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## **Alberta's chambers set course for economic recovery**

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) has received a strong mandate to advocate for financial policies that will position businesses to help the province recover economically.

At its 2009 Provincial Conference and Policy Session, held in Grande Prairie May 28 to 30, 100 voting delegates from 35 chambers of commerce in Alberta approved 24 new policy positions.

In recent years, labour issues have dominated ACC's policy discussions, but this year, more than half of the resolutions related to finance and health.

Peace River, Grande Prairie, Sherwood Park, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Calgary and Edmonton were among the chambers to submit resolutions for approval at ACC's annual policy session.

The diverse policy topics reflect issues of concern and interest to businesses and communities across Alberta, including the following:

- A provincial electricity strategy;
- The shortage of rural physicians;
- Renewable energy equipment tax credits;
- Provincial government spending;
- Comprehensive roadway planning;
- A provincial savings framework; and,
- A securities regulation system that expands the passport system across Canada.

The recently adopted policies have become part of ACC's *2007 to 2009 Policy Book*, which establishes the direction of the chamber federation's advocacy. The book now contains 69 policies.

A copy of ACC's three-year policy book is available online at [www.abchamber.ca](http://www.abchamber.ca).

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