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VERMILION TO HOST ANNUAL ATCO SYMPOSIUM BENEFITING NON-PROFIT, VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Vermilion, AB — On April 24, 2008, more than 150 local government and community leaders will gather at the Vermilion Regional Centre to attend ATCO's ninth annual Community Symposium entitled *The Future Today: Engaging the Next Generation*.

Hosted by the Town of Vermilion in partnership with ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric, delegates attending the Symposium will hear a variety of speakers discuss new trends as well as share their insights and best practices for engaging the next generation of board leadership, organizational managers and staff, volunteers and funding partners. A second session will be held at the Foothills Centennial Centre in Okotoks on April 22.

"Volunteers and volunteer organizations enrich community life. We are very pleased to host this year's symposium that discusses issues so important to community life in Alberta," says Bruce Marriott, Mayor of the Town of Vermilion.

"ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric have a long history of supporting rural Alberta and the people who live and work there," said Sett Policicchio, President, ATCO Electric. "This year's symposium provides community members a terrific opportunity to share information and network with other people having expertise, experience or a shared interest in attracting and retaining the next generation of leaders, employees, volunteers and funders for their organizations."

"Since 2000 ATCO has partnered with a number of communities to offer its annual symposium and to help not-for-profit organizations and those in the volunteer sector stay informed about trends and best practices as they work to improve the quality of life in rural Alberta," said Jerome Engler, President, ATCO Gas. "This is one way we support the communities we serve."

Additional information is available online at atcogas.com/Community_Investment/Community_Symposium.asp.

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