

# Lesser Slave River No. 124, M.D. of

<http://www.md124.ca>

## Welcome

The Municipal District of Lesser Slave River welcomes your interest in our community.

Whether you are looking at making a personal move to the area, relocating or establishing a business here, we hope that you find the information contained in this profile helpful and informative.

The Municipal District of Lesser Slave River is located in the heart of Alberta and pulses with the energy of all that is "Rugged & Real" in a community. The "Rugged and Real" slogan also reflects both the benefits and challenges of the unparalleled opportunities for those who seek entrepreneurial excitement and relaxing lifestyles.

The Municipal District of Lesser Slave River encompasses 10,150 km<sup>2</sup> within which some 2800 people reside - primarily in, and around, six small communities. Its appeal is much broader, however. Many persons commute from neighbouring municipalities to earn their livings from the thriving oil, gas and forestry industries. Others increasingly travel from more distant locales to enjoy the outdoor recreational opportunities that the area presents.

Charged with stewardship of this rich and vibrant region, Municipal District Council and Administration have adopted prudent planning and inter-municipal cooperative efforts with the [Town of Slave Lake](#) to ensure that both the economic prosperity and natural beauty are preserved for future generations.

## Area Overview

The Municipal District of Lesser Slave River is a two to three hour drive (depending upon your destination within) northwest of Edmonton. Located in the Boreal Plains Region of north-central Alberta, the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River is characterized by a dry, sub-humid climate with warm summers and cool winters.

The largest service centre is the Town of Slave Lake, located at the southeastern tip of Lesser Slave Lake. Its elevation is 582 metres, and can be viewed from the summit of Marten Mountain, 18 kilometres to the north, at 983 metres above sea level.

The eastern portion of Lesser Slave Lake, one of Alberta's largest lakes, lies within M.D. boundaries. It drains into the Lesser Slave River, which flows for 35 km into the Athabasca water system, one of the major drainage conduits for western Canada. Smaller rivers and streams also form part of the diverse topography and ecosystems, marked by mixed-wood forests, rolling foothills of the Pelican Mountains and Swan Hills, and some farmland; primarily in the southeastern sector.

### Lakes and Rivers

Situated within the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River are a number of lakes and rivers which provide many opportunities to

enjoy the outdoors. Whether it is fishing, camping, hiking, or water recreation, you can enjoy it here.



- 108 km long, 19 km wide (at widest point)
- Area: 1,168km<sup>2</sup>, Elevation: 577m
- Largest lake within Alberta's borders
- Home of **Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park**
- World-Class fishing (Walleye, Pike, Perch)
- Warm, shallow water
- Ocean-like views
- 27 km of continuous white sandy beaches

#### **Lesser Slave River**

- Only water exit for the Lesser Slave Lake
- Approximately 35 kilometres long
- Windingly flows into the Athabasca water system
- World-Class fishing (Walleye, Pike, Perch)



#### **Athabasca River**

- Longest river in Alberta
- A major drainage conduit for western Canada
- Winds 1,538 kilometres to Lake Athabasca
- Many recreational opportunities

#### **Fawcett Lake**

- Great fishing opportunities
- **Fawcett Lake Provincial Recreation Area**
- Tourism destination for people from urban areas
- Flows into Lesser Slave River
- Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV/ATV) Trails



#### **Marten Mountain**

- Located in **Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park**
- The summit overlooks Lesser Slave Lake
- Highest point in the region

- Elevation: 983 metres above sea level
- Several hiking trails

## Climate

Temperature	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Daily Mean(°C)	-14.5	-11.7	-4.7	3.3	9.7	13.6	15.6	14.6	9.2	3.8	-6.1	-12.9
Std. Dev.	4.9	5.3	3.6	2.1	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.8	1.5	4.0	4.4
Daily Maximum	-9.4	-5.9	1.2	9.4	16.1	19.3	21.2	20.3	14.6	9.1	-1.6	-8.2
Daily Minimum	-19.6	-17.4	-10.6	-2.9	3.3	7.9	10.0	8.8	3.7	-1.5	-10.5	-17.7
Rainfall (mm)	0.6	1.0	1.7	12.1	40.9	88.2	95.6	72.4	48.8	18.0	3.1	2.0
Snowfall (cm)	29.9	21.2	20.8	10.4	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	9.7	19.7	29.8

Average Number of Frost Free Days Annually: **92**

Average Number of Hours of Sunshine Annually: **2175**

## Community Services

### *Community Services, Organizations, and Churches*

There are several Community Organizations that provide various services throughout the area. A complete list of these organizations, and churches, can be viewed [here](#). [Family & Community Support Services \(FCSS\)](#) operates out of the Town of Slave Lake Office [Slave Lake Municipal Library](#)

## Community Lifestyle

Those who call the rural environs of the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River home have an unqualified claim on a peaceful existence in a natural setting, enhanced by accessibility to exceptional services and infrastructure. Add to that a diverse cultural landscape and the results make for a richly textured lifestyle.

Small, closely-knit communities with unique personalities are hallmarks of the Municipal District population mix. The largest settlement of about 650 people, the Hamlet of Wagner/Widewater, is located along the scenic south shore of Lesser Slave Lake. Following the railway west along the lake are the hamlets of Canyon Creek and Assineau, with populations of 271 and 49, respectively. These south shore settlements offer spectacular lake views and prize residential lots, as does the Hamlet of Marten Beach, 30 km north of the town of Slave Lake. Located between Lesser Slave Lake and the Marten River, this community consists of a year-round population of about 45 persons, but swells considerably in the summer due to a number of vacation properties.



One of Canada's hidden beauties is Devonshire Beach, located 1 km outside Slave Lake. In 1920 the Canadian Pacific Railway considered building one of its grand hotels by this beach. Clams and seagulls create the illusion of a freshwater ocean.

