

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **“Put Canadians ahead of politics” Chamber of Commerce**

**Lethbridge, Alberta, December 2, 2008:** The Board of Directors of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, in consultation with local chambers from across Canada, has issued principles that respond to the critical factors fuelling the financial crisis, such as the access to credit, stock market turbulence and currency fluctuations.

*“I fully support these principles, and encourage MPs, in the best interest of Lethbridge and of all Canadians, to focus their efforts in a non-partisan manner towards advancing these principles,”* says **Dennis Hatt**, President of the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce.

The current financial crisis is taking a severe toll on the residents of Lethbridge and on all Canadians. In this regard, the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce and its members find it extremely disconcerting that the discourse since the tabling of the Economic Update has been almost exclusively focused on political gains and posturing.

*“It is time to stop playing political games and concentrate on measures to immediately bolster investor and consumer confidence and restore economic growth. Canadians deserve no less from their elected officials,”* concluded Dennis Hatt.

**The Honourable Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce**, is committed to coming to Lethbridge on **Thursday, January 22, 2009**. Mr. Beatty will be the keynote speaker over dinner this evening, and his topic will be: *“A Rough Road for Canadian Business: Where Do We Go From Here?”*

An invitation to the event will be extended to the business communities in Lethbridge and Southern Alberta (details on Mr. Beatty’s visit will be provided at a later date).



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