Incorporated February 6th, 2009 combining Town of Fort Nelson and Regional District.

Encompassing approx 10% of the provinces landmass (85,148.87 km$^2$ or 32,876.16 miles$^2$; slightly smaller than Indiana)
Opportunity and Issues
The Opportunity: 
A Regional Municipal Perspective

- 3 Major Shale Gas Basins: Horn River, Liard, Cordova
- Horn River alone contains over 78 trillion cubic feet of gas
- Opportunity for planned, active, and coordinated approach to development
- Includes social, economic, and environmental
The Opportunity: A Regional Municipal Perspective

- Industry to invest 35.9 billion over the next 20 years

- Development of NRRM as a strong service centre

- Offer high quality of life; recreation, services, standard of living

- Contribute to local and provincial bottom line
The Issues: A Regional Municipal Perspective

- Large non-resident population = unsustainable over the long term

- Pressure on local infrastructure:
  - Emergency service
  - Utilities: water and sewer
  - Airport
  - Real Estate: residential and commercial
  - Recreation

- Small population; Limiting tax structure
Key Stakeholders
An industry 1st; Enabled by shale development process

The industry sector response was to create the Horn River Producer’s Group

- A consortium of the 11 major companies leading the Horn River industrial development
- Dedicated to an integrated and comprehensive approach to the development of the Horn River
- Economies of scale
- Long term view
First Nation Neighbors

- 3 significant and influential Nations in the region
  - Fort Nelson First Nations
  - Prophet River
  - Liard River

- Looking to protect culture and heritage rights

- Looking for sustainability; environment and economic
Province of British Columbia

- Maintain competitiveness
- Maximize the benefits of natural gas development
- Ensure environmentally responsible development
- Build partnerships to promote development
Our Approach
Choosing to Lead

Taking a proactive approach

- NRRM taking the long view:
  - Looking beyond exploration and construction to long term production of the resource
  - Finding common purpose locally and provincially

- Collaboration is key; include input of willing stakeholders
  - Horn River Producers Group
  - First Nations
  - Provincial Government
A collaborative approach to regional economic development.

Bringing the Province, industry, First Nations and community to a common table.

Facilitates joint action on shared concerns.
Communities can be the catalyst that leads development.
  • Can be the facilitator for all interests

Near term urgency with a long term view.

Continue to lead and learn; keep communications open and build common ground.
Thank you

Northern Rockies Regional Municipality