



MEDIA NOTICE

Media accreditation and accommodation deadlines looming ***Council of the Federation Meets in Banff, Alberta, August 10-12, 2005***

June 28, 2005 – To ensure adequate space is available, media planning to be on board a special passenger train for Premiers and delegates from Calgary to Banff on Wednesday, August 10 must complete the accreditation form, including the section on travel arrangements, by **June 30**. The form is available at www.gov.ab.ca/premier/cof.

Due to limited accommodation in Banff during the busy tourist season, media wishing to take advantage of lower conference rates for hotel rooms must contact the accommodation coordinator (see below) prior to **July 4**.

Deadlines:

June 30

- ***Accreditation forms for media travelling by train from Calgary to Banff on Wednesday, August 10, must be submitted (please ensure the section on travel arrangements is complete)***
- ***All media are encouraged to have applications for accreditation submitted***

July 4

- ***Accommodations arranged through the conference accommodation coordinator***

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. **To avoid on-site delays, all media are encouraged to submit accreditation application forms no later than June 30.**

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 by July 4, 2005 for further information.

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Council of the Federation meeting site: Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

Media Centre location: Fairmont Banff Springs Conference Centre

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)

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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