



MEDIA NOTICE

Final details for Council of the Federation meeting in Banff, Alberta

EDMONTON, July 29, 2005 – Details for the summer meeting of the Council of the Federation in Banff, August 10-12 have been finalized.

Media Services

A Media Centre will be located in the President's Hall in the Fairmont Banff Springs Conference Centre. It will be equipped with workstations including high-speed internet, telephones, power outlets, television monitors, and limited space for television editing equipment.

A news conference area will be located in the President's Hall in the Banff Springs Conference Centre.

A uni-mic will be in the Riverview Room of the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel adjacent to the Premiers' meeting area.

The Upper Bow Valley Terrace at The Fairmont Banff Springs is available for outdoor set or interview locations on a first-come-first-served basis. Access to the outdoor terrace itself will not be available until Tuesday evening, August 9 at 8:00 PM.

Parking is available for satellite trucks beginning Tuesday afternoon and technicians can begin cabling to locations other than the Upper Bow Valley Terrace at that time. Please note that due to space considerations the cable run from satellite truck parking to the outdoor live location is approximately 250 metres. Terrace positions will be supplied with an 18-inch riser, power, and a long-distance analog phone line with handset. Media are responsible for providing their own cable mats and tents for outdoor locations. Arrangements have been made for sided tents (approx. 10' x 10') to be available for rent through Ideal Rentals (phone contact Kirby Nixon at 403-269-1919).

Please direct questions about facilities to Jim Law, Alberta Premier's Communications Office, by phone (403) 510-7182.

Media Registration

All media attending the Council of the Federation Summer Meeting in Banff must be accredited. For media who did not register in advance, accreditation is available on site. The media registration desk will be located in President's Hall of The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel Conference Centre. Media may pick up their accreditation badges and packages during the following times:

Tuesday, August 9: NOON – 5:00 PM

Wednesday, August 10: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Thursday, August 11: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Friday, August 12: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Media may also pick up their accreditation badges at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel in Calgary (please note: for media registering in Calgary, media packages will be available upon arrival at The Banff Springs Hotel):

Tuesday, August 9: NOON – 4:00 PM

Wednesday, August 10: 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Premiers will meet with national Aboriginal organizations on Tuesday, August 9, McDougall Centre, Calgary. Details will be available in advance of the meeting.

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Attachments: List of Council of the Federation events and media/photo opportunities, pictures of Premiers, maps of The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel and media locations.

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DETAILED MEDIA INFORMATION

List of Council of the Federation Events and Media/Photo Opportunities

Tuesday, August 9	
NOON – 5:00 PM	<p>Media registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: President’s Hall, The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel Conference Centre
NOON – 4:00 PM	<p>Media registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: The Fairmont Palliser Hotel main lobby
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	<p>Premiers’ meeting with National Aboriginal Organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: 3rd Floor McDougall Centre 455 – 6th Street SW, Calgary
Afternoon	<p>Media can access satellite truck parking and begin cabling to locations other than the Upper Bow Valley Terrace</p>
8:00 PM	<p>Media can access Upper Bow Valley Terrace area for set up</p>
Wednesday, August 10	
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<p>Media registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: The Fairmont Palliser Hotel main lobby
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	<p>Media registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: President’s Hall, The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel Conference Centre
10:15 AM	<p>Train departs Calgary for Banff Premiers, delegates, and registered media depart Calgary for Banff on board the historic Royal Canadian Princess passenger train pulled by the Canadian Pacific Railway Empress steam locomotive.</p> <p><i>Please note – due to safety considerations and space restrictions the train is for transportation purposes only. There will be no media opportunities available as the train departs or on-board. Pool photos and video will be available.</i></p> <p><i>All media traveling by train to Banff must leave their luggage in the lobby of The Fairmont Palliser Hotel by 9am for transport to The Fairmont Banff Springs.</i></p>

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM	<p>Kananaskis Rodeo Premiers and delegates view rodeo presented by the Calgary Stampede Association Please note – due to restricted parking and road closures media must be on site before 11 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Kananaskis Guest Ranch (Trans Canada Highway exit 114), approximately 4 kilometres north of Highway 1. • An audio feed and camera risers will be available for media covering the rodeo. • Dubs of video pool camera material on board the train from Calgary to Kananaskis will be available for media by the completion of the rodeo. Contact Jim Law to arrange a copy.
4:00 PM – 4:50 PM	<p>Banff welcoming reception and ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Banff train station • An audio feed and camera risers will be available for media covering the welcoming ceremony. • Welcoming comments by the Mayor of Banff, Parks Canada, Premier Klein. • Centennial medals awarded to local Albertans over 100 years old.
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	<p>Delegates' Welcome reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Mt. Stephen Hall, The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel • Open to delegates, spouses, and media (social only)
Thursday, August 11	
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	<p>Media registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: President's Hall, The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel Conference Centre
7:30 AM (Premiers' meetings are scheduled to end at approximately 4:00 PM)	<p>Uni-mic location available for media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverview Room, The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel <p>Please note: no arrangements have been made for external distribution for the uni-mic feed.</p>
9:30 AM	<p>Photo opportunity of Premiers' working meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Cascade Ballroom, The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
Time to be determined	<p>Media update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: to be determined
6:30 PM – MIDNIGHT	<p>Centennial Reception/Rocky Mountain Dinner/Entertainment Open to Premiers, delegates, spouses, and media (social only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Reception – NWMP Courtyard, The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel; Dinner – Spray Meadows

Friday, August 12	
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Media registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: President’s Hall, The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel Conference Centre
7:30 AM	Uni-mic location available for media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverview Room, The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel <i>Please note: no arrangements have been made for external distribution of the uni-mic feed.</i>
12:30 PM – 1:00 pm (approximate)	Closing news conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: President’s Hall, The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel <i>Please note: the pool source for the news conference is in the news conference room, no arrangements have been made for external distribution.</i>
3:00 PM 7:00 PM 10:00 PM	Bus transportation from Banff to Calgary will be available for media at the conclusion of the final news conference.
Saturday, August 13	
9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Bus transportation from Banff to Calgary will be available for media if required.

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