In the eastern region of the Municipal District, the Hamlet of Smith, population 264, exudes a rustic charm evocative of the early fur-trading and paddle wheeler days. It is fully serviced and is the gateway to

Fawcett Lake. Farther south of Smith are the hamlets of Chisholm (a quiet community along the Athabasca River) and Flatbush (an important service center for the farming district within which it is situated). Also located within Municipal District borders is the Sawridge First Nation, with 6,000 acres under its jurisdiction in, and around, the Municipal District.

The relaxed pace of life in these Municipal District communities is complemented by a robust volunteer sector, giving rise to many social, recreational and cultural opportunities. They are served equally well by widely distributed education, health and social support systems. In addition, the nearby town of Slave Lake is a bustling hub of entertainment and economic activity.

### **Recreation**

Inspired by nature's grandeur, people in the M.D. of Lesser Slave River take to the woods and waters of their natural playground for all-season recreation. Four beautiful lakes beckon to fishers, boaters, campers and beach lovers, while the lush countryside is the perfect setting for camping, hiking and birding. Hunters trek through the woods in the fall, and winter adventurers enjoy snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and ice fishing.



Nature's delights notwithstanding, many communities have developed their own recreational facilities and community halls. Golf courses, baseball/softball diamonds, playgrounds, skating rinks, curling rinks and swimming facilities are found throughout the Municipal District. With typical northern gusto, residents frequently organize special events, such as fairs, tournaments, derbies and dances, for the enjoyment of local residents and their visitors.

Click [here](#) for information regarding Recreation, Arts & Culture; facilities and programs.

## **Economic Base**

### **Economic Strengths**

The M.D. of Lesser Slave River's solid financial position is largely the result of enviable supplies of natural resources. Throughout the past three decades the economic growth, generated initially by the petroleum industry and later by forestry, has contributed to a strong assessment base. Concentrated in the southeast region of the M.D., farming has always played a role, albeit a lesser one relative to resource extraction.

In keeping with sound planning principles, the Municipal District is encouraging economic diversification, focusing on increasing the role of a burgeoning tourism trade, manufacturing, and value-added opportunities. Additionally, the growing cottage and home-based business sector is strengthening diversity.

### **Mitsue Industrial Park**

Mitsue Industrial Park is located 8 km east of the Town of Slave Lake in the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River. This park is a major industrial subdivision which, in addition to several small businesses is the location of four wood processing facilities (soon to be 5), two gas plants, and a waste / product management service for oilfield services. Those facilities employ approximately 2000 people. (directly and indirectly)

### **Industry Profiles**

#### **The Regional Forestry Industry**

The Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) for the Lesser Slave Lake area is approximately 4 million m<sup>3</sup>. Manufactured wood products from all mills include: pulp, OSB, veneer plywood, dimensional lumber, woodchips, and pellets. Three lumber companies account for the

bulk of activity in this industry within the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River.

**West Fraser Timber** operates Slave Lake Pulp and Alberta Plywood in the Mitsue Industrial Park. It also operates Seehta Forest Products located in Red Earth Creek, just north of the Municipal District boundaries.

**Tolko Industries** enhanced their presence in the area in 2003 when it purchased an Oriented Strand Board (OSB) Plant in the Mitsue Industrial Park. Construction of a new greenfield (OSB) plant in Slave Lake is set to begin in Spring 2006. This \$200 million facility will provide 130 direct jobs in the mill and up to an additional 130 contract jobs in the woodlands.

**Vanderwell Contractors** has operated in the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River for over 30 years. This dimensional lumber mill employs approximately 250 people.

### ***The Oil and Gas Industry***

This industry remains very healthy as it strengthens its focus on natural gas development, to complement the strong oil sector. The initial discovery of oil and gas in the 1960's encouraged rapid growth in both primary and secondary (service) industries. Continued exploration and development in both sectors of the industry bodes well for its future success.

Companies involved in resource development include: **Acclaim Energy**, **Canadian Natural Resources**, **Husky Energy**, **Vermilion Resources**, and **Penn West Petroleum**.

### ***The Agriculture Industry***

Some 124,300 acres of land are under agricultural use by 215 farms, primarily in the Smith and Flatbush regions. Mixed farming operations raise a variety of livestock and produce oats, barley, wheat, and canola crops. While the Flatbush area supports the typical family farm lifestyle, many Smith area farmers, who are closer to resource extraction and processing operations, earn additional off-farm incomes.

### ***The Tourism Industry***

Rapidly gaining distinction as Alberta's northern playground, the area around Lesser Slave Lake has seen the number of visitors increase annually. Tourists are captivated by the panorama of the province's largest automobile-accessible lake. When in the area, visitors can experience world-class fishing (walleye, pike, perch), kayak/canoe adventures, hiking expeditions, water recreation, and several camping venues - the complete outdoors experience. Also in the region, Canada's northernmost bird observatory, **Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatory** is located in Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park.

Boasting their own popular attractions are three other lakes within the neighbouring Municipal District of Lesser Slave River – Fawcett Lake, Lawrence Lake, and Cross Lake – favourites with fishing, camping and boating enthusiasts. Residents and visitors can easily appreciate the M.D. of Lesser Slave River's inclusion under the banner of **Big Lake Country Tourism**.

Click [here](#) for more information regarding Tourism & Hospitality (Restaurants, Accommodations, Events, etc.)

Click [here](#) for a more in-depth look into Industry Profiles.

