

## **Mandate**

As environmental issues and concerns become increasingly important to business worldwide, the role of the Chamber's Environment Committee continues to grow. As part of its transformation, the committee is attracting the brightest minds in business and academia to create a profitable and sustainable environmental business model.

## **2007 – 2008 Committee Focus Areas**

- Waste management and recycling
- Climate change (greenhouse gas emission reduction design and implementation)
- Development of a Provincial Land-Use Framework
- Water stewardship

## **Summary of Previous Year's Work**

The group began its year focusing on waste management and recycling issues, before turning its attention to Alberta's Land-Use Framework in December. The rest of the season was devoted to understanding the various aspects of the climate change issue by meeting with representatives from various levels of government and the private sector.

The committee contributed to the development of a resolution submitted to the Alberta Chambers of Commerce entitled *Addressing Greenhouse Gases and Air Pollutants*. Alberta's Environment Minister Rob Renner acknowledged the group's constructive work in a speech at the Chamber on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The committee also advised the Chamber on its submission to the provincial government concerning the Provincial Land-Use Framework. Several of the Chamber's recommendations were subsequently adopted into the province's draft land-use plan.

Committee discussions have informed the Chamber President & CEO Heather Douglas's op-ed series published in the *Calgary Sun* and the *Calgary Herald*.

In addition to regular meetings, the committee hosted the Minister of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development Ted Morton and the Minister of Alberta Environment Rob Renner prior to speaking engagements at the Chamber.

## Committee Meeting Guest Speakers

Date	Speaker	Topic
October 2007	Guy West, President, Alberta Bottle and Container Recycling Corporation (ABCRC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role and function of ABCRC</li> </ul>
December 2007	Morris Seiferling, Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new Provincial Land-Use Framework</li> </ul>
January 2008	Dr. Bob Page, National Round Table on Energy and Environment (NRTEE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NRTEE's report on climate change policy</li> </ul>
February 2008	Jesse Row, Pembina Institute and Stan Nowakowski, City of Calgary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calgary's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Plan</li> </ul>
March 2008	Bob Savage, Manager of Climate Change Policy, Alberta Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alberta's climate change policy</li> </ul>
April 2008	Rob Craig and Stephen Kaufmann, ICO <sub>2</sub> N Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carbon Capture and Storage</li> </ul>
May 2008	Jim Ellis, Deputy Minister of Alberta Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alberta Environment priorities</li> </ul>