

## NEWS RELEASE

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Lethbridge, AB ... Lethbridge Chamber representatives **Bruce Webster** (President), **Dennis Hatt** (President Elect) and **Jody Nilsson** (General Manager) attended the **Alberta Chambers' of Commerce** 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Fort Saskatchewan, May 23 – 25, 2008.

Over one hundred delegates, representing Chambers across the Province, attended the conference.

**During the Policy Session, thirty-seven (37) policy resolutions submitted by the various Chambers, were debated. Twenty-nine (29) of the resolutions were approved, one (1) was defeated, one (1) was withdrawn, five (5) were referred to the Alberta Chambers' Board and one (1) was discussed at the Annual General Meeting (which followed the Policy Session) with the resolution recommendations being approved.**

*"The Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce was successful in gaining approval from the delegates for **six (6) of its seven (7) resolutions,**" states Chamber President Bruce Webster.*

The approved resolutions sponsored or co-sponsored by the Lethbridge Chamber were: **Putting an Alberta Open Skies Policy into Action, Grown in Canada Label – Marketing Alberta's Livestock, Aboriginal Labour Force Strategy – Tapping into an Underutilized Pool of Labour Supply, Fully Utilizing the Skills and Talents of Immigrants in Alberta, Solid Carbon Fuels – Building a Future Through Technology, and Labour Shortages – Chief Power Engineer Designation Requirement.** *"There was some good debate over the royalty review resolution, however it was defeated," states the Chamber President. **\*Please see the complete list of resolutions and their outcome, as attached.***

*"All approved resolutions are now official policy positions of the Alberta Chambers of Commerce, which will be presented to the Provincial and Federal Governments for response," said Bruce Webster.*

*"**The Lethbridge Chamber was also successful in being selected to host the Alberta Chambers' Annual General Conference in Lethbridge in 2010,**" adds Webster. *"Hosting this conference in Lethbridge, is a great opportunity for us to showcase our community and area, to Chamber representatives visiting from across the Province," states Webster. "A strong and growing membership combined with a dedicated group of about two-hundred (200) business volunteers, committed to the work of our Chamber were examples outlined in the bid to host the event, and which probably contributed to our success in securing this event."**

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***Please see attached Alberta Chambers' Resolutions***