## **Economic Facts**

### ***Market Research & Demographic Information***

- **Consumer Marketing Survey** - Completed December 2003
- **Business Marketing Survey** - Completed December 2003
- **Price Comparison Survey** - Completed by **Alberta Economic Development** in May 2004

Statistics Canada information is located at the end of this profile. Click [here](#) if you would like to view it now. **Further In-depth Information**

- [Municipal Profiles](#) developed by Alberta's Ministry of Municipal Affairs
- [Alberta Weekly Economic Highlights](#) developed by Alberta Economic Development
- [Alberta Economic Outlook](#) developed by Alberta Economic Development
- [Alberta Export and Trade](#) developed by Alberta Economic Development
- [Special Reports](#) developed by Alberta Economic Development
- [Tourism Reports](#) developed by Alberta Economic Development
- [Alberta Finance Statistics](#) also contains much information which may be useful.

## Development Permits

Municipal District of Lesser Slave River

Box 722 Slave Lake, AB T0G 2A0

Phone: (780) 849-4888

Fax: (780) 849-4939

[md124@md124.ca](mailto:md124@md124.ca)

[www.md124.ca](http://www.md124.ca)

\* The Municipal District of Lesser Slave River does not issue Business Licenses Click here for a list of [Business Support Services](#)  
Or contact: [Lesser Slave Lake Community Development Corporation](#)

## Property Value Estimates

Zoning - Lots Only	Approximate Price
Residential	\$60,000 - \$80,000
Industrial	\$75,000 - \$100,000 /acre (serviced)
Commercial-Highway	\$150,000 - \$175,000 /acre (serviced)
Commercial-Highway (South)	\$300,000 - \$350,000 /acre (serviced)

Zoning	Type	Approximate Price
Residential	1350 ft <sup>2</sup> Three Bedroom Bungalow	\$250,000 - \$300,000
Industrial	Lease	\$10 - \$12 /square foot + triple net
Commercial	Lease	\$12 - \$15 /square foot + triple net

\*Information provided by Remax Slave Lake Realty, October 2005

## Major Regional Employers

### Private Sector

West Fraser Timber	Sawmill/Plywood/Pulp
Alberta Pacific Forest Industries	Pulp Mill
Sawridge Truck Stop	Service Station/Convenience Store/Restaurant
Canetic Energy	Oil & Gas
Vanderwell Contractors (1971) Ltd.	Mill/Sawmill
Tolko Industries Ltd.	Oriented Strand Board



Canadian Natural Resources	Gas Plant
Husky Energy	Oil & Gas
Penn West Petroleum	Oil & Gas

### Public Sector

Aspen Regional Health Authority	Regional Health Center (Hospital)
North Central Alberta Children's Services	Family Services
Alberta Environment Protection	Forest Service and Parks
Municipal District of Lesser Slave River	Municipal Administration
High Prairie School Division	Schools and Schools Administration
Living Waters Catholic Regional Division	Schools and Schools Administration

### Financial Institutions

ATB Financial	(780) 849-3911
Scotiabank	(780) 849-3770
RBC Royal Bank	(780) 849-8108
Lesser Slave Lake Community Development Corporation	(780) 849-3232

## Education

The Municipal District of Lesser Slave River is part of the [High Prairie School Division #48](#) and [Aspen View Regional Division # 19](#). [Living Waters Catholic Regional Division #42](#), is the separate school division represented within the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River.

School	Location	Phone Number	Grades
<a href="#">Smith School</a>	Smith	(780) 829-3979	K – Grade 12
<a href="#">C.J. Schurter School</a>	Slave Lake	(780) 849-4344	K – Grade 2
<a href="#">E.G. Wahlstrom School</a>	Slave Lake	(780) 849-3539	Grades 3 – 6
<a href="#">Koinonia Christian School</a>	Slave Lake	(780) 849-5400	ECS – Grade 9
<a href="#">Roland Michener High School</a>	Slave Lake	(780) 849-3064	Grades 7 – 12
<a href="#">St. Mary of the Lake Catholic</a>	Slave Lake	(780) 849-5244	K – Grade 12
<a href="#">Lakeside Outreach School</a>	Slave Lake	(780) 849-2992	Junior/Senior

## Emergency Services

### Fire Protection

There is a regional agreement between the Town of Slave Lake and Municipal District of Lesser Slave River for fire protection services.

**Lesser Slave Regional Fire Service** 901 – 4 Street NW Slave Lake, AB Fire Chief: Greg Gramiak General Calls: (780) 849-4110

Fire Alarm: (780) 849-3511

**Emergency Calls: 911**

### Ambulance Service

**Slave Lake Ambulance** 309 – 6 Street NE Slave Lake, AB General Calls: (780) 849-3614 **Emergency Calls: 911**

### Police and By-Law Enforcement

**Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)** 1005 – 6 Avenue SE Slave Lake, AB General Calls: (780) 849-3045

## Health Care

The Municipal District of Lesser Slave River is serviced by the [Aspen Regional Health Authority](#). Click on Programs & Services on the website to find all relevant information about health care in the Slave Lake area. Click [here](#) for more information regarding Health Care.

## Key Contacts for Business Development

### **Lesser Slave Lake Community Development Corporation**

PO Box 2100 Slave Lake, AB

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[cdc1@telusplanet.net](mailto:cdc1@telusplanet.net)

Executive Director - Terry Kurucz

### **Municipal District of Lesser Slave River**

PO Box 722 Slave Lake, AB

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Tel: (780) 849-4888

Fax: (780) 849-4939

[md124@md124.ca](mailto:md124@md124.ca)

Reeve - Denny Garratt Chief Administrative Officer - [Allan Winarski](#)

### **Alberta Economic Development: Edson Office**

111 Provincial Building 111 - 54 Street Edson, AB

T7E 1T2

Phone: 780-723-8229

Regional Director - [Cathy Goulet](#)

Information Officer - [Chris Lockhart](#)

