

WADE CANADA ANNOUNCEMENTS

WADE Canada Annual General Meeting - 2009 Clean Energy Strategy Session

WADE Canada invites you to the
2009 Annual General Meeting

Followed by our Champagne Reception and Dinner



Every year WADE Canada hosts an Annual General Meeting to update our members on the past year of achievements, to gather feedback and to elect the Board of Directors. Although voting is limited to members in good standing, we invite organisations who are not yet members to attend the session to learn more about WADE Canada in its current membership.

This will be WADE Canada's first event in Quebec. We will have a diverse group of participants from across Canada.

Having gathered key stakeholders from the industry, we are taking the opportunity to host a business networking session where we can catch up with our colleagues.

Web: http://wadecanada.ca/documents/2009_Clean_Energy_Strategic_Planning_Session.pdf

2009 DE Industry Survey

WADE Canada is in planning mode – we want your views!

Formed in 2002 as a “collaborative micro-power distributed generation industry cluster dedicated to accelerating growth and benefits for all members,” the organization we once knew as NewERA has come a long way. With our recent metamorphosis to country membership in the World Alliance for Decentralized Energy (WADE), horizons and possibilities have extended greatly. Now is the time to re-gear our “little engine that could” for a bolder, more successful future.

Please click to the following link and log your confidential views now. It will take only a few minutes. Deadline for responses is Monday, Apr. 27, 2009. Your views will be collected independently and given full consideration at WADE Canada's upcoming Strategy Session May 5 in Montreal. Thank you!

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=JsY30ZkYtvxp0MYZbJ2V4A_3d_3d

WADE Canada Launches New Website

WADE Canada has launched its new website to promote the development of the Decentralized Energy (DE) industry in Canada . The website can be viewed at:

www.wadecanada.ca

The website provides information on WADE Canada including the people who support the organisation and the objectives of our work. You can also find information on Canada's DE industry including the benefits and challenges facing the various stakeholders in the value chain and the key policy actions happening across the country.

The website is presently only available in English but is being translated to French, which will be made available as soon as possible.

We hope you will enjoy surfing our site. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome.

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WADE Canada Welcomes Chair of the Board

WADE Canada is pleased to formally welcome James Sidlofsky as Chair of the Board of Directors.

James is a Partner in the Energy Markets and Infrastructure Group in Borden Ladner Gervais LLP's Toronto office. He was admitted to the Ontario Bar in 1988. He holds an Honours B.A. (Philosophy, 1983 - College of Arts and University Gold Medallist) from the University of Guelph, an LL.B. (1986) from the University of Toronto, and a Diploma in Public Administration (1999) from the University of Western Ontario. James advises electricity distributors, generators and retailers, and industrial and commercial electricity consumers, on a wide range of regulatory matters. He represents clients before the Ontario Energy Board in electricity and natural gas-related proceedings, including applications for rates, OEB code amendments, approvals of sales of electricity distribution utilities and gas storage facilities, and "leave to construct" applications; as well as "generic" proceedings such as the OEB's Transmission System Code Review.

James is the Chair of the Industry Task Force on Distributed Generation, a Volunteer ad hoc group of industry participants with an interest in furthering the development of policies supporting DG in Ontario. The Task Force participated in the OEB's proceeding in respect of the development of the 2006 Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook. Before joining the WADE Canada Board, he was a director of its predecessor, NewERA from 2005-2007.



"This is an exciting time for supporters of distributed energy in Canada. Provincial governments are recognizing the value of small, local renewable and clean generation, and are developing policies, legislation and initiatives such as standard offer programs and feed-in tariffs. These initiatives will remove some of the current barriers to development of DE, and will enable DE to play a greater role in meeting our electricity supply needs. WADE Canada looks forward to helping Canada become a world leader in clean and sustainable distributed energy."

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WADE Canada Opens Office in Montreal, Quebec

WADE Canada is the successor of the New Energy Resources Alliance (NewERA) which was established in April 2002 when two Alberta organisations namely, Climate Change Central and Alberta Research Council, sponsored a collaborative effort to create an industry-led, not-for-profit organization dedicated to decentralised energy.

In 2008, WADE Canada completed its transition from NewERA and became a country chapter of the World Alliance for Decentralized Energy. It is a registered, national, not-for-profit industry association working to enhance the performance of Canada's DE industry to strengthen its economy and global energy competitiveness.



WADE Canada is pleased to announce the official opening of its Quebec office in Montreal. Our Calgary office remains the administrative headquarters for WADE Canada but operations queries should be directed to the Quebec office.

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Seeking Member Feedback NRCan Community Energy Solutions

WADE Canada will be participating in a **national Community Energy Solutions Roadmap consultation** session that is being hosted by **Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)** and we are asking our members to provide us with input, ideas, expertise, and creativity!

This consultation session is an excellent opportunity to participate in shaping government policy!

Here is a brief introduction to what the event is all about: Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) is currently working with provinces, territories and stakeholders on the development of a Community Energy Solutions Roadmap to be endorsed and made public by the Council of Energy Ministers in the fall of 2009. The Roadmap will provide a foundation for action that federal, provincial and territorial governments can take in concert with communities and stakeholders to facilitate implementation and encourage adoption of integrated community energy systems. These systems offer the potential to significantly reduce community level energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions.

As the voice for the Decentralized Energy industry in Canada, WADE Canada is seeking your input.

The Community Energy Solutions Roadmap document that NRCan is asking participants to review is a bit lengthy so in order to make it easier for WADE Canada members to participate and to ensure we capture your valuable input, we have taken time to review the document and select one section that is most relevant. The section we have chosen is on implementation (which includes a discussion on barriers, menu of measures, technology, and best practices).

Please review Section 5 and Annex 2 in the Community Energy Solutions Consultation Document and answer the questions in the Questionnaire. If you are interested and have the time to review the entire document, feel free to do so.

Please submit your written responses to WADE Canada by **April 24**.

You can login to the [Members' Area](#) on the [WADE Canada Website](#) to access the full document and the questions.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Energy and the Future of Calgary; Sustaining Robust Cities in a Changing Energy Future

A Conference for Leaders in Industry, Business, Policy, Governance, Education and Community

WADE Canada has partnered with Gaining Ground to provide our members with a direct connection to our organisations and news. You are invited to attend the event to be held in Calgary, May 7-8, 2009, Calgary Westin.

<http://www.gaininggroundsummit.com/calgary2009/>