

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, 1999 (con't)

CANADA WEST FOUNDATION *Statement of Cash Flows, year ended December 31, 1999, with comparative figures for 1998*

| | | 1999 | | 1998 |
|--|--|--------------|----|-----------|
| Cash provided by (used in): | Operations: | | | |
| | Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses | \$ (171,918) | \$ | 92,431 |
| | Item not involving cash (Depreciation) | 12,784 | | 10,740 |
| | | (159,134) | | 103,171 |
| | Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable | 71,107 | | (77,907) |
| | Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 1,304 | | 17,863 |
| | | (86,723) | | 43,127 |
| | Financing and investing activities: | | | |
| | Bank loan | 5,000 | | - |
| | Deferred contributions | (1,216) | | 74,333 |
| | Endowments received | 300,000 | | 800,000 |
| | Other investments and endowment | (351,788) | | (878,805) |
| | Capital assets | (22,122) | | (12,984) |
| | Marketable securities | - | | 36,249 |
| | | (70,126) | | 18,793 |
| Increase (decrease) in cash | | (156,849) | | 61,920 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | | 179,351 | | 117,431 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year | | \$ 22,502 | \$ | 179,351 |

CANADA WEST FOUNDATION *Notes to Financial Statements, year ended December 31, 1999*

Canada West Foundation (the "Foundation") was formed to engage in research and education in the area of economic, social and public policy. The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization under Section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act and accordingly is not taxable on the revenues it receives and earns from operations.

- Significant accounting policies:**
 - Capital assets: The computer equipment, phone system and furniture are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided on a declining balance basis at an annual rate of 30%.
 - Revenue recognition: The Foundation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Deferred contributions are revenues received in the current year that are used for projects in the upcoming year. Special projects and corporate donations and membership revenues are recognized when payments are received or committed. Donations received in kind are recorded at fair market value, determined at the date the donation is made. Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets.
 - Marketable securities and investments: Marketable securities and short-term investments are recorded at the lower of cost or market value. Endowment and other investments are recorded at cost and are written down only when such decline is considered permanent in nature.
- Endowment and other investments:** Endowment funds are recorded at cost and are externally restricted in that only interest and dividends earned on the invested capital is available for the ongoing operation of the Foundation. The accumulating interest and dividends are available for general purposes and are classified as other investments. The Foundation has internally restricted any distribution of any realized capital gain on the fund until the endowment reaches \$2 million excepting those distributions enforced by Revenue Canada legislation. The market value of endowment at December 31, 1999 was \$3,146,186 (1998 - \$2,758,364). During the year investment income of \$101,283 (1998 - \$86,162) was earned on these investments.

3. Capital assets:

| | | | 1999 | 1998 |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated Depreciation | Net Book Value | Net Book Value |
| Computer Equipment | \$ 70,205 | \$ 38,247 | \$ 31,958 | \$ 28,298 |
| Phone Systems | 5,477 | 3,727 | 1,750 | 2,123 |
| Furniture | 10,076 | 2,893 | 7,183 | 1,132 |
| | \$ 85,758 | \$ 44,867 | \$ 40,891 | \$ 31,553 |

- In-kind revenues:** These amounts include donations in-kind for office space in the amount of \$31,676 (1987 - \$nil)
- Bank Loan:** The Foundation has access to a \$75,000 revolving operating facility due on demand and bearing interest at bank prime rate plus 1.0%. The facility is unsecured and as of December 31, 1999 \$5,000 had been utilized by the Foundation.
- Commitments:** The Foundation has entered into operating lease commitments for office and equipment with future payments as follows:

| | |
|------|-----------|
| 2000 | \$ 32,616 |
| 2001 | 2,994 |

ABOUT CANADA WEST FOUNDATION

In 1970, the One Prairie Province Conference was held in Lethbridge, Alberta. The conference, sponsored by the University of Lethbridge and the Lethbridge Herald, received considerable attention at the time from concerned leaders and citizens. The consensus of discussion at the conference was that research on western Canadian concerns needed to be continued and expanded. Canada West Foundation was established under letters patent on December 31, 1970 to fill that need.

