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Creating Rural Connections Conference Edmonton, April 12-14, 2011



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- Gain new ideas to apply to your own work or community.
- Meet other Albertans involved in rural development.
- Explore partnerships that will help your community grow and prosper.

Organized by the Alberta Rural Development Network (ARDN), this conference facilitates learning and exchange among leaders and researchers from rural communities and post-secondary institutions. ARDN's 2010 conference in Lethbridge resulted in more than a dozen new partnerships.

April 12: Evening reception; keynote presentation "How Vital is Your Community?"
Mike Stolte, Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurial Leadership

April 13: Opening keynote, Charlie French "Bringing the University to the Community"
Full day of programming with lunch and ample networking breaks
Evening banquet with entertainment by That Funny Magic Guy

April 14: Concurrent sessions in morning
Lunch with keynote, Jeff Dixon "Rural Research Priorities"
Afternoon workshop: Rural Research Needs & Priorities Assessment (optional)



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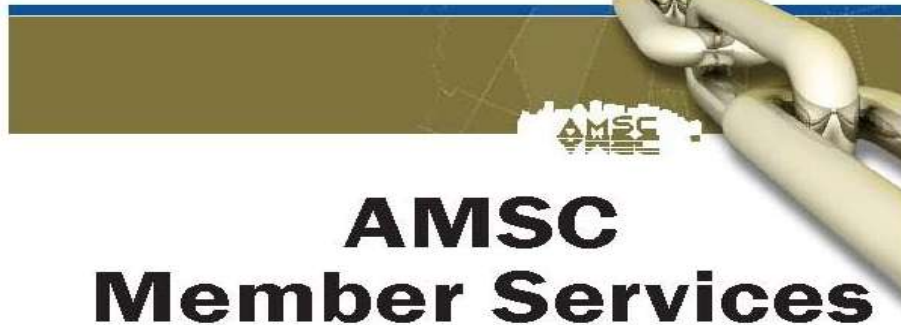
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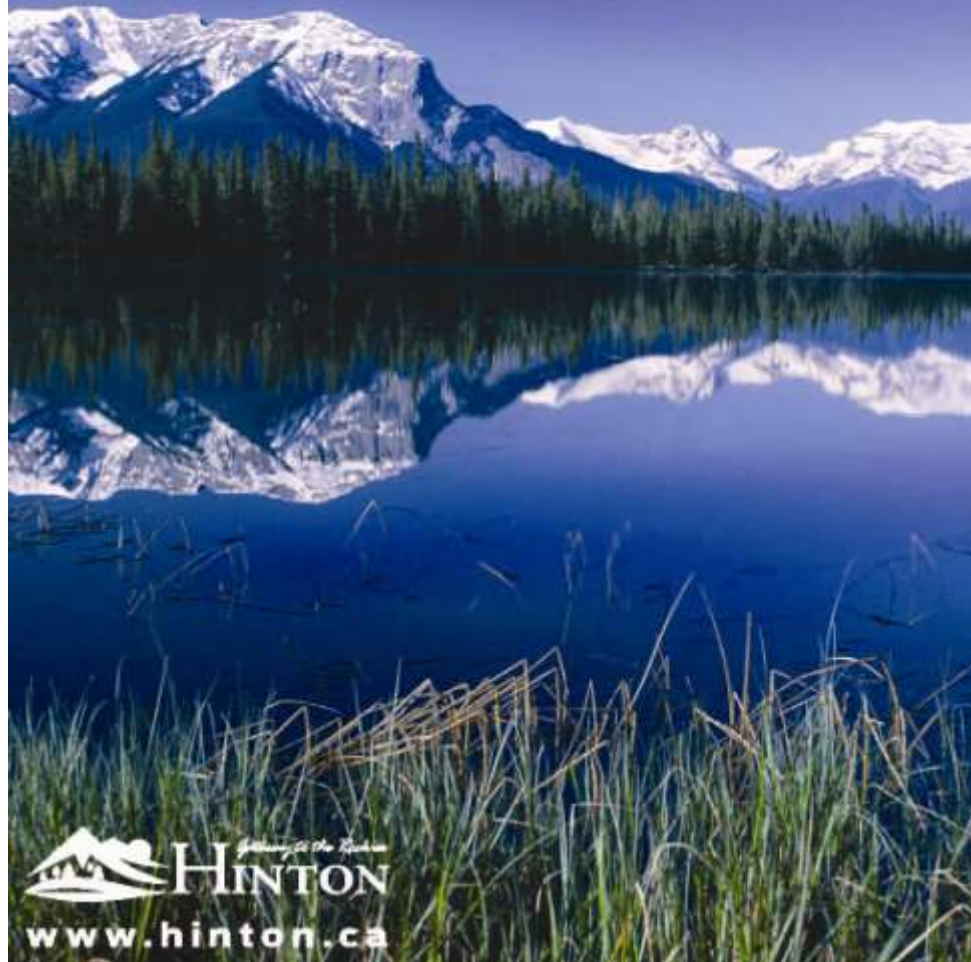
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