

PRESS RELEASE

Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce (AVCOC) executive director Bill Collette will tour the Alberta Oil Sands in March along with others from Chambers of Commerce across Canada.

In January 2015, Mr. Collette of AVCOC submitted an application to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC) to participate in a tour of the Alberta Oil Sands. The CCC offered 10 bursaries to its network of local Chambers from across Canada indicating that preference would be given to Eastern Canada locations.

AVCOC is pleased to report that Mr. Collette was selected for the tour that will occur during the week of March 16th.

The Oil and Gas Industry is currently at the heart of the national debate in several key policy issues: environmental protection, adding value to our resources, interregional distributions of wealth and economic development among others. The sector also faces many of the same challenges and obstacles as other natural resource producing regions, meaning that the approaches and solutions applied in this sector could offer insight for other areas of the country engaged in mining, forestry or other types of resource production.

Mr. Collette will begin his tour in Calgary on March 17/18 along with 9 other Chamber Managers and various employees of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. On March 19th they will tour the Suncor Oil Sands mine in Fort McMurray, Alberta returning to Calgary later in the week.

Collette is mandated to provide a presentation of his findings to our local chamber network subsequent to his trip. This presentation is currently planned for the June 24 dinner meeting held by the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce. Information on that event and others is available on line at: www.albernichamber.ca