

Alberta Capital Airshed Alliance Business Plan Summary 2009-2011

...designing local solutions to local air quality issues



Vision:

Residents within the Alberta Capital Airshed Alliance region live, work, and play in a safe and healthy environment with consistently high calibre air - air that is odorless, tasteless, looks clear, and has no measurable short or long-term adverse effects on people, animals, or the environment

Mission:

To provide easily accessible, high quality data and expertise vital to develop comprehensive air quality management plans - clean air solutions that keep the Capital Region air clean and ensure our air is always better than provincial objectives and Canada-wide standards for air quality.

To protect and improve the air quality in the Capital Region for our current residents and visitors, as well as for future generations

Goals

1. Establish and maintain a sustainable funding base
2. Ensure comprehensive air quality management in the region
3. Develop an administrative structure and mechanism that allows the ACAA to carry out the vision, mission, and mandate of the alliance
4. Implement a program to measure, monitor, and collect scientifically defensible data related to ACAA regional air quality
5. Continue to provide comprehensive and timely air quality information and reporting that is transparent, high quality, and accessible

Performance Measures:

Short Term (2009-2010)

- Completion of the Network Assessment
- Completion of the Ozone Management Plan
- Sustainable Membership Base
- Establishment & Implementation of a Sustainable Funding Formula

Long Term (2010-ongoing)

- Sustainable Membership Base
- Implementation of the Ozone Management Plan
- Air Quality Monitoring Station Acquisition
- Continuous Improvement of Ambient Air Monitoring
- Support of the Business Plan by Future Funding Sponsors



ACAA Guiding Principles:

ACAA members will:

- Be guided by honesty and integrity;
- Be sensitive to the needs of all participants; and
- Use a consensus decision-making model and then act on decisions as a single entity

Members will remain committed to achieving the ACAA Vision, Mission, and General Operating Principles

Opportunities for all members to participate will be fair and equitable

ACAA processes and proceedings will be open and transparent to the public and all stakeholders

General Operating Principles:

Information - air quality monitoring, reporting, and public out-reach will be used as tools to influence decision makers and create management plans to keep the air quality better than provincial and national air quality objectives

Collaboration - we respectfully and freely share expertise, data, and experience to continuously improve our operations and develop innovative, unique air quality solutions, and management plans for our airshed.

Partnership - Alberta Environment is dedicated to working as a partner and backstop by providing:

- technical expertise in air quality monitoring and management
- financial resources and equipment to operate Alberta government stations in the airshed
- third party audits of the air quality equipment and data

Reliability - air quality data gathered by the airshed will meet or be better than the standards of operation of the Alberta air monitoring directive

Relationships - foster working relationship with air quality stakeholders that is inclusive, comprehensive, and continually evolving

ACAA Boundaries:

