

50 Years of Economic Development – PNIDC to PNEDC

“How things change and yet how
things remain the same”



Agenda

1. Original History – 1958-1984 Vern Hartwell
2. Middle History -1984-2002 Tom Smyth
3. Recent History – 2003- Present Gerry Gabinet



The Beginning Vern Hartwell

In the “beginning there was light”

On December 12, 1958, 12 members of AIDC (American Industrial Development Council) met to see if there was interest in the Pacific Northwest. On Feb. 17, 1959 25 professional industrial development men met in Seattle to formalize the organization.



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Conventions

1. Portland, Oregon
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Washington
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The Middle Years – Tom Symth

- ID becomes ED
- Member Groups evolve
- Issues mature
- What goes up must come down



Locations in the 80's -2000 Champions

- Peter Kerwien
- John Blckmore
- Joe Torterelli
- Duane McPail
- Karen Wright
- Forest Wright
- Jim Love
- Scott Hegge
- Rob Coon
- Phil Hamel
- James Wright
- Elmer Haas
- John Barnard
- Paul Ross
- Leland Smith
- Doug Sweetland



Locations in 2002 - present

- Ocean Shores, Washington
- Sherwood Park, Alberta
- Comox, B.C.
- Mt. Hood, Oregon
- Lethbridge, Alberta
- Helena, Montana
- Nanaimo B.C.
- Boise, Idaho



Sherwood Park, Alberta 2003



Comox Valley 2004



Mt. Hood, Oregon 2005



Mount Hood, Oregon - 2005



PNEDC's 2005 Annual Conference was held in Mount Hood, Oregon. The following are all of the presentations made at the conference:

-  [2005 Program](#)
-  [Alison Larson - Promoting Success on a Shoestring](#)
-  [Bob Cooper - What Works and What Doesn't](#)
-  [Chris Lawless - Economic Performance and Development in Western Canada](#)
-  [Craig Morgan - Preparing Your Community](#)
-  [Dee Christianson - Promoting Regional Leadership and Planning](#)
-  [Don Iannone - Giving Effective Leadership to Local Economic Development](#)
-  [Gary Zimmerman - Federal Reserve Bank](#)
-  [Gerry Gabinet - Centre in the Park](#)
-  [Jim Azumano - Resort at the Mountain](#)
-  [Jim Wright - Fuel Cells in Strathcona County](#)
-  [Krista Hidelbrand - Promoting Success on a Shoestring](#)
-  [Lee Smith - Reuse and Redevelopment of Business Site Facilities](#)
-  [Mark Holland - Vancouver Sustainable Economic Development](#)
-  [MJ Cousins - Regional Economic Development: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly](#)
-  [Paul Ross - Putting Community into Economic Development](#)



Lethbridge, Alberta 2006



Lethbridge, Alberta - 2006



PNEDC's 2006 Annual Conference was held in Lethbridge, Alberta. The following are all of the presentations made at the conference:

-  [A Brief Overview of Montana - Sheldon Bartel](#)
-  [Bio Industrial Refinery Opportunities - Matthew Machielse](#)
-  [Demystifying Sustainability - Jesse Row](#)
-  [For-Profit Economic Development Corporations - Garry Offel](#)
-  [Pro Altitude](#)
-  [Sun Ridge - Felix Michna](#)
-  [Sustainability and Smart Growth - Bruce Tait](#)
-  [Sustainability through Smart Growth - 1st Choice Savings](#)
-  [Wind Energy - Kevin Van Koughnet](#)



Helena, Montana 2007



Helena, Montana - 2007



PNEDC's 2007 Annual Conference was held in Helena, Montana. The following are all of the presentations made at the conference:

- 📄 [Positioning for Growth and Change](#) - Larry Swanson
- 📄 [You'll Fit Right In \(Workforce Recruitment\)](#) - Ruth Benson
- 📄 [Best Practices in Economic Development Marketing](#) - Robert DeRoocker
- 📄 [The City of Littleton's Economic Gardening Program](#) - Christine Pennill Hamilton
- 📄 [American Indian Business Leaders](#) - Tina Begay
- 📄 [Oregon's Proven Certified Industrial Sites Program](#) - Renate Manasberg
- 📄 [Agri-Tourism Development: Growing the Cluster](#) - Erica Thomas
- 📄 [The Development of the Great Northern Town Center](#) - Alan Nicholson
- 📄 [Successes in Technology Based Economic Development](#) - Nancy Beromann
- 📄 [Successes in Technology Based Economic Development](#) - Gynli A Gillam
- 📄 [Tech Connect](#) - Rick Ritter
- 📄 [Nanaimo, BC: PNEDC 2008](#) - Marilyn Hutchinson



Nanaimo 2008



Nanaimo, British Columbia - 2008



PNEDC's 2008 Annual Conference was held in Nanaimo, British Columbia. The following are all of the presentations made at the conference:

- Energy and Economics - A Path to a Sustainable Future - David Hill
- Establishing a Protocol Agreement Toward Economic Sustainability - Ian Howat & Dave Mannix
- The BC & Alberta Story - How WestJet Airlines Connected Two Provinces - Gerry Gabinet
- The Value of Trade Partnerships - Helmut Pastrick
- Tourism - How to Make Something from Nothing - George Sharpe
- Two Communities Business Retention and Expansion Strategies - Amrit Manhas
- Two Communities Business Retention and Expansion Strategies - Kathy Lachman
- Bringing Business to the 2010 Olympic Games - Brian Krieger
- How Google Earth Discovered Nanaimo - Per Kristensen
- Perspectives on Economic Development - From Sound Bites to Real Needs - Hart Hodges
- The BC & Alberta Story - How WestJet Airlines Connected Two Provinces - Gerry Gabinet
- The Greater Victoria Region - Diversifying and Building a Knowledge Based Economy - Sasha Angus
- Trading Between Nations - Marcus Ewert-Johns



Boise, Idaho 2009



Champions of PNEDC

- Bob Potter
- Vern Hartwell
- Clarence Joly
- Nancy Bergman
- Tom Smyth
- Renate Mengelberg
- Sheldon Bartell
- Marilyn Hutchison
- Gerry Gabinet
- Chris Chandler

