



Fuel Tax Council

Update 2009

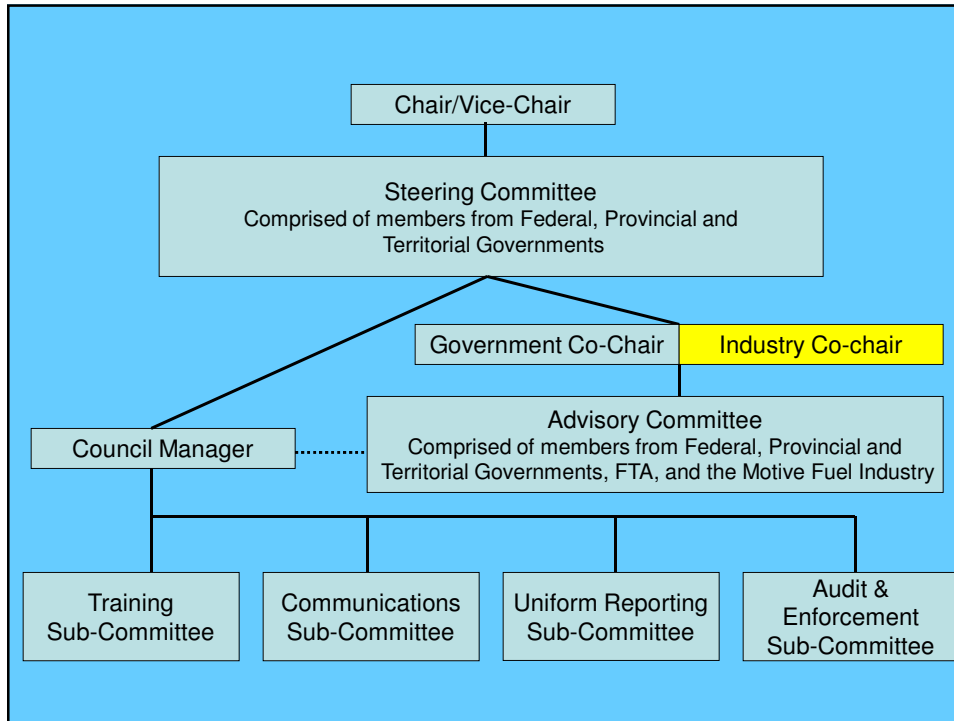
Federation of Tax Administrators
Motor Fuel Tax Section - Annual Meeting
Oklahoma City, September 2009

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Fuel Tax Council Manager



Fuel Tax Council Update

- Recession Challenges
- New Communication Opportunities
- New FTC Website
- Current Project Update



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FTC Challenges During the Recession

- Travel Restrictions
- Funding Issues
- Reduced Involvement
- Continuity Challenges



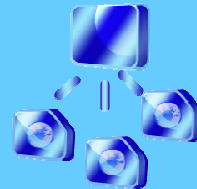
How are we dealing with these new challenges?



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Improving Communication

- Developing a Communication Protocol
- File Sharing and Collaboration Software
- Website
- Video Conferencing
- Meeting Locations



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2009-09-22 **New Executive.** The new Steering Committee Chair and Vice-Chair took office on April 1, 2009. Andrew Foster (New Brunswick) is the new Steering Committee Chair and Melissa Banks (Alberta) is the Vice-Chair. Nominations for the Vice-Chair position for the next term are required to be submitted 90 days our next semi-annual meetings.

2009-09-22 **Next Meetings.** The next Fuel Tax Council [semi-annual meetings](#) will be held in Regina, Saskatchewan at the Saskatchewan Radisson Plaza Hotel on October 6 & 7, 2009.

2009-07-14 **SAP Training in Alberta.** The Fuel Tax Council provided an introduction to SAP course to tax auditors in Alberta on July 14 & 15, 2009.

2009-06-15 **FTC Expansion.** The Fuel Tax Council would like to [expand industry involvement](#). As a result, letters were sent to four fuel distribution related associations in June, 2009 to determine their interest in participating.

2009-06-15 **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).** After extensive consultation the MOU between all provinces, territories and the Government of Canada is ready to be signed and will be distributed for signature soon.

2009-06-15 **New Training Schedule Developed.** A three year [training schedule](#) has been developed. The Fuel Tax Council has developed three courses and rotates the course training providing a total of two courses offerings per calendar year.

2009-05-13 **Fuel Tax Council Adopts E-filing Standards.** Standards for e-filing (Part A) generic fuel tax returns and schedules were adopted by the Fuel Tax Council at the semi-annual Steering Committee meeting on May 13, 2009. For more information on the standards, please contact the [Fuel Tax Council office](#).

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- **E-filing Project**
 - E-filing standards adopted by FTC (XML Web based)
 - Alberta has an application developed (not implemented) in accordance with the standards
 - Ontario's e-filing project is in development (volunteer compliance)
 - Future of e-filing?



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Other Projects & Activities

- Training
 - Upcoming Training Course
 - Basic Training - Material Update
 - Training and Fee Schedule
- Enforcement Manual
- Generic Return Issues



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Joint Audit Project

- Survey and Study
- Initial Joint Audit Since the Study
- Organization
- Benefits





Upcoming FTC Meetings

Regina, Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Hotel Radisson Plaza
October 6 and 7, 2009

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador
Battery Hotel
April 27 and 28, 2010



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