

Natural Resources Committee

Mandate

Alberta's future economic growth and prosperity will depend in large part on the ability to remain competitive in an increasingly global energy marketplace. The Natural Resources Committee recognizes that an effective policy environment encourages investment and stimulates economic growth. The group is committed to maintaining and enhancing Calgary's position as a world leader within the energy industry.

Summary of Previous Year's Work

Last year the Committee focused on two areas in particular, the provincial government's review of the oil and gas royalty regime, and climate change policy. The Committee hosted speakers from different perspectives on the issues to better inform policy development.

The Committee developed a position that was presented to the Alberta Royalty Review Panel. The group subsequently reviewed the Panel's report recommendations and offered further comments in a letter to Premier.

The Committee also played an important role in the development of climate change policy at the national level. Members worked with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to develop a position on behalf of the business community.

Committee Meeting Guest Speakers

Date	Speaker	Topic
November 2006	Norman Kalmanovitch from the Friends of Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change Science
January 2007	Amy Taylor, Director of Ecological Reform at the Pembina Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oilsands Royalty Regime
February 2007	Eric P. Newell, Former Chairman and CEO of Syncrude Canada LTD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oilsands Royalty Regime
March 2007	Dr. Bill Gunter, Alberta Research Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carbon Capture and Storage
April 2007	Shannon Flint, Section Head, Policy Integration Section, Alberta Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberta's Climate Change Policy
May 2007	Gray Taylor, Partner, Corporate, Bennett Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal GHG Emissions Regulations
June 2007	Rick Hyndman, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal GHG Emission Regulations