



# NEWS AND VIEWS

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## ACCA's Rise and Shine to Look at Elder Care and Elder Housing

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Elder care and elder housing are issues that impact more and more Canadians as the baby boomers move into their retirement years. Given the current stresses on providing for the needs of our elderly, the forecast is for a challenging road ahead.

At ACCA, we believe that the co-operative model has a role to play in creating quality care and housing for our elderly. A paper which explores the issue and provides examples of how co-operatives are addressing this need is [available on our website](#).

In October, ACCA will hold its annual Co-op Week Rise and Shine event. We will further explore the issue, learn about some success stories, and explore steps for further action.

Watch for more news in the months ahead.

## MEC Bikefest 2010 and the Park(ed) Challenge

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For a taste of what MEC's Bikefest and the Park(ed) Festival is all about, have a look at this [YouTube video](#):

We will be downtown on Saturday, June 19, between 12 and 4, closing off 102 Avenue between 104 and 100 avenues. We will be adjacent to the Downtown Farmers' Market, and, as an added bonus, the *Bikeology* and *Rock the Square* Festivals are within walking or cycling distance.

If you wish to participate in the challenge, or just stop by, check out [edmonton.ca/activedmonton](#) for registration or more details. Come help us celebrate cycling, ecomobility, and green spaces in Edmonton.

For more information, contact [Karly Coleman](#), Sustainability Co-ordinator

## 2010 Summer Co-operative Youth Program

We are hard at work preparing for the 2010 ACCA Summer Co-operative Youth Program. We are excited to announce the return of our **Pre-Teen** Program for participants in grades six and seven along with our regular Teen, Youth and Grad Programs. Brochures containing information and registration for these programs are now available. Additional information regarding these programs can be found on our website at <http://www.acca.coop/youthcamps.html>

**There is still some room available. Register now so you don't miss out on this experience!**

### Youth Program Wish List

The ACCA Co-operative Youth Program uses many supplies throughout the summer. Please look at our website if you are interested in donating supplies to the program. <http://www.acca.coop/youthcamps.html>

Join our ACCA Co-operative Youth Program fan page on Facebook for all youth program updates!



## Natural Resources Canada Can Help You Save Energy *and* Money

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NRCan Office of Energy Efficiency –  
Buildings Division  
[www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/buildings](http://www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/buildings)

Every building owner or manager has first-hand experience with the rising costs of maintaining a commercial or institutional property. One of the most easily managed costs is energy. Energy-efficient measures related to the building envelope, equipment and operational practices can achieve big cost savings *and* reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Buildings Division of Natural Resources Canada’s (NRCan) Office of Energy Efficiency (OEE) has the information you need.

### Start with an energy audit

Planning is essential to a successful outcome. Because you can only manage what you measure, you must first know the types and amounts of energy your buildings and equipment use. An energy audit, conducted by a professional energy management service provider, will provide a detailed analysis of your energy use profile, along with full descriptions of your building systems, operations, levels of performance, and potential for savings.

Our [Energy Management Services Directory](#) is a searchable list of consultants, engineers and other professionals who offer products and services to help building owners and facility managers to monitor and measure the energy use of their buildings.

### Compare your buildings with others

Once you know how much energy you are using, the next step is benchmarking — comparing your building’s energy consumption with other similar facilities. Although you may be tempted to compare energy *costs*, utility prices vary across the country. When benchmarking, it is energy *intensity* that counts. Energy intensities vary greatly depending on the type and use of your building. For example, a restaurant is usually more energy intensive than a school. Other factors such as building age, size, and region can influence benchmarking figures. [Benchmarking and best practices](#) — using the



most efficient equipment and procedures — go hand in hand. Follow the links to the benchmarking guide for your commercial or institutional building – college, health care facility, hotel, motel, restaurant, school, store, supermarket or mall.

