ECACEP Scenario - Full Speed Ahead

**Planning Factor: Governance**
- Checks and balances – are they enough?
- More diligence by government is required
- A lot more of the same over the next 30 years

**Theme: Community and our Environment – Uncontrolled Growth**

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| Governance   | - Economic growth has primacy  
- Public values, quality of life and other values take a back seat to economic development  
- Checks and balances –are they enough?  
- Demand for more due diligence by government | - More corporate control of resources  
- Autonomy taken from local government  
- We are dependent on current oil/gas energy because we are motivated by those who profit from it – not because there are no alternatives  
- A mentality of efficiency and consolidation is developed that ensure accountability and authority at a greater distance | |
| Stability/control | - Increased political instability as push for full utilization of carbon resources grows  
- Polarization around resource issues  
- Conflict over control | - Role of international and venture capital - and its impacts on local communities is harder to control  
- Edmonton expands and overtakes the East Central region = loss of autonomy  
- Federal government seen as more of a threat  
- Special interests hi-jak the governance process leading to reduced environmental sustainability or reduced economic sustainability | |
| Regional planning | - More revenue for rural county planning, but there are more costs re: social safety net | | |
| New generation of decision making | | - Decision-makers are unable to make unpopular decisions until crisis occurs | |