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## Dear friends,

On behalf of our Edmonton Chapter activists and regional hosts for this year's conference – Board of Directors members Martha Robbins, Gordon Laxer and Angela Vardy – I am happy to invite you to our 23rd Annual General Meeting in Edmonton, Alberta, from October 31-November 2, 2008.

This year, our theme is Canada's energy and water resources and the urgent need for Canadians to have control over them. The Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) is moving Canada closer to a continental resource pact that really means secure energy resources for the United States and not for Canadians.

Our AGM is an opportunity to learn more about the Alberta tar sands, and about actions we can all undertake to confront the devastating and destructive pace of tar sands development. We will hear guest speakers, allies and activists from Alberta and the rest of Canada speak on a large number of issues related to Canada's current energy boom. Together, we will pose the question, "Boom for whom?" and look at who is really benefiting from the rapid pace of tar sands development – and at what price.

Join Council members from across Canada to participate in workshops, learn more about the issues, and share strategies. Don't miss this opportunity to help us plan for the year ahead.

See you there!

Yours,

Maude Barlow  
National Chairperson  
The Council of Canadians

## SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS

### Conference Hotel

Crowne Plaza-Chateau Lacombe  
10111 Bellamy Hill  
780-428-6611 or 1-800-661-8801  
\$119 + tax per night  
(special rate for AGM delegates – must book by October 1)

### Hotels

Days Inn Edmonton Downtown  
10041-106 Street  
Jasper Avenue & 106th Street  
780-423-1925  
\$119 + tax per night

Best Western City Centre Inn  
11310 109 Street  
780-479-2042  
\$139 + tax per night

Chateau Louis Hotel and Conference Centre (10 minute drive)  
11727 Kingsway  
780-452-7770  
\$109 + tax