The Canada West Foundation is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit public policy research institute dedicated to introducing western perspectives into current Canadian policy debates through:

- (1) the production and dissemination of objective research to serve as a catalyst for informed debate, and
- (2) initiatives for active citizen education and engagement in the Canadian public policy process.

Canada West is governed by the Canada West Council, which provides direction on the current and future education and research activities of the Foundation. The Council, meeting three times a year, is made up of prominent western Canadians who are committed to the social and economic well-being of western Canada.

Canada West Foundation is a registered Canadian charitable organization incorporated under federal charter (#118828699 RR 0001).

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE: MR. J. K. GRAY

1999 was a critical year in the Foundation's development. The number and complexity of public policy issues that the Foundation addresses continued to expand, the social, political, and economic environment in western Canada remained extremely dynamic, and the Foundation itself underwent an internal evaluation of its operations and research agenda.

The Foundation explored public policy issues including Senate reform, free trade, the rise of western cities, provincial tax policy, the role of the non-profit sector, the social impact of gambling, and best practices in health care. In particular, social issues have become a very strong aspect

of the Foundation's activities. This is a natural progression because these are the public policy issues that are front and centre in our society. At the same time, the Foundation remains committed to examining and encouraging debate about the western economy and institutional reform. The important thing to recognize is that social, economic and political issues are intimately linked and all contribute to the quality of life in the West as well in Canada as a whole.

As the world continues to change and become even more complex, it is important that we reflect on what makes our communities good places to live. This is evident in the work done on gambling which has been well received by policymakers, the media and the public.

A basic element of a good community is its voluntary spirit. Without a healthy non-profit sector our quality of life is severely compromised. Despite this, we know relatively little about the capacity of the non-profit sector to meet the demands that are placed upon it. Hence, I am proud that the Foundation has been active in this area of research and taken strides to increase understanding of, and debate about, this fundamental aspect of Canadian life.

The changing roles of provincial and municipal governments combined with the growth of western cities over the latter half of the last century has created a need for practical and creative approaches to urban governance. In keeping with this, the Foundation launched the Western Cities Project in 1999. The project explores trends and issues in Canadian cities and possible solutions to the challenges they face. This project will assist cities as they continue to grow and play a larger role in the lives of western Canadians.

These and other activities carried out in 1999 have not only continued the Foundation's tradition of timely and accessible public policy research but have also set the stage for significant contributions to public debate and policy formulation in the new millennium.

On behalf of the Canada West Foundation Council and staff, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to our many donors, contributors and members. It is through their belief in the importance of public policy research and incredible generosity that we are able to continue to play a role in influencing change in Canada. We look forward to your continuing support in 2000.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. K. Gray', written in a cursive style.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, 1999

CANADA WEST FOUNDATION *Statement of Financial Position, December 31, 1999 with comparative figures for 1998*

| | | 1999 | 1998 | |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|------|
| Assets | Current assets: | | | |
| | Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 22,502 | \$ 179,351 | |
| | Accounts receivable | 45,115 | 116,222 | |
| | | 67,617 | 295,573 | |
| | Endowment (note 2) | 2,700,950 | 2,400,950 | |
| | Other investments (note 2) | 210,896 | 159,108 | |
| | Capital assets (note 3) | 40,891 | 31,553 | |
| | | \$ 3,020,354 | \$ 2,887,184 | |
| | Liabilities and Net Assets | Current liabilities: | | |
| | | Bank loan (note 5) | \$ 5,000 | \$ – |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | | 29,140 | 27,836 | |
| Deferred contributions | | 73,117 | 74,333 | |
| | | 107,257 | 102,169 | |
| Net Assets: | | | | |
| Invested in capital assets | | 40,891 | 31,553 | |
| Restricted for endowment purposes (note 2) | | 2,700,950 | 2,400,950 | |
| Unrestricted | | 171,256 | 352,512 | |
| | | 2,913,097 | 2,785,015 | |
| Commitments (note 6) | | | | |
| | \$ 3,020,354 | \$ 2,887,184 | | |

