



**Service Area:** Socio-Economic Impact Assessment  
**Project:** Coal Mine SEIAs  
**Client:** Grande Cache Coal Corporation and HR Milner Power  
**Location:** Grande Cache, Alberta

Grande Cache, Alberta is home to a thriving coal industry. It is the second-most isolated community in the province with the nearest major communities of Hinton and Grande Prairie an hour-and-a-half away.

New mines are being planned by both companies near the Town. All new growth (and required infrastructure) must be absorbed by Grande Cache alone. This made the two SEIAs the **human environment group (HEG)** conducted for Grande Cache Coal and HR Milner Power quite unique. It also made **HEG's** experience and understanding of the coal industry extremely valuable.

Serving as team lead in both instances, **HEG** conducted a comprehensive economic analysis for the construction and operational phases – as well as the social assessment for key social services and infrastructure.

Given the town's sole responsibility to deliver increased levels of service required due to the influx of workers, planning is required. Extensive consultation was held with local service providers and members of the community throughout the process.