



Creating Opportunities .....

SouthGrow Newsletter

October 2014

Officers for the current year are as follows:

- Chairperson—Greg Robinson—Raymond
- 1st Vice Chair—Maggie Kronen—Cardston
- 2nd Vice Chair—Roger Houghton—Cardston County
- Treasurer—Margaret Plumtree—Vauxhall
- Other directors include:
  - Myron Eagle Speaker—Blood Tribe
  - Glenn Logan—Lomond
  - Sheila Smidt—Carmangay
  - Carol Zelenka—MD of Taber
  - Ken Galts—Village of Coutts
  - Gayna Welsh—Town of Milk River

Management Board meetings are usually held monthly to conduct the business of the organization and to be kept up to date on area events and the SouthGrow Plan of Operations.

If you have any suggestions or issues that you wish to bring forward, please talk to one of the Board members or address them to Pete Lovering at 403-394-0615 or by e-mail at [pete.lovering@southgrow.com](mailto:pete.lovering@southgrow.com).



**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 15 - SUPPER AND SPEAKERS—Come out and hear Honourable Greg Weadick and speakers on Broadband Internet issues. Register by October 8, 2014 to [pete.lovering@southgrow.com](mailto:pete.lovering@southgrow.com)**

***“If you try to put social and cultural development ahead of economic development, it doesn’t work. You have to do it all together.”***

***- Aga Khan IV***



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# Investment Attraction Plan

## Community Profile Project

Further to our study on Water for Economic Development, we are embarking on a project to ensure that each SouthGrow community and region has a complete profile of information to attract and retain business investment in the region.

Our aim is to build each of these Profiles into one large profile for the region and to house all that information on our website.

At the same time, we will be updating the short profiles on each member that we currently have on the website and renaming them "Fast Facts". Look for more information coming to your community soon.

SouthGrow is committed to working with member communities to target prospective businesses that would be a good fit within our region.

Did you know that SouthGrow was one of the founding members of SAAEP or the Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership. Along with Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance and Economic Development Lethbridge, this coalition worked towards building the potential in our regions for Alternative Energy development and expansion projects.



## 2015 Economic Summit

**We are planning an all day Summit meeting with South Central Albertans to meet and discuss important issues to the region.**

**This winter or spring date is not yet set but we will have some great speakers on leadership, government, and the economy to help us in our discussions.**

**Stay tuned for more information.**



## **October 15, 2014 - Broadband Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lethbridge Lodge—Birch Room

Come and hear Mr. Greg Weadick, MLA for Lethbridge West speak.

**Want to know what is innovative in the world of Broadband Internet?**

Axia (the Alberta Supernet people) will speak about their role in broadband initiatives.

Bob Dyrda, from Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance will report on some of the issues surrounding broadband in their region and the results of some of their studies.

For tickets, please contact [pete.lovering@southgrow.com](mailto:pete.lovering@southgrow.com) or phone **403-394-0615**.

**Last day for registrations is October 8**

**Do not pass up on this opportunity to listen and dialogue about one of the issues of importance to rural Albertans.**

## **EXPORT/IMPORT SESSION**

Sponsored by AB Innovation & Advanced Education and Community Futures Lethbridge

**WHEN: OCTOBER 16, 2014**

**WHERE: COUTTS COMMUNIITY CENTRE—105 CENTRE AVENUE, COUTTS, AB**

**HOW MUCH: \$20 PER PERSON (INCLUDES LUNCH)**

**HOW LONG: 9:30 AM—3:00 PM**

Registration closes September 30, 2014. Space is limited, do not delay.

Phone: **403-320-6044** to register or email—[cflethbridge@albertacf.com](mailto:cflethbridge@albertacf.com)

Learn from US Customs and Immigration, Canadian Customs and Immigration, Private Brokerage Firm and get a Tour of the Port Buildings.

**\*\*\*Note: Registrants must have a Valid Passport or Nexus card to take the tour.**

# Coming Events

- **October 8, 2014** - Meeting with Alberta Economic Development Authority representatives to discuss their latest Report on Competitiveness: Alberta 2013.
- **October 15, 2014** - Mr. Greg Weadick, MLA for Lethbridge West is speaking. Come out and hear his comments on Provincial government issues and priorities, especially regarding broadband. Want to know what is innovative in the world of Broadband Internet? Axia (the Alberta Supernet stewards) will speak about their role in broadband initiatives. Bob Dyrda, a speaker from Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance will report on some of the issues surrounding broadband in their region.

Lethbridge Lodge Birch Room (upstairs) Networking at 6:00 pm Supper 6:30 pm. Get your tickets no later than October 8 from [pete.lovering@southgrow.com](mailto:pete.lovering@southgrow.com) or phone 403-394-0615.

- **October 16, 2014** - Cross Border information session in Coutts. Find out the ins and outs of doing business with our neighbours to the south. Call CF Lethbridge for more details by phone at 403-320-6044
- **November 5 & 6, 2014** - Accelerate South 50. Coast Hotel and Convention Centre.. Created and organized by Regional Innovation Network of Southern Alberta (RINSA), Accelerate SOUTH50 is geared to help entrepreneurs, founders of start-ups and seasoned business people access capital, gain exposure to global markets, cultivate talent, and identify, connect and communicate with experts in the tech and non-tech industries.

Visit [www.rinsa.ca](http://www.rinsa.ca) for details on how to register.

- **Winter/Spring 2015** - Stay tuned for information on our First Annual Economic Summit.

## Contact Us

Give **Pete Lovering** a call for more information about our services

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