

Cultural Forum - 2012

On February 24 and 25 Cultural Forum 2012 was hosted in Red Deer by Alberta Culture and Community Services Minister Heather Klimchuk. Minister of International Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations, Cal Dallas was in attendance and spoke during the opening ceremony. It was certainly encouraging when Premier Redford spoke, she had stressed the importance of all the Government Departments and Ministries working together in collaboration. A forum of this magnitude was the first ever, with nearly 400 community leaders from across Alberta representing a wide spectrum of cultural interests.

Harold Pereverseff was invited to the forum representing the Lethbridge Twinning Society, however there were information tables set out. Information on the Lethbridge Twinning Society as well as the A/JTMA was displayed. (Picture of Hon. MLA Klimchuk was taken in front of the A/JTMA display.)

The plenary sessions and networking during the two days permitted excellent opportunities for sharing the "Twinning Vision and Mission ". There was a lot of interest in twinning relationships and for many it was the first time they became aware of our existence.

It was an honour and a pleasure to be invited to the forum. To be able to participate in such a dynamic environment was amazing. The key elements of the forum, "Explore, Educate, Evolve and Engage" were certainly timely and challenging.

Huge kudos to Hon. MLA Klimchuk and Alberta Culture and Community Services!

