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## **Member Forums**

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### **2016 FALL FORUM**

#### **EXCEPTIONAL SPEAKER SERIES**

October 13-14, 2016      Vancouver, BC

As organizations head into the new year, certain factors are bound to have a substantial bearing on the global economy and cascading impacts for transportation and trade in Western Canada.

### **2016 SPRING MEMBER FORUM**

#### **WHAT'S NEXT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE? PLANNING & INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE**

May 3 & 4, 2016      Edmonton, AB

Western Canada's transportation infrastructure can and must support Canada's trade objectives and continue to move products safely, efficiently and competitively.

### **2015 FALL MEMBER FORUM**

#### **UNLOCKING CAPACITY: OPTIMIZING WESTERN CANADA'S TRANSPORTATION NETWORK**

November 9 & 10, 2015      Calgary, AB

Any discussion on transportation system capacity in Western Canada requires an understanding of the outlook for the commodities that drive the demand for freight service.

### **2015 SPRING MEMBER FORUM**

#### **GEOPOLITICS & TRADE: SHIFTING MARKETS – IMPACTS ON WESTERN CANADA'S ECONOMY & TRANSPORTATION NETWORK**

April 29 & 30, 2015      Victoria, BC

Given current unsettling and dramatic changes in the world economy, this forum will seek to build better understanding of the larger geopolitical and global economic trends impacting trade.

### **2014 FALL MEMBER FORUM**

#### **FINDING THE BALANCE: THE ROLE OF REGULATION IN TRANSPORTATION**

October 20 & 21, 2014      Calgary, AB

Rules and regulations play an essential role in today's society and are necessary when competition and market forces are unable to achieve the objectives we set for ourselves.

### **2014 SPRING MEMBER FORUM**

#### **DEMAND PICTURES: TRADE FLOWS AND CAPACITY UPDATES**

April 1 & 2, 2014      Winnipeg, MB

The ability of the transportation system to have sufficient capacity to serve the needs of Western Canadian exporters and importers rests on having the best available demand outlooks.

## **2013 FALL MEMBER FORUM**

### **SUPPORTING CONTINUED SUCCESS: DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES**

November 6 & 7, 2013      Vancouver, BC

Governments and private firms have invested billions in transportation infrastructure and information technology to build the nation and facilitate trade. This meeting considered two themes to support continued success of these valuable networks: disaster management and regional transportation priorities.

## **2013 ANNUAL MEETING**

### **BUILDING BLOCKS OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & 40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA**

April 23 & 24, 2013      Saskatoon, SK

Opposition to transportation projects and industrial activity is on the rise as more people question the need for any and every project.

## **2012 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

### **THE WORLD AS WE DON'T KNOW IT: GAME CHANGERS & TRANSPORTATION'S RESPONSE**

November 20 & 21, 2012      Vancouver, BC

In an increasingly turbulent world with market volatility, economic uncertainty and environmental challenges, how do we plan?

## **2012 ANNUAL MEETING**

### **MOVING ENERGY PRODUCTS: RISKS & REWARDS**

April 3 & 4, 2012      Edmonton, AB

The ability to increase & diversify exports of Canada's energy resources is both a significant opportunity and a controversial issue.

## **2011 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

### **UP TO THE CHALLENGE: BUILDING CAPACITY TO MEET DEMAND**

October 18 & 19, 2011      Calgary, AB

## **2011 ANNUAL MEETING**

### **UNDERSTANDING DEMAND: FORECASTING SHORT AND LONG-TERM DEMAND ON CANADA'S PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION RESPONSE**

April 5 & 6, 2011      Winnipeg, MB

## **2010 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

### **BUILDING SUPPLY CHAIN COMPETITIVENESS**

October 19 & 20, 2010      Calgary, AB

## **2010 ANNUAL MEETING**

### **PREPARING FOR CHANGING LANDSCAPES: UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACTS ON TRANSPORTATION**

April 29 & 30, 2010      Regina, SK

**2009 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

**WHAT'S NEXT? FINDING THE NEW BALANCE – STATE OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND FINDING NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN EMERGING MARKETS**

November 5 & 6, 2009      Vancouver, BC

**2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

**HAS EVERYTHING CHANGED? DEALING WITH EXTRAORDINARY ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES**

April 28 & 29, 2009      Edmonton, AB

**2008 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

**BREAKING POINTS: HOW CHANGING ECONOMIC REALITIES AFFECT TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, INVESTMENT AND OPERATIONS**

October 23 & 24, 2008      Winnipeg, MB

**2008 ANNUAL MEETING**

**CREATING COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES IN A GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

