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Alberta Chambers of Commerce announces new chair and executive committee

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) is pleased to present its new executive committee for the 2008/09 term. The committee, which oversees the governance of the 127-member federation, was announced at ACC's 70th Provincial Conference and Policy Session in Fort Saskatchewan, which took place May 22 to 24.

- **Chair** – Jack Grant of Calgary
(Previously 2007/08 Chair Elect)
- **Chair Elect** – Don Oszli of Red Deer
(Previously 2007/08 First Vice Chair)
- **First Vice Chair** – Kay Olsen of Medicine Hat
(Previously 2007/08 Second Vice Chair)
- **Second Vice Chair** – Gordon Plewes of Edmonton
(Previously 2007/08 Treasurer)
- **Treasurer** – Tim Bolton of Airdrie
(Elected)
- **Past Chair** – Brad Cody of St. Albert
(Previously 2007/08 Chair)

Ken Kobly remains on staff as president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the ACC, and is also available for media comment. Interviews can be arranged by contacting the ACC office at 780.425.4180.

Biographies and photos of the ACC executive committee are available online at www.abchamber.ca under About ACC > Executive Committee.

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce is a federation of 127 community-based Chambers of Commerce which represents more than 22,000 businesses.

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Backgrounder

Jack Grant
Chair 2008/09
Alberta Chambers of Commerce

Jack Grant joined a new business endeavour, Animal Deterrent Systems Ltd., in 2006 and is president and chief financial officer of the company. Prior to joining ADS, he had established a tax and financial management practice after his retirement in 2001 from NOVA Chemicals.

Jack has dedicated his time to a number of committees including serving as past chair of the Tax and Economic Affairs Committee with the Calgary Chamber of Commerce, having served as chair for four years. As well, Jack has served as the following: chair of the Tax Issues Group with the Canadian Chemical Producers Association; advisory board member, Business Centre for Tax Research with the Conference Board of Canada; president, Chinook Regional Council; and director, Provincial Council with Scouts Canada. He is currently a director on the Calgary Chinook Scout Foundation Board.



ACC Chair Jack Grant

Jack holds a bachelor of commerce in accounting, has a master of business administration (finance), and is a chartered accountant. He received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in January 2003 and the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta in June 2003.