CANADA WEST FOUNDATION *Statement of Revenues and Expenses, year ended December 31, 1999 with comparative figures for 1998*

| | | 1999 | 1998 |
|-----------------|---|--------------|------------|
| Revenue | Special projects and corporate donations (note 4) | \$ 892,023 | \$ 798,398 |
| | Investment income | 122,633 | 101,502 |
| | Memberships | 10,068 | 10,330 |
| | Publication sales | 5,702 | 1,730 |
| | | 1,030,426 | 911,960 |
| Expenses | Research and development | 975,713 | 662,029 |
| | General and administrative (note 4) | 199,701 | 139,417 |
| | Office equipment rental | 14,146 | 7,343 |
| | Depreciation | 12,784 | 10,740 |
| | | 1,202,344 | 819,529 |
| | Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses | \$ (171,918) | \$ 92,431 |

CANADA WEST FOUNDATION *Statement of Changes in Net Assets, year ended December 31, 1999 with comparative figures for 1998*

| | Invested in Capital Assets | Restricted for Endowment | Unrestricted | Total 1999 | Total 1998 |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ 31,553 | \$ 2,400,950 | \$ 352,512 | \$ 2,785,015 | \$ 1,892,584 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses | (12,784) | – | (159,134) | (171,918) | 92,431 |
| Endowment contributions | – | 300,000 | – | 300,000 | 800,000 |
| Investment in capital assets | 22,122 | – | (22,122) | – | – |
| Balance, end of year | \$ 40,891 | \$ 2,700,950 | \$ 171,256 | \$ 2,913,097 | \$ 2,785,015 |

AUDITOR'S REPORT



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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the statement of financial position of Canada West Foundation as at December 31, 1999 and the statements of revenues and expenses, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at December 31, 1999 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

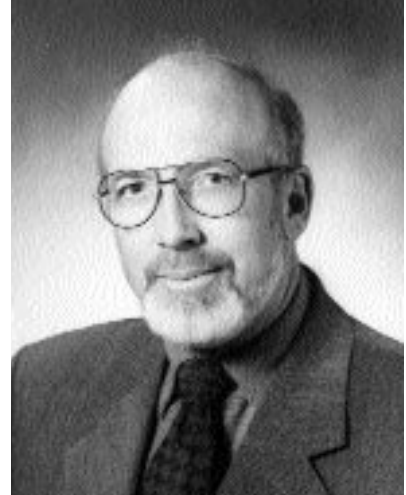
Chartered Accountants

Calgary, Canada
March 23, 2000



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: DR. R. GIBBINS



We constantly hear in the media how rapidly the world is changing. Organizations and individuals, we are told, must constantly scramble just to stay in the game. The pace of global change is explosive, and no let up is in sight.

It is not easy to position Canada West within this dynamic environment. To be reactive is not nearly enough. It is imperative for public policy think tanks to get ahead of the curve, to foster a research agenda that anticipates more than it reacts.

This, of course, is easier to say than accomplish in a situation where funding is often driven by a reactive agenda, where support for forward-thinking research is difficult to secure. Nonetheless, we have launched two ambitious projects which should place Canada West ahead of the curve.

The Western Cities Project recognizes that the West's urban environment will be increasingly important for economic growth, the quality of life, and the nature of governance. The project will highlight the expanding role of western Canadian cities through a set of interlocked research projects. Individual projects will examine the complex challenges of urban governance, the fiscal crisis confronting western Canadian cities, the role of cities in economic development, the contribution of the arts community to the quality of life and economic prosperity, and the growing importance of the urban Aboriginal population.

A complementary project will explore the strategic position of western Canada in the "new economy." This global economy will feature new information technologies that will sharply diminish the traditional importance of geography. What, then, are the challenges and opportunities for a regional economy that has always laboured under geographical constraints? How can we design a public policy environment that will enable western Canadians to build upon existing strengths, capture the opportunities presented by the new economy, and mitigate potential negative effects?

