

WINNERS'
CIRCLE

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WestJet founder and chairman **Clive Beddoe** lands the role of chair with the Concept Development Committee for the Calgary Telus Convention Centre's proposed expansion facilities. Beddoe also serves on AIMCO's board of directors. At the Canadian Construction Association's annual conference in March, Waiward Steel Fabricators Ltd.'s president and CEO **Don Oborowsky** in Edmonton was named the CCA person of the year. The Banff Centre's executive sous chef **Chris Thomson** brings home the bacon and the 2009 Canadian Culinary Federation's National Chefs Challenge win. He moves onto the Americas Chefs Challenge this month. Strike Energy Services Inc. in Calgary has undergone several changes, including the promotion of **Michael Turnback** to the role of senior vice-president, corporate services, and **Wayne Pawsey** to senior vice-president, service group. Say a toast for Edmonton's **Greg Gazin**. Gazin received the Toastmasters International Presidential Citation in August. In Calgary, AVAC Ltd. welcomes AdFarm partner **Art Froehlich** into the position of chairman of its board of directors. Froehlich takes over the role from Bob Splane, chairman since July 2007. With 30 years of experience in real estate, **John M. Ross** takes on the



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roles of Avison Young-Edmonton's new managing director and its investment team leader. Five new members have joined the Red Deer Chamber of Commerce's board of directors. **Amy Corrigan, Gayle Langford, Cory Litzenburger, Maureen McMurtrie** and **Marty Schmidt** will serve on the board for 2009-2010. **Brian Coffman**, of international firm Maxwell Drummond, will be moving into his new Calgary position as managing consultant. The Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance recognized the **Alberta Research Council's** pulp and paper team for its innovative wheat sheet technology in the Outstanding Product Achievement in the Emerging Technology category. **Robert Tasker** takes on the role of president and CEO of TRLabs in Calgary. Effective July, **Bill Gregson** leaves the Forzani Group to succeed Kim Yost as the Brick Group Income Fund's CEO. Red Deer's **Don Oszli** became the chair of the Alberta Chambers of Commerce for 2009-2010, as announced at the 71st Provincial Conference and Policy Session. The Canadian division of the International Council of Shopping Centers appointed **Devon Hutt**, of Calgary's Harvard Developments Inc., as its Western Canada Next Generation Chair for 2009-2010. AV



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INNOVATORS: Staff at Bow Valley College

Innovation of the Year Award

Since October 2008, Bow Valley College has been experimenting with a new delivery model for its Early Learning and Child Care certificate and diploma programs. In July, it announced that its innovative approach toward flexible learning caught the attention of the international League for Innovation in the Community College. The

Delivery Options for Child Care Practitioners is the organization's Innovation of the Year Award given to 59 college projects in North America for this year. NAIT's Student Manufacturing Centre in Edmonton and St. Polytechnic's "Conversion of Culinary Waste

Oil into Bio-diesel Fuel" in Calgary were also recognized with Innovation of the Year awards. Bow Valley College's delivery model allows for learning part-time or online to improve accessibility connecting with English as a Second Language programs and crediting individuals with previous child care education. The college admits more than 11,000 students per year.

Going for the Gold

There won't be any podium ceremonies for this win, but it will be an Olympic-sized challenge for one Edmonton-based company. PTI Group Inc. entered the coveted bid to provide modular field accommodations and catering for Canada's Department of National Defence during the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games. Pitted against several other competitors, but equipped with 30 years of experience, PTI was evaluated on its abilities and later on its pricing. Having scored well in both areas, PTI won the contract, valued at \$30.2 million. But the hard work hasn't started yet, as the company will be accommodating and catering to DND personnel's security operations for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. PTI provides its services throughout North America and overseas, and has previous experience working for the Canadian Forces – in recent years, serving 7,000 meals each day to NATO troops in Afghanistan.



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