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Event Review

The Chamber held 6 events Dec - Feb including a lunch with Mr. **Evan Davis**, BBC Presenter (photos below); lunch with Alberta Minister **Iris Evans**; a breakfast briefing with the **UKBA** on Non EU Migration Policy at Ernst & Young (photo bottom); and an ice skating reception at Canary Wharf. See pgs 6-10.



Newsletter sponsors



Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall delivers upbeat message to members and investors Pgs 6 & 20



Alberta Minister Iris Evans returns to the Chamber Pgs 7 & 16



Alberta to strengthen economic ties in key markets

Increasing economic and cultural relationships in key markets, as well as promoting investment and trade opportunities, was the focus of

Alberta's International and Intergovernmental Minister Iris Evans' mission to the UK, Middle East, and Thailand in January. *Cont. Pg 16.*

Ontario's Auto Sector Continues To Rev Up

Ontario's auto industry continues to bounce back with the production launch of 3 new vehicles at Chrysler's Brampton Assembly Plant. Ontario's auto industry has increased by over

8,200 jobs since the sector's restructuring in June 2009, and there have been announcements by leading manufacturers such as Chrysler, Honda, GM and Toyota. *Cont. Pg 18.*

Charter Members

Alberta UK Office
Air Canada
BMO Financial Group
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Canary Wharf Group plc
CGI
CIBC
Dadco Group
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Nexen Inc
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Stikeman Elliott
TD Securities

Welcome to new members:

Borden Ladner Gervais
Carol Popkin Adams
Excitech Ltd
Magor Communications Ltd
Kippun Associates Ltd
Quadra Global Capital Corp

Upgrading to Charter membership:

Nexen Inc

Welcome to new Chamber Board Directors:

Alexandra Wright (Shell)
Denis Painchaud (Nexen)
Dave Pryce (RIM)
Jeffrey Sunquist (Alberta UK Office)

Dates for your diary:

24 March LinkedIn seminar
4 April Charter Member Lunch
13 May AGM & Lunch
24 May Employment seminar
10 June Annual Golf Day
30 June Annual Canada Day evening dinner
15 July Chief Economists panel debate & lunch

President's Remarks

-Michael Lagopoulos



A warm welcome to all of our members and contacts in this our **90th anniversary year**.

In 1921 Canadian businessmen and women established 'the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain' with the objective of co-ordinating the activities of Canadian companies based in the UK and Canadian exporters to the UK. In 1927 the Chamber was incorporated as a UK company and in 1970 the Chamber changed its name to 'Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce'.

Our objectives have been broadened to include working

for the interests of companies from both sides of the Atlantic, whether for exporters, importers, inward or outward investors.

Our events programme, publications and referrals systems are offered as membership benefits from our Secretariat team to assist those same members in making the most of networking opportunities.

We have been privileged over our 90 years to host Prime Ministers of both Canada and the UK, as well as leading politicians from both countries (at Federal and Provincial levels in the case of Canada), Governors of the Bank of Canada, Former US President Bill Clinton and many significant leaders from the worlds of business, entertainment and sport.

In addition there have been many events focusing on information exchange such as breakfast briefings, seminars and round tables, as well as surveys on

issues of the day. We are always happy to work with our members when organising our event programme and I would urge you to contact the Secretariat if you have any event suggestions.

In recent months we have been busy hosting Mr **Evan Davis**, BBC Presenter of Dragon's Den and the *Today* programme at our Xmas lunch, the Hon **Iris Evans**, Alberta's International & Intergovernmental Relations Minister and Saskatchewan Premier **Brad Wall** who gave an inspiring presentation on Saskatchewan's economic growth potential in 2011.

Finally, I'd like to warmly welcome our latest Charter Member **Nexen Inc**, represented on the Board by Mr **Denis Painchaud** and welcome other new Chamber Board Directors Ms **Alexandra Wright** (Shell), Mr **Jeffrey Sunquist** (Alberta-UK Office) and Mr **Dave Pryce** (RIM). We wish them and you happy networking over the coming year.

Director's Comments

-Nigel Bacon

Thanks to all our newsletter contributors and sponsors of this edition especially: the **Alberta-UK Office and Ontario International Marketing Centre**.

We are very grateful to the many event sponsors during December - February including **Altus Group, Canary Wharf Group, Fasken Martineau, Ernst & Young, Research In Motion, Fox Williams, Air Canada, Stikeman Elliott and TD Securities**.

Our event programme for the

coming months includes our annual events –the AGM and lunch at the House of Lords, the Annual Golf Day at the Royal Mid-Surrey Golf course, the Annual Canada Day dinner and for a second year our Chief Economists / Chief Strategists panel debate and lunch in July.

During 2011 we will be hosting a special event to celebrate our 90th anniversary year in the Autumn, and launching our new Chamber website.

On behalf of the Secretariat may I also extend a warm welcome to

our 4 new Chamber Board Directors and Nexen, our latest Charter member. We hope to see them and you at some of our events later this year.



The Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce is a member of the Council for Foreign Chambers in the UK which includes over 35 bilateral chambers.

Directory and Corporate Lists

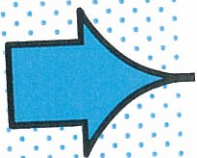
-Sheereen & Charlotte

The 2011/12 Directory of Members and the 2011/12 Directories of Canadian and British companies in the UK / Canada are currently being put together.

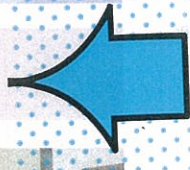
The Directory will be free to members and the lists available

for free to Charter members, and at reduced rates for other types of membership.

We will notify members of when and how to order copies in due course.



EVENT REPORT: Chamber Luncheon with Alberta Minister Iris Evans



70 Chamber members and their guests attended the Chamber's lunch at the Canadian High Commission, Macdonald House in London on 28 January with Alberta's International & Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Iris Evans. The High Commission was represented by Deputy High Commissioner Mr Claude Boucher.

The Minister's address was entitled: 'Alberta's Economic Growth in

2011'. With economic forecasts by the major Canadian Banks suggest Alberta will be leading Canada's economic growth and employment in 2011, Minister Evans provide an update on the Alberta economy and insight into the Province's plans for the future.

The Chamber is extremely grateful to Minister Evans for agreeing to address our members and their guests, and especially to Mr. Jeffrey Sunquist and Ms Karen Todman at the Alberta UK Office for

co-ordinating this event with us. We would also like to thank the Canadian High Commission for the use of Macdonald House for this event.

The event Master of Ceremonies was Mr Mike Lagopoulos (Chamber President and RBC) and the Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mr William Swords (Chamber Vice President and Scotiabank).