The two projects will ensure that Canada West can provide important insights into the emerging character of the regional society and economy. The associated research will address the Foundation's basic mandate, which is to identify and help shape a public policy environment that will best serve the interests of western Canadians within the broader Canadian context. The two projects also underscore the nature of the new global environment: the policy needs of the West must be addressed within the context of a rapidly changing global environment.

As befits the pace of change, both projects are fluid in their design and implementation. Therefore, if you have any suggestions about how these projects should evolve, do not hesitate to let me know. Your input is welcome as we try to position Canada West within a very challenging but also enormously exciting public policy environment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Gibbins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

1999 PRIMARY RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

In addition to research in the areas of economic policy, free trade, Senate reform, and primary health care, Canada West Foundation research focused on four main projects in 1999.

1. ALTERNATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY PROJECT

The ASDP was initiated in 1997 to increase understanding of, and stimulate debate about, Canada's non-profit sector, its relations with the state, and its role in the delivery of social services. The ASDP is generating empirical evidence of the costs and benefits of using non-profits to deliver state-funded social services and recommendations for establishing and maintaining a healthy partnership between the state and non-profit sectors. 1999 was a busy year for the Foundation's Alternative Service Delivery Project with the publication of six research reports and the launch of a new round of consultations with representatives from the non-profit sector. Watch for the project's final report to be released in the fall of 2000.



Alternative Service Delivery Project

2. COMPARATIVE HEALTH POLICY PROJECT



While many Canadians believe the Canadian health system is among the best in the world, there are growing concerns about the long-term viability of the system in the age of rising health costs. To help ensure the long-term viability of Canada's health system, the Comparative Health Policy Project focused on formulating practical policy lessons and recommendations by comparing and contrasting Canadian and American health care policies, specifically in the area of preventative medicine. In 1999, the Comparative Health Policy Project hosted a major North American conference. The final project report and a book based on the conference will be released in 2000.

1999 RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- 199901 **Government Relations with Religious Non-Profit Social Agencies in Alberta: Public Accountability in a Pluralist Society**
- 199902 **Saskatchewan in the West: An Economic Profile**
- 199903 **Making a Difference: Volunteers and Non-Profits**
- 199904 **Constitutional Patriation: The Lougheed-Lévesque Correspondence**
- 199905 **For the Record: Alberta's 1998 Senate Election**
- 199906 **Ten Years After: Cross-Border Export/Import Trends Since the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement**
- 199907 **Great Expectations: The Ideal Characteristics of Non-Profits**
- 199908 **The Impact of Gaming upon Non-Profits: A 1999 Survey of Gaming Grant Recipients (main report)**
- 199909 **The Impact of Gaming upon Non-Profits: A 1999 Survey of Gaming Grant Recipients (summary report)**
- 199910 **The Canadian Social Policy Landscape: A Roadmap of Recent Initiatives**
- 199911 **Exploring Alternatives: Government Social Service Policy and Non-Profit Organizations**
- 199912 **Gambling and Crime in Western Canada: Exploring Myth and Reality (main report)**
- 199913 **Gambling and Crime in Western Canada: Exploring Myth and Reality (summary report)**
- 199914 **Strings Attached: Non-Profits & their Funding Relationships with Government**
- 199915 **Canada's Gambling Regulatory Patchwork: A Handbook**
- 199916 **Cities @ 2000: Canada's Urban Landscape - New Trends, Emerging Issues**

Other 1999 Publications

1999 Pocket Factfinder

The 8th edition of the Pocket Factfinder was released in 1999. This handy business card sized document outlines key economic and social indicators for the four western provinces, the two northern territories and Canada as a whole.

Western Landscapes

CWF's quarterly newsletter, Western Landscapes, features a regular column from CWF President Roger Gibbins, information on CWF research and programs, and updates on council activities.

