

September 16, 2003

Alberta's action on climate change gets international profile

Edmonton... Environment Minister Lorne Taylor begins a 17-day mission to Europe September 16 to attend two international conferences on climate change, and to share best practices on other environmental issues of importance to Alberta, including water, waste management, and emerging environmental technologies.

As part of the trip, Taylor will be presenting a paper at the Globalization and National Environmental Policy Conference in Veldhoven, The Netherlands on September 23. He will be speaking as part of a panel on climate change, and specifically on how regional governments can influence national and international policy.

Taylor is also the only provincial environment minister attending the World Conference on Climate Change, hosted by the Russian government in Moscow September 29 to October 4. Taylor is also scheduled to meet Federal Environment Minister David Anderson, who will also be attending the conference. While in Russia, Taylor is also looking to meet with officials and leaders from Russia's energy producing regions -- Yamalo-Nenets (Autonomous District), Khanty-Mansiysk (Tyumen Region), and the Republic of Komi.

In addition to participating in the two conferences, Taylor will also be meeting with the International Energy Agency and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris on climate change and other energy-related environmental issues. Water is also a key focus of many of the meetings on the trip, as the Government of Alberta is currently finalizing its provincial water strategy.

Taylor will also meet with climate change officials in Great Britain, who have expressed interest in the work of the Alberta government and Alberta-based companies towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

A copy of Taylor's meeting and travel schedule is included with this news release.

Information on the Globalization and National Environmental Policy Conference in Veldhoven, The Netherlands can be found at www.uvt.nl/globalizationconference. Information on the World Conference on Climate Change in Moscow can be found at www.wccc2003.org.

Accommodations and other associated travel costs for Taylor and his executive assistant for the 17-day trip is estimated at \$28,000.

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Background

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Edmonton, Alberta

Environment Minister Fall 2003 Travel Itinerary

Tuesday, September 16

- Depart Edmonton for Paris

Wednesday, September 17

- Arrive Paris

Thursday, September 18

- Meeting with Deputy Head of Mission of Mission, Permanent Delegation of Canada to the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- Lunch with Canada's Ambassador to France
- Meetings OECD officials

Friday, September 19

- Meetings with International Energy Agency

Sunday, September 21

- Travel to The Netherlands

Monday, September 22

- Attend Globalization and National Environmental Policy conference

Tuesday, September 23

- Presentation by Minister Taylor at Globalization and National Environmental Policy conference

Wednesday, September 24

- Attend Globalization and National Environmental Policy conference
- Travel to London, Great Britain

Thursday, September 25

- Meeting with British Government's Climate Change Projects Office officials
- Meeting with United Kingdom Environment department officials
- Dinner meeting with representatives from climate change organization

Friday, September 26

- Meeting with Canada's High Commissioner to Great Britain
- Meeting with water infrastructure consultants

Saturday, September 27

- Travel to Moscow, Russia

Sunday, September 28

- Meeting with Canadian officials
- Meeting with Canadian federal Environment Minister David Anderson

Monday, September 29

- Attend World Climate Change Conference
- Meet with senior Russian government officials on climate change

Tuesday, September 30

- Attend World Climate Change Conference Meet with senior Russian regional government officials on climate change

Wednesday, October 1

- Attend World Climate Change Conference

Thursday, October 2

- Depart Moscow
- End of Mission

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