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DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE JOINS COALITION

The Northeast BC Resource Municipalities Coalition is pleased to announce that the District of Tumbler Ridge Council voted unanimously at its meeting on November 07 to join the Coalition. The District of Tumbler Ridge becomes the 4th municipal member of the Coalition. The founding municipalities include the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, City of Fort St John and the District of Taylor. Other Coalition members include the Northern BC Truckers Association, Energy Services BC, the Chetwynd & District Chamber of Commerce, the Dawson Creek & District Chamber of Commerce, the Fort St John & District Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce. Last month the Coalition also welcomed its first Associate Member, the Independent Contractors and Business Association of BC (ICBA).

District of Tumbler Ridge Mayor Don McPherson said “Our Council is delighted to join the Coalition. The Coalition is very active representing the people of Northeast BC to governments and industry. The Coalition has led the advocacy on issues such as responsible resource development, access to new markets, ensuring that out-of-province contractors follow the same rules BC contractors do, and improving transportation infrastructure across the region to name a few. Our Council appreciates the work the Coalition has been doing on behalf of the Northeast and we felt it was time to show our support by becoming a member.”

Taylor Mayor Rob Fraser stated “The Coalition is very pleased to welcome Tumbler Ridge as a member. Tumbler Ridge faces the same challenges and opportunities as every other municipality and community in Northeast BC. The Coalition will be stronger with Tumbler Ridge at the table providing its perspectives and expertise.”

Fort St John Mayor Lori Ackerman added “The Tumbler Ridge Council has recognized the work of the Coalition. This shows not only confidence in the work of the Coalition but a belief that Tumbler Ridge will benefit by sitting at the table with our other municipal members and our business and industry members.”

Northern Rockies Regional Municipality Mayor Bill Streeper states “Our Coalition has always felt that we are stronger as a region when we work together. The Premier and the Province of BC recognize the work of the Coalition on several key issues of importance to our municipalities and members. The addition of Tumbler Ridge makes us stronger and we’ll be more effective in the years to come because of it.”

Tumbler Ridge Mayor Don McPherson is already demonstrating his support for the Coalition by participating in one of the panel sessions at the Coalition Fall Forum Nov 29-Dec 01. Information about the Fall Forum is available at www.nebccoalition.com

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