Canadian Review of Social Policy

The article, *Lessons From the Field: Surveying Hard-to-Reach Populations (Response to Boychuck's Critique)*, by Robert Roach and Loleen Youngman Berdahl was published in the Spring 1999 edition of Canadian Review of Social Policy.

Western Distinctions

CWF Director of Research Loleen Youngman Berdahl authored a bi-weekly column for the Calgary Herald addressing western Canadian public policy issues and research.

CANADA WEST FOUNDATION STAFF, 1999

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Administrative Assistant

Secretary/Receptionist

extent to which truly regional interests can still be identified. The WED opportunity sparked the ongoing interest of Canada West in the strategic positioning of the West within the new economy.

NATIONAL HOUSING POLICY

A June conference in Toronto explored a range of policy options open to Canadian governments in addressing the homelessness issue. The contribution by Dr. Gibbins stressed the importance of distinguishing between social housing and the more immediate needs of the homeless.



Photo by C. Vander Ploeg

CWF President Roger Gibbins makes a point at a presentation

PRIME MINISTER'S CAUCUS TASK FORCE ON THE FOUR WESTERN PROVINCES

CWF was invited to present its views on western Canadian issues and concerns to the Task Force when it visited Calgary in June 1999. Loleen Youngman Berdahl and Casey Vander Ploeg's presentation focused on the issues of taxation, Senate reform and citizen engagement.

ATLANTIC CANADA POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Dr. Roger Gibbins delivered the keynote address entitled "Wither or Whither Populism in Western Canada?" The October address explored the changing nature of populist thought in western Canada, and the potential for the West's populist impulse to shape the national political agenda.

YUKON ECONOMIC FORUM

At an October meeting of business and political leaders in Whitehorse, Dr. Roger Gibbins spoke to the challenges the Yukon faces within a rapidly changing global environment. In many ways, the Yukon's situation is similar to that faced by western Canada as a whole: the opportunities presented by the new economy will not be realized without the support of a supportive public policy environment. If Western Canadians sit back and wait for the world to come, we may well wake up to find that it has gone elsewhere.

ARNOVA CONFERENCE

Research papers from the Alternative Service Delivery and the Gambling in Canada Projects were presented to the Association for Research on Non-Profit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) in November 1999. This conference is the premiere international forum for non-profit sector research.

VOLUNTARY ACTION SYMPOSIUM

Jason Azmier presented the paper, Gaming and the Non-Profit Sector: Is it a Gamble? at the Voluntary Action Symposium, held in Toronto in November, 1999.

HEALTH CANADA SYMPOSIUM

Casey Vander Ploeg was invited to Ottawa to address 70 officials at Health Canada on deliberative democracy and the CWF Assembly 1996 conference. His presentation compared the effectiveness of deliberative democracy to other forms of citizen consultations.

GAMBLING IN CANADA: TRIUMPH, TRAGEDY OR TRADEOFF?

3. GAMBLING IN CANADA PROJECT

The Gambling in Canada Project is a three-year research initiative that began in September 1998. The project is designed to provide a much-needed comprehensive picture of the issues surrounding gambling and gambling expansion in Canada. In 1999, the project contributed 5 research reports in the areas of gambling regulation, the link between gambling and crime, and the relationship between gambling and the non-profit sector. CWF also launched Canada's first national survey of gambling attitudes in 1999. The results of that survey and additional studies to be released in 2000 will continue to build the Foundation's reputation as the leader in Canadian gambling policy research.



4. WESTERN CITIES PROJECT

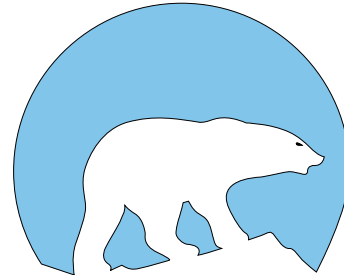
The past of the "prairie West" is being replaced by the modern reality of urbanization, complete with vibrant municipal economies and strong citizen identification with local communities. Unfortunately, the growing needs of western Canadian municipalities have received inadequate attention from federal and provincial policymakers. By conducting research and providing forums for citizen education and engagement, the Western Cities Project will play an important role in drawing attention to urban policy issues. The ultimate goal of the Western Cities Project is to find policy directions to help make cities better places in which people can live and businesses can thrive. The first project report was released in November, 1999.