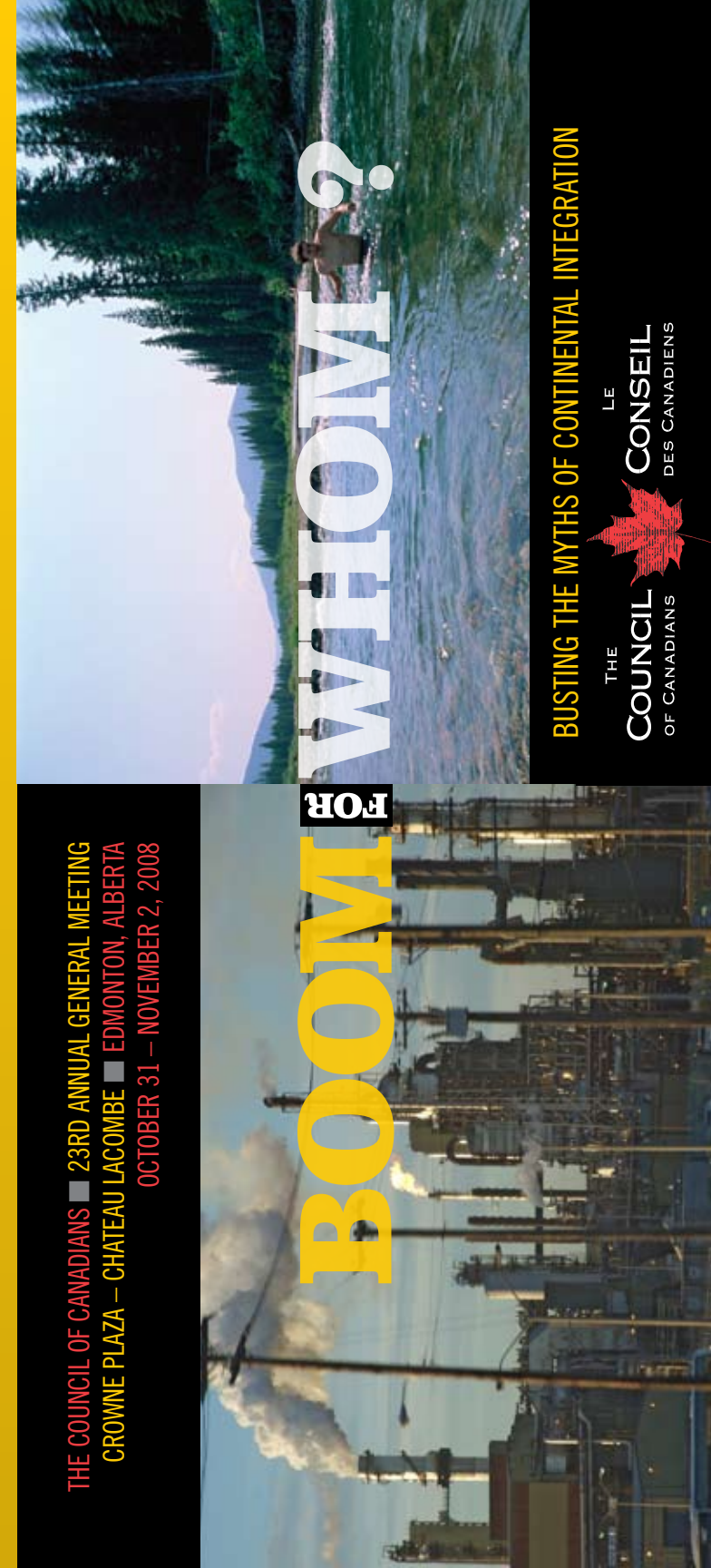
### Hostel

HI-Edmonton Hostel (10-15 min drive) buses available  
10647-81 Avenue  
780-988-6836 or 1-877-467-8336  
\$62 per night private room  
\$27-\$31 per person per night shared room  
[http://www.hihostels.ca/Alberta/654/hi-edmonton\\_hi-edmonton.hostel](http://www.hihostels.ca/Alberta/654/hi-edmonton_hi-edmonton.hostel)

There are no bed and breakfasts in the downtown area that are less expensive than the conference hotel.



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THE COUNCIL OF CANADIANS ■ 23RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
CROWNE PLAZA – CHATEAU LACOMBE ■ EDMONTON, ALBERTA  
OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 2, 2008

BUSTING THE MYTHS OF CONTINENTAL INTEGRATION



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## BUSTING THE MYTHS OF CONTINENTAL INTEGRATION

The Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America includes plans for a five-fold expansion of the Alberta tar sands. Working groups, comprised of government and industry leaders from Canada, the United States and Mexico, see the expansion of the tar sands as a key factor in moving towards an integrated energy market in North America.

But who really benefits from energy integration and the rapid growth of tar sands development in Alberta? Is it Canadians? Or is it the oil and gas conglomerates that are driving the agenda to supply the limitless demands of the U.S. market?

## Creating energy security

We will bring together Albertans, experts, allies, activists and our members from across Canada to talk about the diverse and far-reaching effects of tar sands development on our water, health, and public services. We will build alliances with social justice and environmental groups to demand a Canadian energy strategy that plans for the future and will give Canadians security of energy supplies, as well as strong policies that protect our environment and focus on finding alternative, less harmful energy solutions.

We hope to see you in Edmonton, where we will work together on ways to promote a better vision for Canada's energy, water and natural resources – one that affirms progressive goals of sustainable public ownership for the benefit of all future generations.

## AGENDA

### Friday, October 31

Registration for Saturday workshops 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Free Public Forum** 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Boom for Whom?  
Busting the Myths of Continental Integration**

#### Featuring keynote speakers:

Maude Barlow, National Chairperson,  
the Council of Canadians

Dr. David Schindler, Professor of Ecology  
at the University of Alberta, Edmonton

Andrew Nikiforuk, Calgary-based  
award winning writer and researcher

Followed by a question and answer session

### Saturday, November 1

Registration 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Panels and workshops: 8:45 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Cocktail reception: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner and awards: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Sunday, November 2

The Council's business meeting: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



For more information or to register, call us toll free at 1-800-387-7177, ext. 333, or visit [www.canadians.org](http://www.canadians.org).

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If you are attending the Chapter Caucus Day as your Chapter's Representative you must register using the Early-Registration Form mailed to your Chapter contact in May.

### Accommodations

- I will make my own hotel arrangements.
- I would like the Council to try to billet me.
- I can provide accommodation to others.

### Conference Fees (includes Saturday lunch and all breaks)

- \$70 per participant in advance, or \$75 on-site.
- \$35 fixed income (includes Saturday lunch).

### Saturday Banquet Dinner\*

\$30 per person

\* In keeping with a resolution passed at the 2007 AGM, organic and vegetarian food will be emphasized; vegan and meat options will be provided.

Please check your selection below:

- Vegetarian  Vegan  Meat

Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to contribute to the Friends of the AGM

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Method of payment

- My cheque is enclosed  Visa  Mastercard

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by **October 21, 2008** (the last day of Advance Registration) to the **Council of Canadians, 700-170 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, ON K1P 5V5.**