

# CURRENT Events

Alberta Branch Newsletter

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## Branch Conference 2007 – Conference Summary



🍁 The theme for the 2007 Branch Conference was *The Birth of Alberta's Water Economy*. The Province of Alberta released *Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability* approximately three years ago. It seemed timely then, to reflect on the social, economic, environmental and political dimensions of water in Western Canada, and Alberta in particular.

Thirty speakers provided excellent food for thought on the theme. Red Deer Mayor Morris Flewwelling provided the opening address, and Dr. Lorne Taylor, David Hill and Jack Imhof provided keynote addresses. There were 14 presentations that focused on a broad range of topics related to water and the economy, as well as two panel sessions that explored the themes of *Coal Bed Methane Water Use* and *Competing Water Demands in the Red Deer River Basin*.


Many volunteers dedicated their time to make the conference happen. This included volunteers who led committees (i.e.- Program, Facilities, Publicity, Sponsorship), chaired panel sessions, organized field trips and provided IT support. A very special thanks to Gord Ludtke who served as Conference Chair this year, as well as to the speakers, volunteers and sponsors who made the Branch Conference 2007 a real success!

The conference program and speaker presentations are now posted online. To view the material visit the CWRA Alberta website at [http://www.cwra.org/About\\_CWRA/CWRA\\_Branches/Alberta/alberta.html](http://www.cwra.org/About_CWRA/CWRA_Branches/Alberta/alberta.html) and navigate to Branch News and Events. To view the speaker presentations you will need to login to the Members Only section of the website.

## Recruiting Speakers for CWRA-AB Luncheon Seminars

🍁 CWRA-AB is making preparations to host a number of Luncheon Seminars over the next year. In order to make the luncheon seminars a success, we require your help to identify topics and potential speakers. If you would like to showcase a project that you are involved with, or prepare a talk on a relevant water issue contact the Newsletter Editor at [CWRA.Newsletter@gov.ab.ca](mailto:CWRA.Newsletter@gov.ab.ca). Remember - we have the ability to host luncheon seminars in numerous locations across the province – these events need not be constrained to Edmonton or Calgary!

## *AGM held on Mon April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 – what happened?*

 The CWRA-AB Annual General Meeting was held on Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 at 4:30 pm (MST), coinciding with the dates for the CWRA-AB 2007 Branch Conference. So who represents you on the Executive? Who are your new Directors?


### **CWRA – Alberta Branch Executive 2007**

President	Kent Bullock
Vice-President	Sean Douglas
Secretary	Monica Wagner
Treasurer	John Thompson
Director at Large	Nico Wyngaarden
Director at Large	Kirsten Fazakas
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### **CWRA – Alberta Branch Directors 2007**

Dave Ardell	Gail Faveri	Rick Ross	Marie-Eve Caron
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Kent Bullock	Gord Ludtke	Shaun Toner	Pauline Nystrom
Rod Burr	Greg Powell	Terry Veeman	Kerri Robinson
Jim Csabay	Ron Renwick	Monica Wagner	Carla Stevens
Bruce Dean	Kate Rich	Nico Wyngaarden	Douglas Thrussell
Sean Douglas			Len Ring

## *Upcoming Conferences, Symposiums and Events*

 **A day in the lives of our rivers.** June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. The Calgary River Valleys Committee invites you to join them in a day of photographic exploration of Calgary's rivers from first light to sunset. Next winter the resulting photographs will be used in an event of appreciation of the rivers and shorelines. Contact Bernie Amell for more details

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 **CWRA National Conference 2007** - Science and Technology: Implications for Water Management, 60th Annual CWRA National Conference, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, June 25-28, 2007. To download a conference brochure, visit: [http://www.cwra.org/CwraNatConf2007\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.cwra.org/CwraNatConf2007_brochure.pdf)

 **Canadian Dam Association 2007 Annual Conference**, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, September 22-27, 2007 <http://www.cdaconference.com/CDA2007conference/>

Please forward this to anyone you may think is interested.

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