

## Water research and review of progress on *Water for Life* among key successes for Alberta Water Council in 2005-2006

EDMONTON, April 27 /CNW/ - A provincial water research strategy, prepared in collaboration with the Alberta Science and Research Authority, and the second major review of the province's *Water for Life* strategy are two of the key accomplishments of the Alberta Water Council over the past 15 months, and are among the highlights in its 2005-2006 annual report.

The *Alberta Water Council's 2005-2006 Annual Report*, released April 27, summarizes the activities and progress of the Council from October 2005 to December 2006. It also provides an overview of some of the activities underway in 2007, including leading the renewal process of the *Water for Life* strategy, to be launched in June.

Highlights for 2005-2006 include:

- The Council completed its second comprehensive review of the implementation progress on *Water for Life*, which will be released in early May.
- In November 2006, the Council, in collaboration with the Alberta Science and Research Authority (ASRA) completed a Water Research Strategy that will be supported by \$30 million in funding from the Government of Alberta.
- The Council began the formal transition to an independent non-profit organization.

"The Council's strength lies in our diversity of opinion, our broad base of experience and our consensus-based decision-making process," says Bill Berzins, a member of the Council's executive. "As we enter our fourth year, we continue to grow as an organization and now have a much better, more comprehensive understanding of water management issues facing Alberta. This makes us more effective in providing advice in the best interest of all Albertans."

A copy of the 2005-2006 Annual Report, along with more information on the Alberta Water Council is available at [www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca/awc](http://www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca/awc)

Established in 2004, the Alberta Water Council is a multi-stakeholder partnership with 25 members from governments, industry, and non-government organizations. Its primary task is to monitor and steward implementation of the *Water for Life* strategy and to champion achievement of the strategy's three outcomes of a safe, secure drinking water supply, healthy aquatic ecosystems, and reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy.

A complete copy of the report is available at [www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca/awc](http://www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca/awc)

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