

June 28, 2010

Hon. Mel Knight  
Minister of Sustainable Resource Development  
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Minister Knight:

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) recently held our 2010 Provincial Conference where delegates from our federation of 124 chambers of commerce approved 30 new policies for inclusion in our three-year policy book. Two of these policies relate directly to your department. The following are summaries of them:

*Pine beetle management in Alberta* – Developed by the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce in 2007, this policy was renewed last month and once again won unanimous support from our federation. As the beetle expands its reach in Alberta and continues its march eastward, concern across Alberta grows. Our federation appreciates the steps your department has taken to combat this destructive insect, but ACC believes more comprehensive steps need to be taken by both the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada to address the infestation that is destroying our pine trees and assist the forestry industry in dealing with the reality of the devastation.

*Provincial Land-use Framework: Achieving sustainable development while improving the regulatory environment* – This policy offers a list of recommendations for implementing the Provincial Land-use Framework.

ACC also has two other previously approved policies in our policy book that fall under the auspices of your ministry. They are *Future of agriculture industry depends on comprehensive natural resources management policy*, and *Crisis and opportunity in Alberta's forest products industry*.

All policies relating to Sustainable Resource Development are enclosed in this correspondence.

We are seeking written responses from your ministry on these policies by mid-August, as that timeline allows us to report to our members. We will also post the responses on our website.

ACC would appreciate scheduling a meeting with you to discuss our policies, as well as any issues of particular interest to you. We look forward to hearing from you,



Kay Olsen, MA  
Chair



Ken Kobly, FCGA  
President and CEO

Enclosures

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