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Industry Updates from CIAC



Economic Outlook Webinar- ICYMI!

Missed last week's CIAC 2026 Economic Outlook Webinar?

Dave Cherniak, Policy Manager for Business and Transportation, delivered essential insights into the industrial chemicals and plastics sector's path forward in 2026.

The session explored the sector's resilience through 2025's turbulence, economic projections for the year ahead, and critical policy priorities including global economic uncertainty, trade renewal and diversification, investment attraction and climate policy competitiveness.

Watch the full recording [here](#) to stay informed on what matters most to your business this year.



2026 Alberta Budget Recommendations

CIAC has submitted key recommendations for Alberta's Budget 2026, representing a sector that shipped approximately \$20 billion and exported \$10.4 billion in 2024 making chemicals Alberta's largest value-added manufacturing export.

As the province navigates major policy shifts including the CUSMA review, the federal-provincial Memorandum of Understanding, and TIER amendments, Budget 2026 must reinforce Alberta's competitiveness as a destination for chemistry and plastics investment.

Our recommendations focus on four critical areas: extending and enhancing the Alberta Petrochemical Incentive Program to attract domestic investment and support decarbonization projects; ensuring predictability in carbon pricing frameworks and finalizing the Alberta Carbon Capture Incentive Program to enable carbon capture investments; accelerating circularity through regulatory clarity and incentives for advanced and mechanical recycling; and adopting federal accelerated capital cost provisions to align provincial tax rules with investment incentives.

Alberta's chemistry and plastics sector—anchored in the Industrial Heartland, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, and Grande Prairie—is essential to our economic diversification and trade competitiveness, and Budget 2026 has a critical role to play in securing that future.



CIAC attends Chambre de Commerce du Montreal

The Canadian Industry Association of Canada (CIAC) was present last Friday at the Chambre de Commerce du Montreal Metropolitain to hear Julie Gascon, President and CEO of the Montreal Port Authority, as she outlined the upcoming year for the Port of Montreal and its expansion project in Contrecœur, on the South Shore of Montreal. It was a great opportunity to meet with business leaders from Hydro-Québec, Rogers Communications including Mathieu Ashby from Tetrattech.

The maritime industry is key to allowing our sector to accelerate the diversification of export markets by unlocking new business opportunities and optimize our supply chains. We are collaborating with our members to support them in doing business on all continents.



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Christa Seaman, VP Plastics for CIAC had the opportunity to participate on the Topsoe podcast series HowTalk Circular Plastic with host Milica Folic. Christa, along with the Canada Plastic Pact's Meg O'Shea, painted the North America picture of plastic production and the recycling of plastics through the lens of circularity.

Touching on extended producer responsibility, recycling innovation, industry and member circularity successes the conversation highlights the progress towards a circular economy for plastics that has been made to date in Canada, while closing on what can be achieved through continued progress and commitment to keeping plastics out of the environment but retaining their value in the economy.



Responsible Care Reflections

As we start the new year, leadership isn't just about setting priorities, it's about reflection. In a recent video, our President and CEO, Greg Moffatt, highlights how Responsible Care™ began as a Made-in-Canada initiative grounded in courage. Courage to push further, embrace transparency, and recognize that earning community trust requires commitment, not just compliance.

At its heart, Responsible Care is about continuous improvement—asking daily: Can we do this better? And having the resolve to act.

This mindset transformed our industry decades ago and influenced practices globally. As we look ahead, consider how today's choices will echo into the future.



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EVENTS

Alberta Chemistry and Plastics Day

Mark your calendars for Alberta Chemistry and Plastics Day 2026!

CIAC invites you to join us on May 27, 2026, from 11:15 AM to 4:00 PM at the Fairmont Hotel MacDonald in Edmonton for our annual gathering of industry leaders and government representatives.

This event provides a critical platform to discuss the key issues facing Alberta's chemistry and plastics sector, gain valuable insights into government policy and positions, and network with peers across the value chain.

Whether you're focused on manufacturing, policy, sustainability, or innovation, this is an essential opportunity to connect with colleagues and help shape the future of our industry in Alberta.

For more information, contact [Kai Horsfield](#). We look forward to seeing you there!





Register now for the Canadian Plastics Impact Awards

Announcing the inaugural Canadian Plastics Impact Awards!

Nominations are now open for the inaugural Canadian Plastics Impact Awards, launched by [Canadian Plastics](#) and proudly sponsored by CIAC.

These awards celebrate the professionals and innovations making a meaningful difference in Canada's plastics industry across five categories: Leader of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Innovation Award, Sustainability Award, and Emerging Leader of the Year (under 40).

Winners will be featured in Canadian Plastics and honoured at an exclusive awards luncheon on May 27, 2026, at Sandman Hotel in Mississauga, Ontario.

Don't miss this opportunity to recognize outstanding contributions to the industry—nominate a colleague, yourself, or your organization by the February 27, 2026 deadline [here](#).