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**VERMILION ENERGY TRUST ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CHARLES W. BERARD GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN NATURAL RESOURCES
AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

CALGARY, ALBERTA - Vermilion Energy Trust is pleased to announce the establishment of the *Charles W. Berard Graduate Scholarship in Natural Resources and Environmental Law* at the University of Calgary in memory of Charlie Berard, our corporate secretary (1997-2009) and long time friend.

Charlie was one of Calgary's brightest and most practical legal minds, and he was the type of person who did what he could to help others and make the world a better place. Whether in the boardroom or in the community, Charlie personified Vermilion's core values of *Excellence, Trust, Respect, and Responsibility*.

The contribution of Vermilion Energy will be structured as an endowment with the principal remaining intact in perpetuity. Beginning in the 2009-2010 academic year, the \$2,500 scholarship will be given annually to a student registered full-time in the Faculty of Law's Natural Resources, Energy & Environmental Law focused graduate program who best exemplifies leadership and support to the community, and overall alignment to Vermilion's core values. Like Charlie, these individuals will demonstrate the same strong values in their everyday actions and will stand out because of their desire to give their best in both their legal careers and personal lives.

We will greatly miss Charlie and will remember his bright mind, selflessness, kindness, and sense of humour. Most of all, we will miss his friendship.

Through his family and friends, and this scholarship, Charlie's memory lives on. We would like to continue his legacy with our support of graduate students in the Faculty of Law at the University of Calgary who share similar values and a desire to excel in the legal profession.

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