



MEDIA NOTICE

Council of the Federation Meets in Banff, Alberta, August 10-12, 2005 ***Media accreditation required***

June 9, 2005 – As incoming Chair of the Council of the Federation, Alberta Premier Ralph Klein will host the 2005 summer meeting of the Council on August 10-12 in Banff, Alberta.

Council of the Federation meeting site: Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

Media Centre location: Fairmont Banff Springs Conference Centre

Media Accreditation & Accommodations

Media representatives who wish to attend the Council of the Federation meeting must complete an application for accreditation form. The form is available at www.gov.ab.ca/premier/cof.

Or, a media accreditation form can be faxed to you by contacting the Alberta Premier's Communications Office at (780) 415-1852.

Applicants will be screened to ensure they are working media.

Media representatives are responsible for their own accommodation, however a block of rooms has been reserved for media at the Fairmont Banff Springs, the Banff Caribou Hotel, and at the Mount Royal Hotel. Please contact Linette Kelly at (403) 237-2399 for further information.

Media Centre Facilities

A Media Centre will be located at the Banff Springs Conference Centre. It will be equipped with workstations, telephones, power outlets, television monitors, and limited space for television editing equipment. A news conference theatre will be located in this area. A unimic will be located in the main hotel (Riverview Room) adjacent to the Premiers' meeting area.

Preliminary Media Program *(All times and events to be confirmed)*

Wednesday, August 10

- 10:00 a.m. Premiers board Royal Canadian Pacific train to Banff, Fairmont Palliser Hotel, Calgary -- photo opportunity
- 1:00 p.m. Kananaskis Ranch rodeo
- 4:00 p.m. Community welcoming reception and ceremony, Banff train station
- 6:30 p.m. Welcoming reception for delegates (media invited, social only)

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Thursday, August 11

8:00 a.m. Premiers' breakfast
9:30 a.m. Premiers' working session – photo opportunity
Noon Premiers' luncheon
1:00 p.m. Premiers' working session
7:00 p.m. Reception and dinner (media invited, social only)

Friday, August 12

8:00 a.m. Premiers' breakfast
9:00 a.m. Premiers' working session
12:30 p.m. Media conference

For more information on the Council of the Federation summer meeting, and a media accreditation form go to: www.councilofthefederation.ca or www.gov.ab.ca/premier/cof.

The Council of the Federation is comprised of all 13 provincial and territorial Premiers. It enables Premiers to work collaboratively to strengthen the Canadian federation by fostering a constructive relationship among the provinces and territories, and with the federal government.

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