### **Federal Representative**

Brian Jean Member of Parliament [MP] Athabasca Constituency Constituency

Office: 102 - 9912 Franklin Avenue Fort McMurray, AB

T9H 2K5

Tel: 780-743-2201

Fax: 780-743-2287

Toll Free: 1-800-877-532-6272

### **Provincial Representative**

Hon. Pearl Calahasen Minister of Northern Development & Aboriginal Affairs Member of the Legislative Assembly [MLA]

Lesser Slave Lake Constituency Room 403, Legislature Building 10800 - 97 Avenue Edmonton, AB

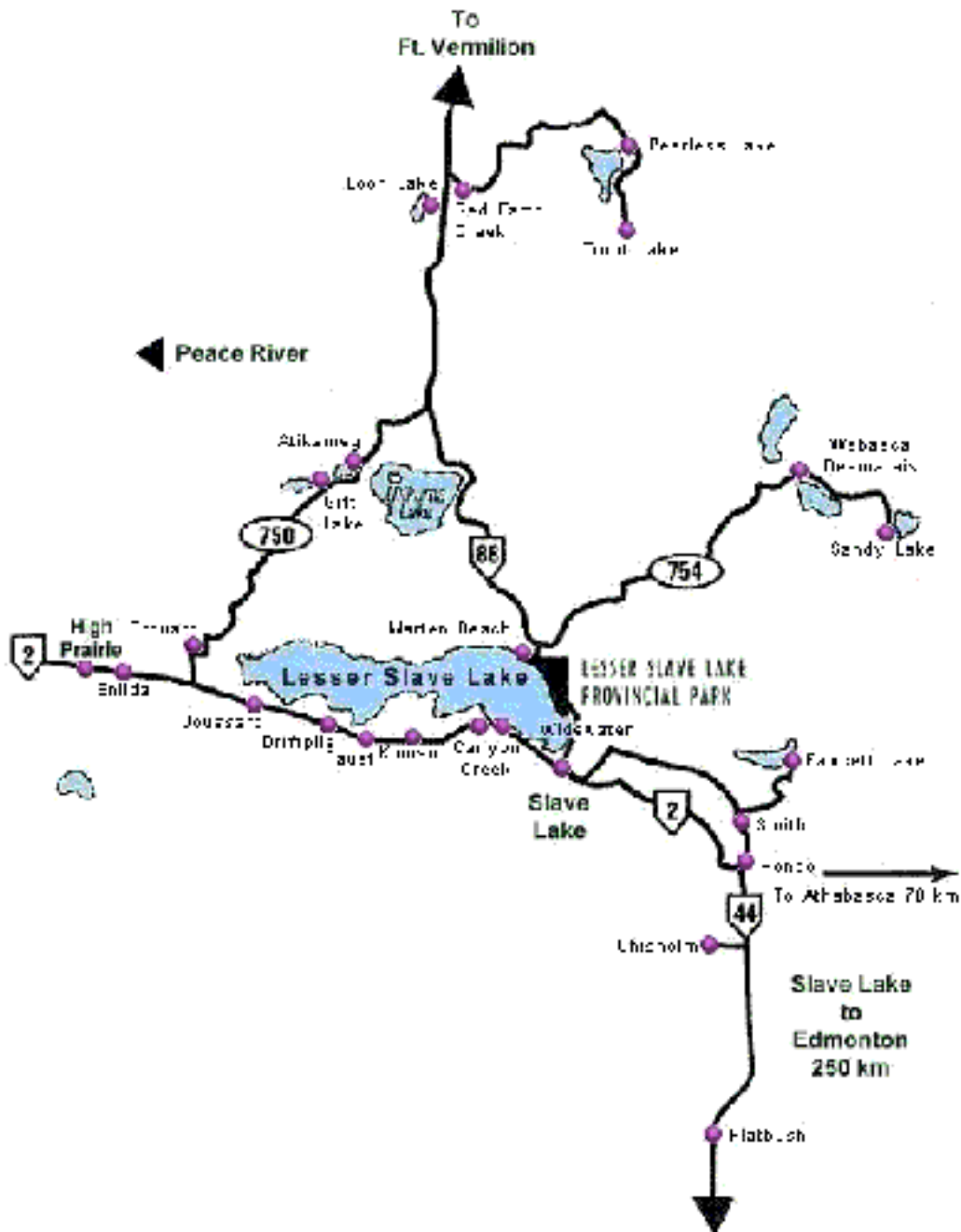
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Tel: 780-427-2180

Fax: 780-427-1671

## Location





Click [here](#) for a detailed, interactive map of Northern Alberta.

## Post Secondary Education



[www.northernlakescollege.ca](http://www.northernlakescollege.ca)

Locations in Slave Lake, Flatbush, and Smith

- Academic Upgrading Programs

- Career Programs
- University Transfer Programs (Sunrise Project)
- Community Learning Services
- Daycare Services



[www.athabascau.ca](http://www.athabascau.ca) Athabasca University is Canada's leading Open University. It focuses on the delivery of courses and programs by distance and online methods. Registration is year-round and anyone 18 years of age or older is eligible to apply.

- Workforce Development
- Three Year and Four Year Degrees
- Graduate and Undergraduate Programs
- Diploma Programs
- Certificate Programs
- University Transfer Programs
- Student Services

## Taxation

### **Assessment [2005]**

\$980,158,940

### **Mill Rates [2005]**

	<b>Residential</b>	<b>Non-Residential</b>	<b>Farmland</b>
General Municipal	3.6094	8.11	5.71
Education	3.7132	5.9518	3.7132
Allowance	.0679	.0679	.0679
Seniors	.1110	.1110	.1110
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.5015</b>	<b>14.2407</b>	<b>9.6021</b>

There is **No Provincial Sales Tax (PST)** in Alberta. There is a 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST) on most purchases in Canada.