1999 CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Canada West staff participated in a number of conferences, workshops, roundtables and programs throughout 1999 as part of the Foundation's program of making policy more relevant to citizens. Highlights include the following activities:

1. NORTHWEST TERRITORIES DIAMOND CONFERENCE

In March, the Foundation hosted a Yellowknife conference addressing issues surrounding the diamond industry. The conference brought together economists, government officials, industry representatives, policy advisors and diamond mining experts to discuss economic development of the North.



Cut and Polish: Development Strategies for the NWT

2. HEALTHY PEOPLE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

This conference, held in Toronto May 8-9, 1999, focused on Canada-US dialogue on best practices in public health. It brought together medical experts from both sides of the border for an intimate discussion of the challenges facing health care in 21st century. The conference will serve as the basis of a book entitled *Best Practices in Public Health: Cross-Border Conversations*, to be released by the University of Toronto Press in 2000.

3. COST OF LIVING FOCUS GROUPS

The Foundation, in co-operation with the Edmonton Social Planning Council, conducted focus groups on the measurement of the cost of living in March. Bringing together a cross section of Edmontonians, this activity provided an opportunity to discuss what constitutes an adequate standard of living in a western Canadian community.

4. ALTERNATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY ROUNDTABLES

The Alternative Service Delivery Project launched a new round of consultations with representatives from the non-profit sector. These roundtable discussions, which focus on how to improve relations between state and non-profit sectors, began in Calgary in October. Additional meetings will be held in Edmonton, Regina, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and Victoria.

5. STUDENT INTERSHIP PROGRAM

Canada West Foundation has been hiring student researchers for almost two decades. Our Student Internship Program seeks out top undergraduate and graduate students to help expand the Foundation's research capacity and to provide students with experience in public policy research and citizen engagement initiatives. Six students participated in the Foundation's Student Internship Program over the spring and summer of 1999:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Michael Bates | <i>Graduate Studies, Political Science</i> | <i>University of Calgary</i> |
| Glenn Blackett | <i>Law School</i> | <i>University of Calgary</i> |
| Katherine Harmsworth | <i>Graduate Studies, Political Science</i> | <i>University of Calgary</i> |
| Valerie Jepson | <i>Law School</i> | <i>University of Victoria</i> |
| Shannon Orr | <i>Doctoral Studies, Political Science</i> | <i>Wayne State University</i> |
| Sika Patton | <i>Co-op Program, Political Science</i> | <i>University of Calgary</i> |

6. LOUGHEED-LEVESQUE CORRESPONDENCE BOOK LAUNCH

In March, the Foundation held the western Canadian launch of former Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed's book, *Constitutional Patriotism*. Media, academics and historians came together in Calgary to discuss and celebrate the role that Mr. Lougheed has played and continues to play in the development of our country. This book is a co-publication between CWF and the Institute of Research on Public Policy (IRPP).

1999 RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

In furthering the citizen engagement process, CWF research staff made a number of major national and international presentations. Some highlights include:

MONT TREMBLANT FEDERALISM CONFERENCE

CWF President Dr. Roger Gibbins made a presentation in June 1999 about the role of municipalities within federal systems to this distinguished conference, whose audience included the Canadian Prime Minister and both the American and Mexican Presidents among other dignitaries.

CANADIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Robert Roach presented the paper, *An Insider's View of Assessing Welfare Reform*, at the 71st Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, Sherbrooke, June 1999.

WESTERN ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

In June the senior managers in Western Economic Diversification met for a strategic retreat in Vancouver. Dr. Roger Gibbins was asked to address the changing character of the western Canadian economy, and the