, and the Cities of Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan. The Association is dedicated to coordinating, advocating, and promoting long-term sustainable development of the Heartland.

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