The OEE also offers publications such as guides, technical fact sheets and case studies that show you the energy efficiency steps taken by commercial and institutional organizations in Alberta. The [Elk Island Public Schools](#) (EIPS) is the fifth largest school division in Alberta providing services to approximately 16,200 students in 44 schools located in Sherwood Park, the City of Fort Saskatchewan, the Town of Vegreville, the Countries of Strathcona and Lamont, and the western portion of the County of Minburn. Their energy-efficiency projects started in 2001 with a pre-project energy audit of 34 school buildings. Some of the energy-efficiency improvements completed by 2004 included: lighting refits; upgrade of energy management system and controls; installation of new high-efficiency motors on large fans and equipment; insulation of water tanks, faucet aerators; improvements to the building envelope, including caulking, sealing and weather-stripping doors and windows.

Read more [energy efficiency success stories in Alberta](#) on the OEE Buildings Division Web site of publications.

### **Replace aging systems**

Once you have compared your school buildings with others, the next step is to decide which energy-efficient measures to adopt or equipment to upgrade. Identify the energy hogs: the major energy users are typically space heating, lighting, auxiliary motors, plug load equipment, water heating and space cooling. The ENERGY STAR® symbol makes it easy to identify the most energy-efficient products in their class for a wide range of equipment categories. More information can be found on the OEE [Energy Efficient Equipment](#) Web site.

Building retrofits — the replacement of interior and exterior building lighting; heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems; commercial appliances and water heaters — reduce greenhouse gas emissions *and* save money. Replacing aging energy guzzlers with high-efficiency systems reduces utility costs, cuts system repair and

maintenance costs, reduces costly emergency repairs, enhances safety and productivity, and improves overall energy efficiency – on average by 20 percent.

### **Optimize the Building Systems**

Finally, it is important to make sure all building systems are optimized and working together. **Recommissioning** ensures that equipment and systems are integrated effectively, perform as intended and meet the current operating requirements and expectations of the building owner and facility manager. Recommissioning an existing building is much like tuning up a car. End results include decreased utility bills, improved building performance, enhanced property value, increased building comfort and prolonged equipment life.

### **Get training in principles of energy efficiency**

Before a building can be made truly energy efficient, however, some basic changes need to be made to internal policies and procedures. Take the first step by providing training for building managers through the Dollars to Sense energy management workshop series provided by the OEE.

These four one-day workshops offer energy-saving tips that help building owners and operators save money while reducing GHG emissions and creating a better, more comfortable environment for building occupants. Ask about workshops which can be customized to meet your needs. To learn more and to register for a Dollars to Sense energy management workshop, go to [www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/industrial/workshops](http://www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/industrial/workshops)

If saving energy *and* money while reducing GHG emissions are priorities for you, contact us for more information about our tools and services.

### **A Federal Charter for Credit Unions: What It Means for Canadian CUs**

One of the highlights of the March 4 federal budget was a provision that would allow credit unions wishing to operate in more than one province to receive a federal charter. A few weeks later, the government introduced legislation to amend the Bank Act to allow for the establishment of federal charters.

In its latest Policy and Advocacy Report, [Credit Union Central of Canada](#) has provided an in-depth analysis of the legislation and what it means for Canadian credit unions. [Click here](#) to access the report.

### **Co-op Refinery Celebrates 75 Years**

Consumers' Co-operative Refineries Limited (CCRL), the world's first co-operatively-owned petroleum refinery, celebrated its 75th Anniversary on Thursday, May 27.

The refinery, which is part of [Federated Co-operatives Limited](#) (FCL), began operating on May 27, 1935, processing 500 barrels of crude oil per day. Today, the CCRL Refinery Complex has a total capacity of 100,000 barrels per day.

CCRL is currently undergoing a \$1.9 billion expansion which will increase its capacity to 130,000 barrels per day in 2012 and 145,000 barrels per day by 2015. The refinery supplies petroleum to FCL's co-op gas bars and cardlock operations across western Canada.

### **Quebec Worker Co-ops Suffered More During Recession: CWCG Survey**

More than 60 per cent of Canadian worker co-operatives survived the 2008-09 recession without a decline in production or sales, but the news was better in some parts of the country than in others.

