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Real Estate / Energy / Infrastructure / Construction NEWS

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< NEWS Today > Monday, February 27, 2006

- + Aspen Properties buying Palliser Square/Calgary Tower complex, \$ 150 million >
- + Alaska & North Slope producers reach deal for US\$ 20 billion gas pipeline >
- + Winter Olympics Close, Canadian athletes sets record medal count >

< NEWS – February 21 - 26 >

- + Alberta Legislature opened – throne speech at: www.gov.ab.ca >
- + Alberta Government commits to add \$ 1 billion to the Heritage Savings Trust Fund >
- + Al Queda attack on largest Saudi oil facility unsuccessful, suspected militants killed >
- + Birchcliff Energy Inc. announced 2006 CapEx budget of \$ 128 million >
- + Calpine Corporation closed US\$ 2 billion debtor-in-possession credit facility >
- + Calvalley Petroleum Inc. closed \$ 58.5 million equity financing >
- + Connacher Oil and Gas Limited closed \$ 100,000,950 equity financing >
- + Enbridge Inc. & Sequoia Energy Inc. to partner in 1,000MW wind energy project >
- + Expedition Energy Inc. announced 2006 CapEx budget of \$ 10 million >
- + GEOCAN Energy Inc. announced 2006 CapEx budget of \$ 30 million >
- + Gran Tierra Energy Inc. buying Compania General de Combustibles SA, US\$ 37.8 million >
- + Highpine Oil & Gas Limited closed acquisition of White Fire Energy Ltd. >
- + LongBow Energy Corp. closed acquisition of Discovery Group >
- + National Grid Plc buying KeySpan Corp. for US\$ 7.3 billion >
- + Northrock Resources Ltd. acquire control of Prairie Pacific Energy Corp. in takeover bid >
- + OPEC President says no to production cuts Venezuela is calling for >
- + RIM [blackberry] patent dispute court decision delayed, judge urges settlement >
- + Shell's Muskeg River mine suspends production; world's largest conveyor belt torn >
- + Suez SA & Gaz de France's US\$ 39 billion merger creates 2nd largest power & gas co >

[Editor's note: we do not report refinancings, offerings or credit facility news; we report relevant CLOSED new debt & new equity financings in excess of \$ 1 million]

< People on the move >

- + Alan Holme to Partner @ Carsallen Lockwood LLP >
- + Anita Mercier to VP, Business Development @ Calgary Chamber of Commerce >
- + Brian Gifford to Chair. @ Alberta Surface Rights Board >
- + Brian Gifford to Chair. @ Alberta Land Compensation Board >
- + Cheryl Gottselig to Partner @ Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP >
- + Eros Spadotto to VP, Technology Strategy @ TELUS >
- + Fred Green to CEO @ Canadian Pacific Railway >
- + George Tai to Partner @ Carsallen Lockwood LLP >
- + Grant Cameron to Partner @ Carsallen Lockwood LLP >
- + Greg Schmidt to Senior Dir. Gov't Relations @ Petro-Canada >
- + Jamie Flanagan to Partner @ McLennan Ross LLP >
- + Jeff Oke to Partner @ Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP >
- + Joe Drummond to VP Hotel Operations @ Royal Host REIT >
- + John Taylor to Partner @ Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP >
- + George Tai to Partner @ Carsallen Lockwood LLP >
- + Leslie Weekes to Partner @ Carsallen Lockwood LLP >
- + Louise Grant to Partner @ Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP >
- + Mark Holleran to Pres. & COO @ Xplore Technologies Corp. >

- + Rob Ritchie, CEO @ Canadian Pacific Railway retiring >
 - + Rod Thornton to Sr. Dir. Corporate Communications @ Petro-Canada >
 - + Ron Vargo to Interim co-CFO @ EDS >
 - + Steve Long to Director Upstream Practice @ PFC Energy >
 - + Tom Haubenstricker to Interim co-CFO @ EDS >
 - + Ward Polzin to US Country Manager @ Enerplus Resources Fund >
- [material obtained from sources believed reliable; send items to research@maxcomm.ca]

