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NORTH INDUSTRIAL ROAD WORK & STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT GRAND OPENING

Didsbury, Alberta – The Town of Didsbury officially unveils its new North Industrial Wetlands Park.

In 2009, Didsbury received funding through the Building Canada Fund–Communities Component to develop its North Industrial Area – Road Work & Storm Water Management Project. This was a three-way funded project between the Town of Didsbury, Government of Alberta and Government of Canada, with each partner having announced more than \$2 million dollars towards the 10-acre wetland and storm water treatment facility.

"Our Government is proud to have supported the development of this important new wetland, which gives the Town of Didsbury space for active recreation while enhancing storm water accommodation in the area," said Blake Richards, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose, on behalf of the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification.

Phase I of the project began in June 2010 and saw the construction of a wetland, the incorporation and enhancement of the town's pathway system, the creation of observation boardwalks along the pathway adjacent to the wetland area, as well as initial storm water piping installation. Phase II of the project is in its final completion stage and included the installation of the remaining storm water piping system, curb and gutter installation, road and pathway paving, as well as initial landscaping and plantings. Phase III of the project will see the completion of the landscaping and plantings. This final phase will be completed in 2012.

"This new wetland project will help improve quality of life for the residents of Didsbury and serve the municipality for many years to come," said Richard Marz, MLA for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills. *"The Province is pleased to continue to work in co-operation with the federal government and municipalities on this and other shared funding programs for Alberta communities."*

The Town of Didsbury hosted a grand opening ceremony for the project on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 with officials from the Government of Canada, the Province of Alberta and the Town of Didsbury in attendance. Located at the north end of 16th Street past Memorial Park, members of the public are encouraged to visit and enjoy this fantastic naturalized wetland area.

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