The [Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation](#) (CWCF) administered a survey of how Canadian worker co-ops fared during the recession as part of a worldwide survey

conducted by the International Organisation of Industrial, Artisanal and Service Producers' Co-operatives (CICOPA).

The Canadian survey found that Quebec worker co-ops suffered much more as a result of the economic crisis than co-ops outside Quebec: while only 24 per cent of non-Quebec co-ops saw a decrease in sales or production, the figure was 56 per cent for worker co-ops in Quebec. And while no co-ops outside Quebec reported staff reductions as a result of the crisis, half of the Quebec co-ops were forced to cut staff.

CWCF attributed the difference to the fact that the majority of Quebec worker co-ops are in the forestry sector, which was particularly hard-hit by the recession.

Both within and outside Quebec, about two-thirds of the co-ops surveyed believed their financial situation would improve in 2010.

[Click here](#) for more information on the survey.

### **CCA Seeks Volunteers For International Coaching Programs**

The [Canadian Co-operative Association](#) (CCA) is seeking volunteers for its credit union management and governance coaching programs in Africa and Asia.

CCA is recruiting credit union professionals for the Management Coaching Program, which would involve two three-week visits to Mongolia, Ghana or Uganda and Malawi over a two-year period. Applicants should be experienced credit union generalists, able to offer advice and assistance on all aspects of credit union management.

Volunteers for the Governance Coaching Program would travel to either Ghana or Malawi for about two-and-a-half weeks in October 2010. The program includes face-to-face group work with local leaders, field visits to local credit unions and meetings with local board members to share experiences. Applicants should be experienced current or former directors of credit union or co-operative boards.

Participants in both programs are expected to contribute \$2,000 toward the cost of the assignment; all other expenses would be borne by CCA.

For more information about the coaching programs, go to <http://tinyurl.com/CCACoaching>, or contact Sarah Feldberg ([sarah.feldberg@coopscanada.coop](mailto:sarah.feldberg@coopscanada.coop)) if you have any questions

## Learn about Health Co-ops in Japan

In October 2007, a group of Canadians participated in a mission to study health care co-ops in Japan. Based on the success of that visit, a second study tour is being organized for October 24-30, 2010.

The mission is lead by Jean-Pierre Girard, an expert on social enterprise in the health care sector and the Canadian representative to the International Health Co-operative Organisation.

The program includes a familiarization session on Japanese culture and an overview of the co-op movement in Japan. There will also be four days of on-site visits to health co-ops and a presentation by Japan's association of health co-ops.

For more information, contact Jean-Pierre Girard at [jpg282000@yahoo.ca](mailto:jpg282000@yahoo.ca).

## “Experience the Co-operative Difference” Theme of Co-Op Week 2010

The values, principles and practices that make co-operatives different from other types of businesses – and the difference co-operatives make to the lives of Canadians – will be the focus of this year's Co-op Week celebrations, which will take place from October 17-23, 2010.

Canada's two national co-operative associations, the [Canadian Co-operative Association](#) (CCA) and the [Conseil canadien de la coopération et de la mutualité](#) (CCCM), have chosen Experience the Co-operative Difference (Vivre la différence coopérative in French) as the theme of Co-op Week 2010.

As in past years, Co-op Week will also include International Credit Union Day, which will take place on Thursday, October 21. The theme for this year's ICU Day - Local. Trusted. Serving You - focuses on credit unions' trusted, community-focused approach to member service. The ICU Day campaign will also use the tagline Experience the Credit Union Difference in its posters and promotional materials.

Visit [www.coopscanada.coop/en/orphan/Co-opWeek2010](http://www.coopscanada.coop/en/orphan/Co-opWeek2010) for more information about Co-op Week 2010 and a preview of the Co-op Week poster.



## **Bob Nelson Confirmed as UFA President and CEO**

[UFA Co-operative Limited](#) has announced the confirmation of Bob Nelson as its president and chief executive officer.

Mr. Nelson joined UFA in 2004 and has served as vice-president of Petroleum Operations since 2005. Prior to that, he held a variety of positions with increasing responsibilities during a 23-year career with Shell Canada.





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