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Northeast Alberta Information HUB (Alberta HUB) and the Van Horne Institute are proud to announce the next Digital Futures Symposium will be held in Lac La Biche, Alberta October 19 – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

"I am very pleased that The Van Horne Institute has selected Alberta HUB member Lac La Biche County as the site of this symposium on rural broadband development". "Broadband is critical to the growth for rural Alberta and this symposium is a must attend event for rural municipal officials, CAOs and planners," says Soren Odegard, Chairman of Alberta HUB and Councillor for the County of Two Hills. "

Bob Bezpalko, Executive Director of Alberta HUB is certain more could be done to improve the current level of high speed broadband in Northeast Alberta and rural Alberta as a whole. Enhanced high-speed broadband service is not just an economic development issue as it affects Education and Healthcare as well. "This symposium is a great opportunity for communities and organizations to understand how Broadband "connectivity" effects our communities and more importantly what are the solutions."

Bryndis Whitson, Manager of Strategic Development and Member Relations at the Van Horne Institute observes that the location of the symposium in Northeast Alberta will allow local communities to participate in the discussion of opportunities that will be created by the examinations of rural broadband in Alberta.

Digital Futures Alberta North will build on the success of the four previous symposiums that have been held in Calgary, Edmonton, Olds, and Medicine Hat. Previous Digital Futures have featured speakers from the University of Alberta, the CRTC, the Alberta Government, and many more.

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