

NEWS RELEASE

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

10:30 A.M.

**** For immediate release***

Lethbridge AB... The Board of Directors of the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce unanimously approved the Federal Budget 2009 – Canada’s Economic Action Plan.

“We were very pleased that several of the recommendations submitted by the Lethbridge Chamber, to Finance Minister Flaherty for inclusion in the pre-budget consultation, were considered in the budget outcome.” states President Dennis Hatt. Lethbridge Chamber budget recommendations included were:

- **Reduction of personal income tax rates**
- **Investment in infrastructure, stressing the importance of the inclusion of rural communities, including Lethbridge**
- **Commitment to provide monies for skills and training**
- **Enhancements to Employment Insurance**
- **Support for the transition to a Canadian securities regulator with willing provinces and territories**

The Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce was actively involved in pre-budget discussions/consultations with chambers throughout Alberta and the nation.

**Please see attached summary documents on the budget, from the Alberta and Canadian Chambers.*



*Dennis Hatt
President & Chair of the Board
Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce*

****George Virtue, a Chartered Accountant and Managing Partner with Young Parkyn McNab LLP, will provide additional comments on the budget.***