

## Transportation and Logistics Committee

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### Mandate

Calgary's enormous growth puts increasing pressure on its public transportation and road systems. A key project for this committee is an assessment of the costs to business in lost markets, efficiencies, employees and profits from Calgary's growing transportation and infrastructure 'deficit'. From there, the committee aims to develop and facilitate solutions to specific elements of the problems Calgary faces.

### 2007 – 2008 Committee Focus Areas

- Creating a New Transportation Vision for Calgary
- Alberta High Speed Rail

### Summary of Previous Year's Work

Early in the year, the committee focused on high-speed rail by hosting the President of Alberta High Speed Rail, William Cruickshanks. This meeting, and one with Assistant Deputy Minister at Alberta Infrastructure Rob Penny, helped the committee determine its position with regards to the proposal, and conclude that the government should secure land for a transportation and utility corridor that could eventually contain a high speed rail link in addition to other functions.

In other actions, the committee discussed new ideas for more effective transportation mobility in Calgary. Speakers related to these items included Noel Keough with the University of Calgary, Colleen Shepherd with the Calgary Regional Partnership, Eric MacNaughton with the City's transportation department, and Neil Mckendrick with Calgary Transit. This lineup of speakers positioned the committee to make informed commentary on the future of Calgary's transportation system going forward. This culminated in a submission in July to Plan It Calgary, the City of Calgary's initiative to develop a new land use and mobility plan to guide growth.

In addition, the Committee informed the Chamber's positions regarding the province's new Land Use Framework. Several of these recommendations were adopted in the final document including: the creation of a metropolitan plan for the Calgary region that takes a regional perspective to transportation; and support for higher density infill development to make better use of existing infrastructure.

## Committee Meeting Guest Speakers

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
October 2007	William Cruickshanks, Alberta High Speed Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Speed Rail: It's About Time</li> </ul>
November 2007	Noel Keough, University of Calgary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Class Public Transit Systems</li> </ul>
January 2008	Rob Penny, Assistant Deputy Minister for Policy and Corporate Services, Alberta Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alberta Infrastructure: Updating progress after one year</li> </ul>
February 2008	Colleen Shepherd, Calgary Regional Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Regional Plan for Alberta</li> </ul>
March 2008	Eric MacNaughton, Team Lead - Transportation, Plan It Calgary Calgary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan It Calgary – The Plan for Transportation</li> </ul>
April 2008	Neil Mckendrick, Manager, Transit Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Plans of Calgary Transit</li> </ul>
May 2008	Rael Kalley,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff retention in the Transportation field</li> </ul>
June 2008	Julien DeSchutter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calgary Airport Authority Development Plans</li> </ul>