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NUCLEAR POWER, TAR SANDS AND THE FUTURE OF RURAL COMMUNITIES:

**ANDREW NIKIFORUK GUEST SPEAKER AT PUBLIC MEETING IN
GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA ON JUNE 4 AT 7:30 PM**

Andrew Nikiforuk, author of the best-selling book, Tar Sands: Dirty Oil and the Future of a Continent, will be the featured speaker at a public meeting on the proposed nuclear power plant and its potential impact on surrounding rural communities. The meeting is scheduled to take place June 4 at 7:30 PM at the Golden Age Centre in Grande Prairie, Alberta. The meeting is sponsored by the National Farmers Union.

Nikiforuk will provide information you don't want to miss, showing the connections between the energy-draining tar sands projects and the proposed nuclear reactor that the Bruce Power corporation wants to build on the banks of the Peace River. The consequences of the construction of a nuclear power plant on the environment, wildlife, people's health, and the agricultural economy of the area are potentially devastating.

"Consumers of Alberta's exported agricultural products are becoming increasingly concerned about the image of our province as a polluter," stated NFU National Board Member Neil Peacock. "That perception could eventually cost Alberta's farmers and processors market share."

Andrew Nikiforuk is an award-winning author and investigative journalist. Over the past two decades, he has written about energy, economics and the West for a variety of Canadian publications including Maclean's, Canadian Business, the Globe and Mail, and Reader's Digest. He has won seven National Magazine Awards since 1989 and top honours for investigative writing from the Association of Canadian Journalists. He won the Governor-General's award for his 2002 non-fiction book, Saboteurs. In 2006, his book, Pandemonium examined the impact of global trade on disease exchanges and received widespread national acclaim. His latest book, the Tar Sands: Dirty Oil and the Future of a Continent, examines the continental impact of the world's largest energy project and is already a national bestseller.

Andrew Nikiforuk lives in Calgary with his wife and three sons. He has earned a reputation as an honest and provocative voice in Canadian journalism. The meeting is open to the public, and everyone is invited to attend.

The public meeting offers an opportunity for residents to meet and speak with Andrew Nikiforuk. It is being held as a preliminary event leading up to the NFU's regional convention on Saturday, June 6 at the Farmington Hall in Farmington, BC. The regional convention will focus on the causes of, and solutions to, the crisis in the cattle sector.

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