## Transportation

The Municipal District has a fully-developed transportation network. It includes access to air, rail and several highways. Highway #2 is a major transportation corridor linking central Alberta and destinations in the northwestern part of the province. Primary Highways #2A, 44, and 88 connect communities within, and surrounding, the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River.

### **Air Transportation**

The Slave Lake Airport is located within the town of Slave Lake. The landing strip is all-weather asphalt and is approximately 5000 feet long. It is capable of handling most light aircraft including helicopters and small jets. The airport also accommodates night landing and has full fuel facilities. Edmonton International Airport is located approximately 275 kilometres (172 miles) southeast [See: [Map](#) (scroll down)]

### **Highways**

**Highway 2** is a major transportation corridor linking central Alberta and destinations in the northwestern part of the province. **Highway 2A** services north to Smith and branches off to a number of unpaved roads that continue toward Hondo, Fawcett Lake,

and Slave Lake via the Old Smith Highway. **Highway 44** connecting to Highway 2, services south to Chisholm, Flatbush, Fawcett, Westlock, and other destinations. **Highway 88** connecting to Highway 2 near Slave Lake, services large volumes of traffic traveling north and northeast of Slave Lake. It is used extensively for oil, gas, forestry, tourism, and recreational purposes. Click [here](#) for an interactive road map surrounding the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River Clicking on [Traffic Counts](#) will take you to a report on the Alberta Transportation website. There are figures for highways within the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River on pages: 12, 19, 76, 89, 122.

Distances to Major Centres

Edmonton	250 km
Calgary	545 km
Grande Prairie	320 km
Red Deer	400 km
Saskatoon	770 km
Vancouver	1190 km
U.S. Border	800 km

**Passenger Bus Service**

[Greyhound Canada](#) has a bus depot located in the Sawridge Truck Stop on Highway 88. Greyhound operates daily scheduled passenger and parcel express service to Edmonton and Peace River.

**Rail Transport**

Slave Lake is serviced by [Mackenzie Northern Railway \(RLGN\)](#)

**Taxi, Transportation/Courier Services**

- Ten taxi companies service Slave Lake and area
- Five freight/courier companies service Slave Lake and area
- Several trucking companies service the Lesser Slave Lake region

**Warehousing and Storage Facilities**

- Four warehousing and storage facilities service Slave Lake and area Click [here](#) for more information regarding Transportation in, and around, the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River.

**Utilities**

<i>Electrical Power:</i>	<a href="#">Direct Energy Services</a>
<i>Natural Gas:</i>	<a href="#">Direct Energy Services</a>
<i>Water/Wastewater:</i>	Municipal District of Lesser Slave River
<i>Waste Management:</i>	Lesser Slave Lake Regional Waste Management

Click [here](#) for more information regarding all the above Utilities, including rates, and more in-depth information about the area landfill, recycling, hazardous waste, and waste collection.

## Communication

*Telephone:* Telus Communications (land-line and mobile)

*Internet Services:* Telus Communications

Sniper Satellite & Communications (Wireless)

### ***Local Newspapers***

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Fax Number</b>
Lakeside Leader	(780) 849-4380	(780) 849-3903
Scope Newspaper	(780) 849-4350	(780) 849-2433
South Peace News	(780) 523-4484	(780) 523-3039

### ***Radio Stations***

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Fax Number</b>
CKWA 1210 Slave Lake	(780) 849-2577	(780) 849-4833
CFCW 790 AM Edmonton	(780) 437-7879	(780) 426-6869
CFWE FM Edmonton	(780) 447-2393	(780) 454-2820
630 CHED AM Edmonton	(780) 440-6300	(780) 469-5937

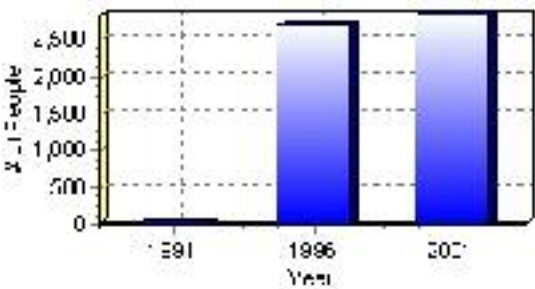
# Population

## Total Population

Population 2004*	2,840
Population 2003*	2,840
Population 2002*	2,825
Population 2001**	2,820
Population 2000*	2,716
Population 1996**	2,716
Population 1991**	0
Population % change 1991-1996	100.00%
Population % change 1996-2001	3.86%

\* Source: Official Population List, Alberta Municipal Affairs  
\*\* Source: Statistics Canada 1991, 1996, & 2001 Census

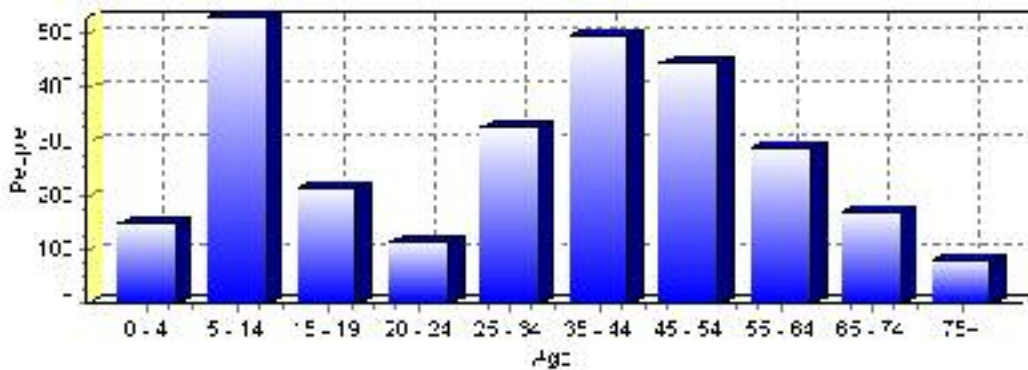
## Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	130	100	230	75	75	150
Age 5 - 14	260	245	505	265	265	530
Age 15 - 19	90	100	190	125	90	215
Age 20 - 24	65	70	135	60	55	115
Age 25 - 34	195	210	405	170	155	325
Age 35 - 44	235	210	445	245	250	495
Age 45 - 54	185	155	340	220	225	445
Age 55 - 64	155	120	275	165	125	290
Age 65 - 74	80	55	135	110	60	170
Age 75 and older	35	35	70	40	40	80
Total All Persons	1,435	1,285	2,720	1,475	1,350	2,825

