

CEDI ALBERTA PAIRING:

**SAWRIDGE FIRST NATION,
MD OF LESSER SLAVE RIVER
AND THE
TOWN OF SLAVE LAKE**



SLAVE LAKE

REGION



BACKGROUND:

Each community is governed by policies, principles and laws, yet there are vast differences in governance and structure between the partners in the Region.

- **Sawridge Frist Nation**
 - One of the original signatories of Treaty No. 8
 - Economic development began in 1970's
 - Adopted own Constitution in 2009; self-governing; passed six accompanying Acts to engage and enhance the First Nation
 - Recognition by Federal Government in January 2011 removing the Sawridge First Nation from the Indian Act elections provisions
- **Municipal District of Lesser Slave River and the Town of Slave Lake**
 - Decision making through municipal councils who are elected by the general public
 - Guided by Provincial and Municipal Acts and Legislation
 - Funding received by taxation, provincial transfers, federal grants and program grants for projects



SLAVE LAKE REGIONAL TRI-COUNCIL:

- Formed following the 2011 Wildfires that devastated Slave Lake and the surrounding area
- All members of the three councils participate
- Built on a consensus model with no “veto” power; process outlined for disagreements
- Collaborative structure from disaster to recovery and beyond
- Numerous Collaborative Projects:
 - Regional Waterline, economic development, affordable and adequate housing, Firesmart, repaired and improved infrastructure, health and wellness, Legacy Centre



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATION:

- Began in mid-2012 with funding to March 2016
- SWOT Analysis defined six strategic goals:
 - Land
 - Marketing & Business Attraction
 - Affordable & Adequate Housing
 - Partnerships
 - Labour
 - Tourism



CEDI INVOLVEMENT:

- Two Workshops – Oct. 2013 and Jan. 2014
- Joint strategies and ideas for collaboration on projects such as housing and labour
- Visioning of region in 5-25 years
- Friendship Accord creation & signing



WHY COLLABORATE?

- Benefits of Collaboration – Trust, Progress & a Unified Voice on regional issues and challenges
- Don't wait!
 - A model such as the Tri-Council does not need to be forged from disaster
 - Don't wait for crisis to strike before you consider working together
 - Don't let tragedy be the only reason to work together
 - The time to collaborate, build bonds, establish trust and work toward common goals is NOW!
- Tri-Council entity will continue on past disaster and recovery with quarterly meetings and a renewed approach to regional development

