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Best of Alberta selected to receive province's highest honour

Edmonton... The membership roll of the Alberta Order of Excellence will soon include the names of the seven community leaders chosen for investiture in 2008. The new members were selected for their outstanding service to their province and country. They include:

Clare Drake (Edmonton) – for his far-reaching leadership and innovations in coaching and post-secondary sports education, particularly in the game of hockey.

Dr. Helen Hays (Edmonton) – for her pioneering work to develop palliative care programs in Alberta and her compassionate treatment of people facing chronic pain and terminal illness.

Allan Markin (Calgary) – for his considerable service in the oil and gas industry and his great support of Alberta hospitals, post-secondary schools and social service initiatives.

Dr. David W. Schindler (Wildwood) – for his world renowned research as an environmental scientist, including his groundbreaking work in the area of water studies.

Daryl (Doc) Seaman (Calgary) – for his leadership in the fields of energy and business and his longstanding involvement with civic and charitable organizations across Alberta.

JR (James Robert) Shaw (Calgary) – for his contributions to Alberta's business sector and his dedication to civic causes in areas such as education, health care and technology advancement.

Thomas J. Walsh (Calgary) – for his distinguished record of service to the legal profession in Canada and his tireless work to enhance the quality of life enjoyed by his fellow Calgarians.

The new members will be formally invested into the Alberta Order of Excellence in a ceremony in Edmonton on Thursday, October 9. This will bring the total AOE membership to 93. Official biographies and portraits of the new members will be available closer to the investiture.

The Alberta Order of Excellence is the highest honour the province can bestow on a citizen. More information about the Order and its members is at www.lieutenantgovernor.ab.ca/aoe/

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