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

### Lesser Slave River No. 124, M.D. of Population by Age Group (2001)

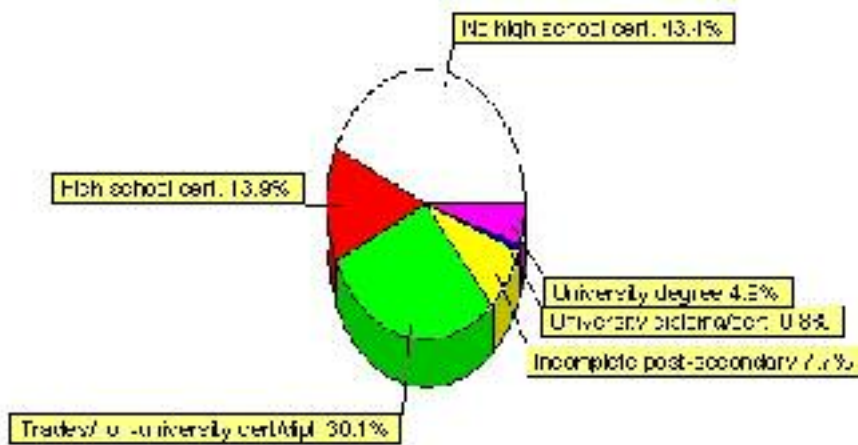


# Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	845	43.44%
People with high school certificates	270	13.88%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	585	30.08%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	150	7.71%
People with university diploma/certificate	15	0.77%
People with university degree	95	4.88%
Total Population 20 years and older	1,945	100.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

## Lesser Slave River No. 124, M.D. of Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	0	0.00%	25	3.57%
Commerce, management and business administration	0	0.00%	150	21.43%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	0	0.00%	80	11.43%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	0	0.00%	315	45.00%
Engineering and applied sciences	0	0.00%	15	2.14%
Fine and applied arts	0	0.00%	30	4.29%
Health professionals, science and technologies	0	0.00%	30	4.29%
Humanities and related fields	0	0.00%	10	1.43%
Mathematics and physical sciences	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Social sciences and related fields	0	0.00%	45	6.43%
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	0	0.00%	700	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	0	0.00%	325	46.43%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	0	0.00%	375	53.57%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)



## Labour Force

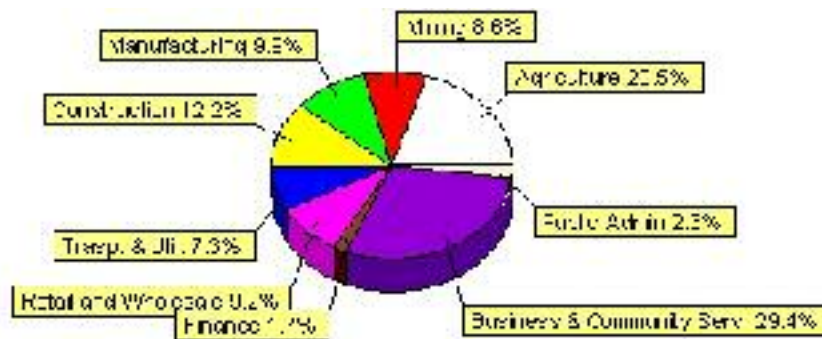
Labour force by activity	1996	2001
In the labour force, both sexes	0	1,535
Not in the labour force, both sexes	0	600
Total population 15 and over	0	2,130
Employed, both sexes	0	1,420
Unemployed, both sexes	0	115
Participation rate, both sexes	0.00%	72.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	0.00%	8.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Labour Force by Industry Division	1996	% of total	2001	% of total
Agriculture	0	0.00%	310	20.46%
Mining	0	0.00%	130	8.58%
Manufacturing	0	0.00%	150	9.90%
Construction	0	0.00%	185	12.21%
Transportation. & Utilities	0	0.00%	110	7.26%
Retail and Wholesale	0	0.00%	140	9.24%
Finance	0	0.00%	25	1.65%
Business & Community Services	0	0.00%	445	29.37%
Public Administration	0	0.00%	35	2.31%
Total All Industries	0	0.00%	1,515	100.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

### Lesser Slave River No. 124, M.D. of Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	0	0.00%	130	8.58%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	0	0.00%	165	10.89%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	0	0.00%	60	3.96%
Health occupations	0	0.00%	10	0.66%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	0	0.00%	110	7.26%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	0	0.00%	10	0.66%

Sales and service occupations	0	0.00%	205	13.53%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	0	0.00%	385	25.41%
Occupations unique to primary industry	0	0.00%	345	22.77%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	0	0.00%	100	6.60%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	0	0.00%	20	1.32%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	0	0.00%	1,515	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	0	0.00%	655	43.23%
Males - All Occupations	0	0.00%	855	56.44%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

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## Income

<b>Family Income (Number of Families)</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>%</b>
less than \$19,999	0	0.00%	115	15.97%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	0	0.00%	85	11.81%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	0	0.00%	280	38.89%
\$60,000 and over	0	0.00%	240	33.33%
Total number of families	0	0.00%	720	100.00%
Average family income	\$0		\$59,123	
Median family income	\$0		\$54,720	

