

# **Developing a Northern Transportation Strategy October 29 & 30, 2013**

**Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife, NWT** 

In 2014/15, the Government of Canada will undertake a fundamental review of the legislation that forms the foundation of Canada's national transportation policy. An efficient and effective transportation system in Canada is the life-blood of our economy.

This is particularly true for Northern Canada. Transportation in the North must face the dual challenges of harsh climate and extreme topography. Are the policies currently in place responsive to the realities of Northern transportation environments?

The Northern Transportation Conference 2013, is a follow on from conferences held in Anchorage, Iqaluit, Whitehorse, and Yellowknife. Each conference has developed themes that reflect the unique challenges created by the North for transportation suppliers and customers.

The 2013 conference will offer to northern stakeholders the opportunity to identify areas of transportation policy under federal or territorial jurisdiction that should be addressed in any future review of policy in order that our transportation networks can effectively carry out the role for which they were designed.

The conference will be designed to identify specific areas where improved and enhanced transportation policies can support rather than inhibit the transportation system. The conference will hear from business and community leaders, all levels of government, representatives from the mining, oil and gas construction and logistics industries, and from all transportation suppliers who will present their views on how Canada's northern transportation policy can be reshaped to meet the goals and aspirations of Northern Canada.

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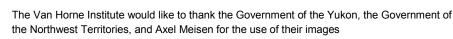




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#### Tuesday, October 29, 2013

#### 7:00 am **Registration**

#### 7:30 am Breakfast, Opening, and Keynote Address

Honourable David Ramsay, Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment and Minister of Transportation, Government of the Northwest Territories

#### 8:30 am Setting the Stage: A Northern Transportation Strategy for Canada

Honorable Lisa Murkowski, United States Senate (Video Address)

Louis Levesque, Deputy Minister, Transportation & Infrastructure, Government of Canada (Video Address)

Don Brownie, Prolog

#### 9:30 am **Networking and Refreshment Break**

#### 9:45 am Natural Resources

A Northern Transportation Strategy must be cognizant of the volatility of world commodity prices and their effect on the economics of northern resource development.

Panel Chair: Matthew Spence, Director-General, Northern Project Management Office

Erik Madsen, Vice President, Sustainable Development Health, Safety & Environment, Baffinland

Matthew Billings, Research Geological Engineer, Institute of Northern Engineering

Kirk Cameron, Business Development Lead, North, CH2M HILL

Colin Brooks, Adjunct Instructor, Manager of Environmental Science Laboratory, MTRI: Michigan Tech Research Institute

#### 12:00 pm Lunch Keynote Address

Senator Dennis Dawson, Past Chair, Transport and Communications Committee

#### 1:00 pm Social and Community Access Needs

A Northern Transportation Strategy must prioritize strategic transportation infrastructure funding in order to facilitate the development of the northern economy and create job opportunities for northern communities while maintaining traditions.

Panel Chair: Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Chairperson, Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated (invited)

Joe Sparling, President & CEO, Air North

Steve Hankirk, President, Canadian North

Trevor Wever, President, Air Tindi (invited)

Patrick Schmidt, Vice President, Business Development, NorTerra

Jim Stevens, Director, Mackenzie Valley Highway, Government of Northwest Territories

Waguih Rayes, General Manager DTI / General Manager TTI, Desgagnés Transarctik

Bill Smith – Vice President, Logistics & Business Development, Northern Transportation Company Limited (NTCL)

Roy Erasmus Jr., President & CEO, Deton'Cho Corporation

#### 3:15 pm **Networking and Refreshment Break**

## 6:00 pm Dinner (Provided by the Government of the Northwest Territories and Grimshaw Trucking)

Mikey McBryan, General Manager, Buffalo Airways and crew of Ice Pilots NWT

#### Wednesday, October 30, 2013

#### 7:30 am Breakfast Keynote Address (Provided by the Government of Yukon)

Honourable Wade Istchenko, Minister of Highways & Public Works, Government of Yukon

#### 8:30 am **Sovereignty**

A Northern Transportation Strategy must address the implications of Arctic sovereignty and Canada's need to access and protect its territorial interests in the North.

Dr. Rob Huebert, Associate Director, Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, University of Calgary

#### 9:45 am Networking and Refreshment Break

#### 10:00 am Climate Change and Sustainability

A Northern Transportation Strategy must take into account the impact of climate change and its effect on sea ice and permafrost and Arctic shipping routes, road and airport construction.

Panel Chair: Colin Brooks, Adjunct Instructor, Manager of Environmental Science Laboratory, MTRI: Michigan Tech Research Institute

Leah Braithwaite, Chief, Strategic Planning, Environment Canada - Canadian Ice Service Jackie Dawson, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Ottawa Janice Festa, Senior Policy Advisor, Strategic Policy and Innovation, Transport Canada Steve Kokelj, Permafrost Scientist, Government of NWT

#### 12:15 pm Lunch Keynote Address

Sandra LaFortune, Director General, Policy and Planning Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor)

#### 1:30 pm Approaches to Northern Transportation

A Northern Transportation Strategy must examine many aspects in order to create a balanced and integrated transportation system that avoids duplication

Panel Chair: Jutta Paczulla, Director, Innovation Policy (ACKI), Strategic Policy and Innovation, Transport Canada

Russell Neudorf, Deputy Minister, Transportation, Government of NWT

Robert Long, Deputy Minister, Department of Economic Development and Transportation, Government of Nunavut

Mr. Philippe Lemire, Director of Northern Transportation Office, Transports Québec

#### 3:00 pm Closing Remarks

Joe Handley, Former Premier of the Northwest Territories

## Registration

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October 29-30, 2013, Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife, NWT

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