

Last week from May 24-26, Marley Henneigh and I had the pleasure of attending the 80th annual Alberta Chambers of Commerce Annual General Meeting and Policy Session in Grande Prairie. The Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce did a fantastic job hosting this event. During our time in the north, we were treated to a tour of multiple facilities operated by [Seven Generations Energy](#), which included an up-close tour of a fully operational drilling well site. We also spent an evening touring the [Phillip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum](#). Both tours were great learning experiences.

Twenty-five policy resolutions were considered by Chamber of Commerce delegates during the policy session. All resolutions were very timely and of significance to the business community. Some of the topics included: cannabis legalization, impacts of significant minimum wage increases, market access for Alberta-based energy products, considering the layered cost of government policies and consolidating the administration of provincial and federal corporate tax compliance and collection. All of the policies approved by members of the Alberta Chambers of Commerce will now form the foundation of the Alberta Chambers advocacy efforts for the coming year.

To conclude our trip to Grande Prairie, the Drumheller and District Chamber of Commerce was proud to accept the 2017 Chamber of the Year Award for membership between 151 and 350. The award was presented during the Chair's Gala Dinner. Many thanks to our Board of Directors, members and staff who contributed to our success in the past year. It was a great honour to be recognized amongst our fellow Chamber peers for our efforts in the business community.

Respectfully submitted,

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