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

<b>Household Income (Number of Households)</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>%</b>
less than \$19,999	0	0.00%	185	18.32%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	0	0.00%	150	14.85%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	0	0.00%	270	26.73%
\$60,000 and over	0	0.00%	395	39.11%
Total number of households	0	0.00%	1,010	100.00%
Average household income	\$0		\$55,187	
Median household income	\$0		\$52,967	

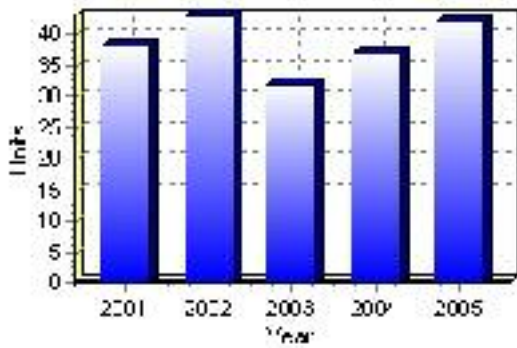
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# Building Permits

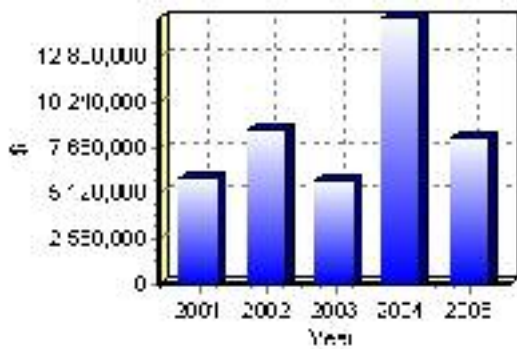
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$1,150,000	\$468,000	\$165,000	\$1,695,000	\$348,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$940,000	\$2,969,000	\$180,000	\$6,650,000	\$1,560,000
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$0	\$75,000	\$85,000	\$1,100,000	\$0
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$3,855,000	\$5,150,000	\$5,378,000	\$5,511,000	\$6,269,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$5,945,000	\$8,662,000	\$5,808,000	\$14,956,000	\$8,177,000
Total Housing Starts	38	43	32	37	42

Source: Statistics Canada 2000-2004 Building Permits (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

## Total Housing Starts



## Value of Building Permits



## Dwellings

<b>Occupied Private Dwellings by Type</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>% of total</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Apartments	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Detached Duplexes	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Movable Dwellings	0	0.00%	105	10.45%
Other single attached house	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Row and semi-detached house	0	0.00%	10	1.00%
Single-detached house	0	0.00%	895	89.05%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	0	0.00%	1,005	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	0	0.00%	910	90.55%
Private Dwellings, rented	0	0.00%	95	9.45%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

<b>Private Dwellings by Period of Construction</b>	<b># of Dwellings</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Period of construction, before 1946	60	6.00%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	85	8.50%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	75	7.50%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	230	23.00%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	275	27.50%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	275	27.50%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	1,000	100.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

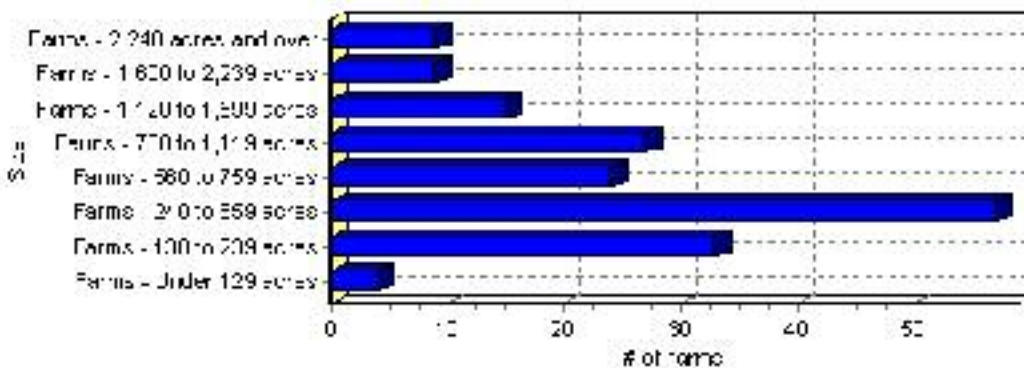
# Farming

Lesser Slave River No. 124, M.D. of Total Farm Area : 180 acres

Farms by Total Farm Area (2001)	# of Farms	% of total
Farms - Under 129 acres	4	2.25%
Farms - 130 to 239 acres	33	18.54%
Farms - 240 to 559 acres	57	32.02%
Farms - 560 to 759 acres	24	13.48%
Farms - 760 to 1,119 acres	27	15.17%
Farms - 1,120 to 1,599 acres	15	8.43%
Farms - 1,600 to 2,239 acres	9	5.06%
Farms - 2,240 acres and over	9	5.06%
Total number of farms reporting	178	100.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census of Agriculture(numbers may not add up due to rounding)

