

## WADE Canada October News

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### WADE Canada Releases Three Year Business Plan

On October 19 [WADE Canada](#) released its three year business plan and is now working with members and affiliates to implement the following strategies outlined in the plan:

- Enabling innovation strategy
- Annual SME sector review
- Research, development and demonstration program (RDDP)
- National needs assessment for policy reform
- Pilot regional needs assessments for decentralized energy training and education programs
- Job placement program
- DE internship program



>> [WADE Canada Business Plan](#)

For more information on WADE Canada Business Plan click [here](#).

### WADE Canada Calls for Public Hearings on Alberta Bill 50

[WADE Canada](#) has voiced its concerns regarding Bill 50, the Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009. If adopted, Bill 50 will allow the Stelmach government to fast track approximately \$15 billion of upgrades to our transmission infrastructure including the construction of new transmission lines. Some industry experts expect this price tag to be up to \$20 billion. Bill 50 would give the province authority to do this without a public hearing process held by the regulator. Albertans would be silenced even if it means they will foot the bill.

The role of our regulator is "to protect social, economic and environmental interests of Alberta where competitive market forces do not," says Geraldine Byrne, Vice-President of WADE Canada. "We are asking the government to change its course and hold transparent public hearings to hear what Albertans have to say" says Byrne.

WADE Canada President, Anouk Kendall, hopes that the government will allow Alberta stakeholders to explore alternatives to the expenditures outlined in Bill 50 to ensure that we are investing wisely. "The alternative is found in a balanced and long term transmission plan which factors in improved generation efficiencies, reduced peak demand and advancements in grid management" says Kendall. "We need to sit down with stakeholders and understand our options and their respective price tags."

WADE Canada will be hosting a Round Table discussion with energy experts in Alberta to address the following two questions:

- What are the benefits of decentralized energy for the Province of Alberta?
- Acknowledging these benefits, how does decentralized energy impact the need for transmission upgrades?



WADE Canada Vice President, Geraldine Byrne and WADE Canada Vice Chair and Treasurer, Brent Harris discuss the implications of Bill 50 with media and key industry experts.



ENMAX Vice President Government and Media Relations, Ian Todd (left), ENMAX President and CEO, Gary Holden (center) and Renewable Energy Solutions Inc. Founder and President, Ken Hogg (right) at the WADE Canada news conference

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## Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow (QUEST)

There are still places available for individuals who are interested in attending the third day of the QUEST III Conference: Integrated Community Energy Systems, on October 28 at the Delta hotel in Quebec City.

"Integrated Community Energy Systems: Putting the Pieces Together program emphasizes Québec's experience and expertise in the area but will also update you on the European experience. You will hear about the status of research, tools and programs; and explore case studies from cities, local developers and communities. You will have the benefit of hearing from Canadian and International community representatives who are leading the way towards integrated community energy solutions, as well as professional experts on green buildings, architectural design, urban planning and community management."- Michael Harcourt, Chairman, QUEST

**Please note, the third day of the conference will be held in French.**

For more details on the day's discussions please visit [http://www.questcanada.org/documents/QUESTIII\\_Day3.pdf](http://www.questcanada.org/documents/QUESTIII_Day3.pdf)

For further inquiries or registration, please e-mail QUEST Canada's Secretariat at [tleach@questcanada.org](mailto:tleach@questcanada.org), with the subject line of your e-mail as "Atelier QUEST". Please provide your coordinates and your organization's name.

You may also visit their website at <http://www.questcanada.org/>

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## WADE Canada Welcomes its Communications Officer, Patricia Faucher

Patricia is a Communications professional specializing in environmental and sustainable development issues. Patricia has extensive communications experience in the field of urban sustainable development and is on the Board of Directors of the Montreal Urban Community Sustainment Project. Her industry sector experience also stems from her work with Canada's Telecommunications Hall of Fame.

Fluent in three languages and a traveler, Patricia's interests remain varied. She is dedicated to supporting the multifaceted mission of [WADE Canada](#).

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## WADE Canada Participates in the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Summit for Charting Calgary's Low Carbon Future

[WADE Canada](#) Vice President, Geraldine Byrne, attended the Summit for Charting Calgary's Low Carbon Future on September 18 held by the Southern Alberta Institute of Alberta (SAIT). A diverse group of keynote speakers offered messages of challenge and inspiration, which helped participants define action plans in forming a roadmap to sustainability.

The information obtained at the Summit is currently being collated and prepared for the Low Carbon Future Advisory group who will review and make their recommendations-to be posted on The City of Calgary's Low Carbon Future website ([www.calgary.ca/lowcarbonsummit](http://www.calgary.ca/lowcarbonsummit)). Video segments of the Summit are available online through YouTube.

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## WADE Canada in Policy Dialogue Sessions with Civil Society on the UNFCCC Negotiations - Canadian Considerations in the lead up to COP 15

Byrne also attended the Expert Dialogue in Calgary on September 21, which examined the issue of financing for mitigation and adaptation in developing countries in a post-2012 climate change agreement. The event was hosted by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). Several experts presented the topic, including Michael Martin, Canada's Chief Negotiator and Ambassador for Climate Change.

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## World Energy Cities Partnership Signing of the Calgary Climate Change Accord

The World Energy Cities Partnership, consortia of 15 of the world's energy producing cities, gathered in Calgary October 5-9 to discuss climate change action plans and explore strategies for reducing our carbon footprint. The mayors of nine of these international energy cities signed this landmark accord that commits to bold greenhouse gas reduction targets for their municipal operations and wider communities, and call for action and leadership on climate change. The City of Calgary's Community Energy Initiative has developed partnerships with the cities of Aberdeen (Scotland), Perth (Australia) and Stavanger (Norway) to cooperate on mutual efforts that serve to achieve a low carbon future. [WADE Canada's](#) Vice President, Geraldine Byrne, attended the Calgary Accord signing and participated in discussions.

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### **“Advancing Canada’s Competitive Advantage” – WADE Canada at HEC Montréal’s National Forum on Management**

[WADE Canada](#) Communications Officer, Patricia Faucher, attended a workshop on Energy and the Environment, as part of Advancing Canada's Competitive Advantage, given by HEC Montreal on October 1. Several experts presented three different workshops, which dealt with the current state of environmental management to future challenges and opportunities. The Energy and Environment was a section of the national forum's discussions, which brought together academics and industry professionals.

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We are gearing up for a busy and exciting winter in the DE industry! [WADE Canada](#) will keep you posted of news and announcements as they happen!

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