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Chambers of Commerce gather in Grande Prairie for 2009 Provincial Conference

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) is hosting its 71st annual Provincial Conference and Policy Session in Grande Prairie May 28 to 30.

Approximately 130 chamber representatives will travel to Grande Prairie for the event. The three-day conference includes an opening reception Thursday evening, education sessions on Friday, and the plenary policy session and annual general meeting on Saturday. Activities wind up Saturday evening with the Chair's Dinner, where ACC will announce the 2008 Chambers of the Year winners.

The conference theme is Experience Our Peace Country Traditions. As the host chamber, the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce has provided delegates with an opportunity to take the award-winning Rotary Bus Tour Friday afternoon. That evening, the local chamber will host conference participants at the Grande Prairie Stompede.

"I think our members are looking forward to the hospitality they have come to expect in the Peace Country," said Ken Kobly, ACC's president and CEO. "They anticipate a number of days of hard work, but are also looking forward to taking in the festivities of the Grande Prairie Stompede, as well as a tour of the Grande Prairie region."

"This is a tremendous opportunity to showcase our region's business achievements and tourist attractions," said Janice Chomik, chair of the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce. "Networking events that include both local chamber members and provincial delegates will certainly be an effective tool in strengthening our links with business leaders from across the province."

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