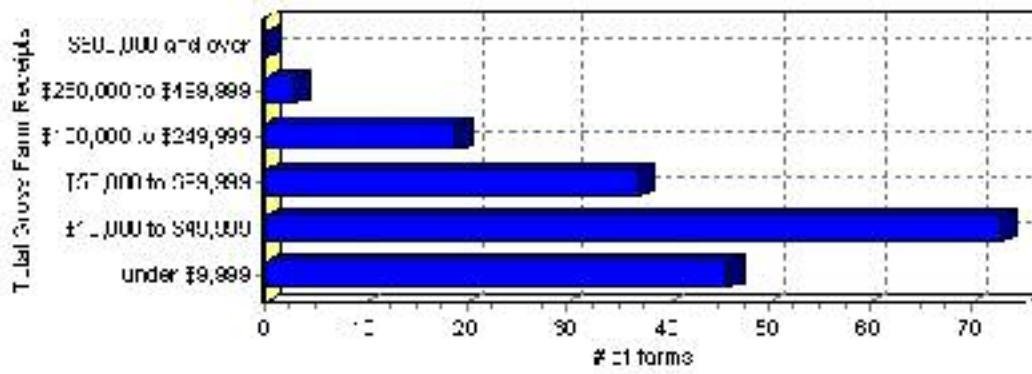
## # of Farms by Total Farm Area



Farms by Total Gross Farm Receipts - 2001	# of Farms	% of total
Farms gross farm receipts - under \$9,999	46	25.84%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$10,000 to \$49,999	73	41.01%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$50,000 to \$99,999	37	20.79%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$100,000 to \$249,999	19	10.67%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$250,000 to \$499,999	3	1.69%
Farms gross farm receipts - \$500,000 and over	0	0.00%
Total number of farms reporting	178	100.00%

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## Total Gross Farm Receipts



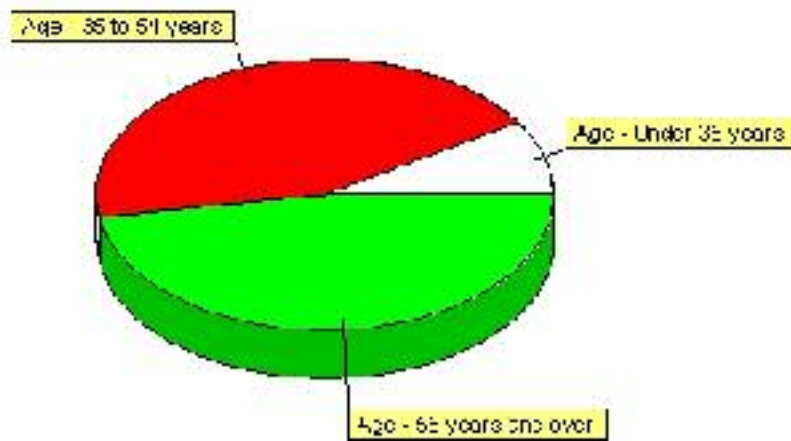


## Farming, Continued

Characteristics of Farm Operators	#	%
Age - Under 35 years	25	9.09%
Age - 35 to 54 years	120	43.64%
Age - 55 years and over	130	47.27%
Average age of operators	53	
Number of operators - Female	90	32.73%
Number of operators - Male	185	67.27%
Total number of operators reporting	275	100.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census of Agriculture(numbers may not add up due to rounding)

### Age of Farm Operators



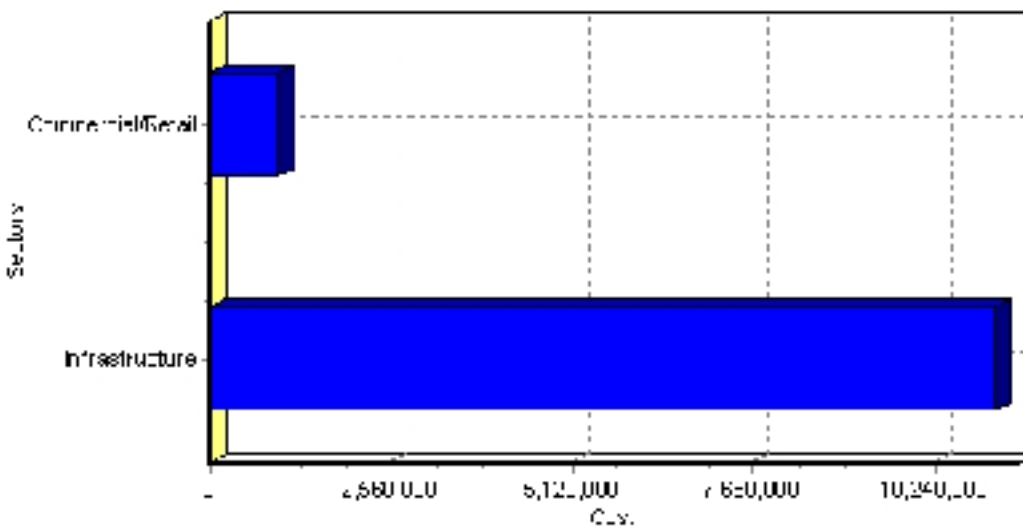
# Projects

## Summary of Projects in Lesser Slave River No. 124, M.D. of as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Infrastructure	2	\$11,100,000
Commercial/Retail	4	\$959,870
Total	6	\$12,059,870

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### Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Completed	1	\$4,200,000
Proposed	1	\$80,000
Under Construction	4	\$7,779,870
Total	6	\$12,059,870

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## Largest Projects in Lesser Slave River No. 124, M.D. of as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
MD of Lesser Slave Lake	Southshore Wastewater Project (Wastewater Treatment Facility)	MD of Lesser Slave River	\$6,900,000	2005-2006	Under Construction
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation	BRIDGE OVER PEMBINA RIVER	MD of Lesser Slave Lake (Flatbush)	\$4,200,000	2006-2006	Completed
BP Canada Energy Ltd	WORK CAMP - INCREASE SIZE	MD of Lesser Slave River	\$450,000	2006-2006	Under Construction
Manasc Isaac Architects Ltd.	EXPANSION OT BOREAL CENTER FOR BIRD CONSERVATION ECO-LODGE	MD of Lesser Slave River	\$414,870	2006-2006	Under Construction
Slave Lake Communications	COMMUNICATION TOWER	MD of Lesser Slave River	\$80,000	-	Proposed
Tiger Calcium	WORK CAMP	MD of Lesser Slave River	\$15,000	2006-2006	Under Construction

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