

Lethbridge Chamber – Winner of the 2009 “Chamber of the Year Award”



Pictured receiving the Award are: (from left) Dennis Hatt (President 2008-2009), Jody Nilsson (General Manager), Paul Pharo (President 2009-2010), flanked by the presenter Tab Pollock (Treasurer, Alberta Chambers of Commerce)

The Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce was presented the 2009 “Chamber of the Year Award” for Alberta in category 3 at the 2010 Alberta Chambers’ AGM.

Category 3 encompasses Chambers with memberships in excess of 300. Tab Pollock, Treasurer of the Alberta Chambers of Commerce stated:

“The winner in the largest membership category displays local and regional leadership in our federation, and has earned the sustained respect of the provincial and national chambers.

This chamber is involved in many initiatives designed to enhance its city and region, with the ultimate goal of fostering a positive environment for its business members and community as a whole. Networking opportunities, a successful awards program, education programs, local and provincial advocacy, and strong communications – this chamber does it all and it does it well.

To become such an influential force, a chamber needs a strong contingent of volunteers, and this one has a particularly large board of directors and seven energetic committees. Its directors take on the role of chamber ambassadors who help nurture relationships with elected officials at all levels of government, as well as with other community organizations. Because they are such a diverse group of people, the directors bring varied perspectives to the board, providing it with tremendous depth.

This chamber has been a member of the Alberta Chambers of Commerce for 71 years, and during that time, it has developed many provincial and national policies.

The winner in this category is a model chamber which has worked hard to place itself in a position to influence government and help cultivate its region.”

The Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce was successful in achieving this award, competing against larger cities in Alberta, such as Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer.