

## James Horsman, Regional Advisor

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Mr. James Horsman is a lawyer by profession with extensive experience in government, education, politics, business and negotiation. He served five consecutive terms for Medicine Hat in the Alberta Legislative Assembly from 1975 through 1993 and for fourteen years as a Minister of the Crown in various portfolios, including Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, and also as Deputy Premier. He also served as chief negotiator for the Province of Alberta on The Uruguay Round of the GATT, and all Canadian constitutional issues between 1982 and 1992. He was chief Alberta Minister for the negotiations on the Canada US FTA and NAFTA.

He is a past member of several international bodies, committees and distinguished institutions. He is Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Lethbridge and now provides advice on Governmental relations. Mr. Horsman is also a Member of the Order of Canada and the Alberta Order of Excellence.

Mr. Horsman has been actively involved in energy industry issues, most recently as a Director of the Energy Council, a legislative organization of the 10 energy-producing American states, affiliates in five Canadian provinces, and Venezuela. He recently participated at their conference in Washington, DC.

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