< Commentary & Stuff >

 + for the last three years David Crawford has provided you with a weekly column on the latest, greatest . . & sometimes not so great things that are happening in the world of telecom & IT. David is moving his family & his life to that valley where the apples grow to pursue new opportunities. I've always appreciated his zany humour & straight talk as have many of you. I wish him well. I'm still looking for a replacement contributor . . so you might have to put up with me for a few weeks. Meanwhile, farewell & best of luck David ! >

 + will he stay or go ? . . Ralph Klein has not lost his fight, says he needs 1 more year to get some key things done & the push is on to amend health care [an unknown 3rd way that seems to never quite see the light of day], new initiatives on clean coal & a sprinkling of other issues; the upcoming PC Party AGM will have a leadership review vote . . . but if one gauges the rhetoric, he does not plan a walk in a snow storm anytime soon . . stay tuned >

 + will there be enough steel ? in addition to all the other commercial & industrial needs for steel, I'm wondering . . . if the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline & the Alaska Gas Pipeline could get built in the same decade will there be enough steel pipe production capacity to create them both ? . . in that footrace, will there be a clear winner anytime soon ? However one handicaps that horse race, hopefully Mr. Prentice & Mr. Harper will be able to quickly repair the Chretien & Martin legacy that has help up the clearly Canadian option. Province status for the Northwest Territories is one item whose time has come. Alone, without land claims resolution that will not solve the problem, but there is a window of opportunity these guys should recognize . . . >

 + Singles & Friends Toastmasters: a singles club for speakers meets every Wed. @ 7 PM <http://singlesandfriendstoastmasters.blog-city.com> >

 + comments & news items always welcome: research@maxcomm.ca >

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< Infrastructure / P3 / Education Facility News – go green >

+ across the pond ~~~~ Macquarie Bank & Grupo Ferrovial SA are teaming up in a hostile bid for British airports operator BAA Plc >

+ Alberta has decided to twin Highway 63 – estimated to cost \$ 650 million; don't be surprised if this is a P3 before it's over as . . stay tuned >

+ Partnerships BC is calling for qualifications [RFQ] for the Pitt River Bridge and Mary Hill Interchange Project . . <http://www.gatewayprogram.bc.ca> >

+ The Alberta government is taking steps to build the NE leg of Calgary's ring road using a public-private partnership (P3) process. "This process is being used with great success in the construction of Edmonton's southeast ring road and I'm confident the process will work for this project," said Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation. "A P3 allows a project to be built more quickly than through conventional delivery and government is guaranteed a fixed price and delivery date." Government will issue a request for qualifications (RFQ) to evaluate the potential private partners' qualifications for the project. The top three candidates will be asked to submit proposals to determine which of them, if any, will be chosen to undertake the project. The successful proponent would be responsible for the project's design, construction, financing, and operation for 30 years. The proponent would recoup these costs through equal payments from government over 30 years once the road is open to traffic. Government also receives a 30-year warranty on the work. The project will extend Stoney Trail from Deerfoot Trail to 17 Avenue SE and involves 21 kilometres of four and six-lane roadway, six interchanges, and 22 bridge structures. The roadway will be completely free-flow and have no traffic lights. >

+ LEED CANADA <http://www.cagbc.org/> >

+ LEED USA <http://www.usgbc.org/> >

+ BOMA Go Green program <http://www.bomagogreen.com> >

< BOMA Calgary – Building Owners and Managers Association >

+ BOMA Awards GALA 2006 March 18, 2006 our industry celebrates its best people – the operate & manage our office, industrial & special purpose building - at our 23rd annual GALA. 'Above and Beyond' is the theme of this year's awards gala being held at the new Art Smith Aero Centre at Calgary International Airport. **Tickets now available** [\$120/person]. Tables of 10 are available on a first come, first served basis for \$1,100. Tickets may be purchased online www.boma.ca tables can be reserved by calling Donna [237-0559] at the BOMA office >

