



A presentation to

Transportation Innovations in Alberta's Oilsands

- A Summit -





# About the Renata Project

- Inspiration of Ben Gray, Grande Prairie
- Represents a paradigm shift in:
  - Community design
  - Transportation
- High-level concept today
- But can be effectively demonstrated in Fort McMurray
- Worldwide potential application





#### About Ben Gray

- Born Grande Prairie County, 1938
- Oilrig worker, then owner
- 1973 designed Coiled Tubing Unit with air compressor
- 1976 first Coiled Tubing Drilling Rig
- 2002 revolutionary tool for horizontal drilling
- 2005 2006 sailed around the world





# The transportation challenge

- Fort McMurray's challenge well-known
- Shared by every major urban area globally
- Road travel speed today is slower than horse & buggy days
- Pollution, global warming add to urgency
- Long-term, effective solution required





# The problems...

- We continue to design communities first, then try to serve them with transportation
- Transportation planning largely segregated:
  - Passenger vs. freight
  - Long haul vs. short
  - Mass vs. personal
- We need a high-speed rail alternative that can move both people and freight





### The Renata concept

- We need a paradigm shift in approach
- Design new communities around costeffective, integrated transportation
- Connect new communities to each other with the new transportation system
- Gradually introduce the new system to "old" communities as it becomes efficient to do





#### The Video

- Overview of:
  - Community concept
  - Transportation concept
- Basics of the Renata system
- Other version available for general viewing on our website





#### Renata Fort McMurray

- Ideal opportunity for a Renata satellite community
- Prove the community design
- Use current rail technologies in the interim
- Be ready for new rail system when other Renata communities are built





# What's required?

- Municipal and provincial support in principle
- Approx. 300 hectares of land
- Partners, investors, developers
- Provincial commitment to build rail connection to industrial areas, oilsands





# Questions?

- Thank you for your attention
- Questions and discussion!

