



2017 Canadian Inland Ports Conference



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Jim assumed responsibility as Assistant Deputy Minister for Western Economic Diversification's Alberta Region on June 1, 2014.

Previously, Jim was Executive Director, Finance & Corporate Management and Chief Financial Officer for Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD). Jim also had responsibility for Human Resources and Information Management / Technology.

Jim served as acting Vice President, Corporate Management & Registrar Services at the Canada School of Public Service in Ottawa from March to November, 2013.

From August 2003 to September 2008 Jim held the position of Director General, Corporate Finance and Programs. In addition to being the department's CFO, Jim was responsible for planning and performance reporting and quality control over WD's grants and contributions projects.

Jim has also served in WD's headquarters as Director of Programs from 2000 to 2003 and as Client Service Director in WD's Alberta Regional office from 1998 to 2000.

Jim joined the public service with the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission in 1983 and worked in a number of officer level positions with CEIC and WD in Calgary, High Prairie and Edmonton.

Mr. Saunderson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Carleton University (1982), he attended the Banff School of Advanced Management sponsored by a consortium of western Canadian universities and completed the Canada School of Public Service's Advanced Leadership Program. Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Jim grew up in Medicine Hat, Alberta. He is married with two children and one grandchild.