< Tech & telecom news & views – by David Crawford > **

+ Mark thanks for everything all these years...what's it been - 3? 4? Can't remember. You have been very understanding and patient with me and I really appreciate it. It has been a wonderful run contributing my tiny piece of Marks' newsletter each week - and this will be my last. I am moving my family to Kelowna in mid-March, and while I enjoy living in this virtual world, contributing weekly (weakly?) while I'm establishing a new home and business would not work. My sincere thanks to Mark Kolke for letting me into your offices every Monday for a few years now. It has been a pleasure and I wish Mark continued success (even though I know finding someone to replace me will be, well, quite easy really). Thanks also to my ever patient wife Renate - who has endured my ADD symptoms with grace and courage while her world damn near collapsed around her. Here's to a new beginning... Regular readers of this column tell me their bookmark folders are bulging as a result of the links I write about each week here. I'll take that as a compliment. The Internet is a wonderful place to those of us who seek to satisfy our curiosity - and I truly hope that my little blurbs have caused the odd grin or quiet smile of wonder. I am joining LeaseQuest Financial as a Leasing Consultant. I have always thought of myself as a business consultant rather than someone selling

boxes - so assisting vendors to sell their products, or financing equipment to make businesses more successful will be very rewarding. Everyone is a customer! LeaseQuest has more funders than any other lease broker in the country, so it will be fun to 'just say yes' to most every opportunity. My contact email is dcrawford@leasequest.ca - please feel free to drop me a line in Kelowna - or forward that off to any contacts you might have in the Okanagan - I'd appreciate it. Thank you for reading and for your kindness and support - it has been a pleasure. , David Crawford >

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< Annual / Special Meetings >

- Mar. 2
 BMO Financial Group, Calgary, 188th Annual Meeting of Shareholders
 CIBC, Quebec City, Annual Meeting of Shareholders
- Mar. 3
 Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto, Annual & Special Meeting
 Scotiabank, Winnipeg, 174th Annual Meeting
- Mar. 8
 National Bank of Canada, Montreal, Annual Meeting of Shareholders
- Mar. 10
 Cinergy, Cincinnati, Ohio, Special Shareholders Meeting, approve merger
 Duke Energy, Charlotte, NC, Special Shareholders Meeting, approve merger
 Tiverton Petroleum Ltd., Calgary, adjourned shareholders meeting
- Mar. 21
 Calgary Exhibition & Stampede, Calgary, Annual & Extraordinary General Meeting

April 12
 Enerplus Resources Fund, Calgary Annual General Meeting

May 1
 Enbridge Income Fund, Toronto, Annual Meeting of Unitholders

May 3
 Pioneer Natural Resources Company, Irving, Texas, Annual Meeting of Stockholders
 [readers: please send us your AGM date/details for listing here]

< Mark your calendar – business events, functions etc. >

Mar. 7
 Microsoft 2006 Global Energy Forum, Hilton Americas Hotel, Houston
 Register: <http://msevents.microsoft.com/cui/eventdetail.aspx?culture=en-US&eventid=1032289234&x=8&y=19>

Mar. 9
 5th annual RealCapital conference, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Bldg.
 info/register: www.realestateforums.com

Mar. 18 / 2006
 BOMA Calgary Awards & GALA, Art Smith Aero Centre at Calgary International Airport
 Info/tickets: www.boma.ca

Apr. 3
 1st Session of 39th Parliament begins, House of Commons, Ottawa

Apr. 4
 39th Parliament Throne Speech, Senate Chamber, Ottawa

Apr. 13
 BOMA Calgary Luncheon, location to be announced, Calgary
 Guest speaker: John Masters, Pres. & CEO, Calgary Technologies Inc.

May 3-5
 20th annual GasMart, Colorado Convention Centre, Hyatt Regency, Denver

Info/inquiries: <http://gasmart.com>

June 13-15

Global Petroleum Show & Conference, Stampede Park, Calgary

Info/Register: <http://www.petroleumshow.com>

Sept. 23-26

International AgBiotech Conference, TELUS Convention Centre, Calgary

Info/inquiries: ryan@bioalberta.com

< Golf Tournaments >

June 19

2006 IFMA OPEN, course to be announced

info/register: info@ifmacalgary.org

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< closing quotes on life, real estate & golf >

+ 'Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.' - Dr. Seuss>

+ ' Business is like sex. When it's good, it's very good; when it's not so good, it's still good'. - George Katona >

+ ' Some of us worship in churches, some in synagogues, some on golf courses.'

- Adlai Stevenson >

+ ' He's nice to people 'n animals . . but you oughta hear him talkin' to a golf ball !'

- Dennis the Menace >

+ The laws of golf, LAW 5: No matter what causes a golfer to muff a shot, all his playing partners must solemnly chant "You looked up," or invoke the wrath of the universe.>

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