April 29 & 30, 2008      Victoria, BC

**2007 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY**

November 14, 2007      Vancouver, BC

**2007 ANNUAL MEETING**

**THE NEW REALITIES: REDUCING RISK – ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

April 24-25, 2007      Winnipeg, MB

**2006 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

**TRADE GROWTH & THE PACIFIC GATEWAY – POSITIONING THE WEST TO CAPTURE THE BENEFITS**

October 26-27, 2006      Prince Rupert, BC

**2006 ANNUAL MEETING**

**TRANSPORTATION PRODUCTIVITY - A JOINT APPROACH**

March 29-30, 2006      Regina, SK

**2005 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

**TRANSPORTATION FOR 21ST CENTURY PRAIRIE ECONOMICS**

October 18-19, 2005      Regina, SK

**2005 ANNUAL MEETING**

**CORRIDORS AND GATEWAYS: MAKING CHOICES AND SETTING PRIORITIES**

April 5-6, 2005      Edmonton, AB

## Roundtables & Workshops

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### MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE

#### HON. BLAINE PEDERSEN, MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE, GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA

September 6, 2016      Winnipeg, MB

### PACIFIC GATEWAY ALLIANCE GRAIN WORKSHOP

#### GRAIN TRANSPORTATION: EXPORTING THROUGH THE WEST COAST PORTS

May 27, 2016      Regina, SK

The Workshop provided an opportunity for senior decision-makers in the grain handling and transportation system to discuss improvements to grain supply chain visibility and performance for bulk grain exports to West Coast ports.

### WEST COAST MARINE ROUNDTABLE

#### SPILL PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE CAPACITY

April 8, 2016      Vancouver, BC

WESTAC is bringing together transportation and other interested leaders for a conversation on the current status of the West Coast marine spill prevention, preparedness and response regime.

### MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE

#### HON. BRIAN MASON, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION & MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE

October 21, 2015      Edmonton, AB

### MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE

#### HON. TODD STONE, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

September 9, 2013      Vancouver, BC

### MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE

#### HON. MARY POLAK, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

October 17, 2012      Vancouver, BC

### MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE

#### HON. RIC MCIVER, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

July 24, 2012      Edmonton, AB

### MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE

#### HON. DON MCMORRIS, MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE, GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN

July 12, 2012      Saskatoon, SK

**MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE**

**HON. DENIS LABEL, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITIES,  
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

July 5, 2011 Vancouver, BC

**MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE**

**HON. CHUCK STRAHL, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES,  
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

February 18, 2011 Richmond, BC

**DEPUTY MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE**

**YAPRAK BALTACIOGLU, DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT CANADA**

June 10, 2010 Vancouver, BC

**MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE**

**HON. JIM REITER, MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE, GOVERNMENT OF  
SASKATCHEWAN**

September 16, 2009 Regina, SK

**MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE**

**HON. STOCKWELL DAY, MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

February 27, 2009 Vancouver, BC

**ROLLING RETREAT**

**BEYOND THE CONCRETE**

August 26-27, 2008 Vancouver to Calgary

**LABOUR ROUNDTABLE**

**TRENDS AND CHALLENGES FOR ORGANIZED LABOUR**

March 11, 2008 Calgary, AB

**BLUESKY WORKSHOP**

**TRADE AND MANUFACTURING OPPORTUNITIES CREATED BY THE NEW CONTAINER TERMINAL  
IN PRINCE RUPERT**

September 14, 2007 Prince George, BC

**ROLLING RETREAT**

**SUPPLY CHAIN EXCELLENCE**

August 14-15, 2007 Vancouver to Calgary

**MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE**

**HON. LUKE OUELLETTE, MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION,  
GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA**

April 2, 2007

Edmonton, AB

**ROLLING RETREAT**

**BUILDING A CANADIAN ASIA PACIFIC GATEWAY**

September 5-6, 2006

Vancouver to Calgary

**MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE**

**HON. JEAN-C. LAPIERRE, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

August 23, 2005

Calgary, AB

**ROLLING RETREAT**

**PRIORITIES AND ISSUES IN WESTERN CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION**

July 17-18, 2005

Vancouver to Calgary

**MINISTER'S ROUNDTABLE**

**HON. DR. LYLE OBERG, MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNMENT  
OF ALBERTA**

March 15, 2005

Edmonton, AB

**AIRPORT WORKSHOP**

**SMALL AIRPORT CHALLENGES (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VAN HORNE INSTITUTE)**

November 17-18, 2004

Edmonton, AB

**A LOGISTICS & CAPACITY FORUM**

**PACIFIC RIM TRADE GROWTH: CHALLENGING RAIL CAPACITY THROUGH THE VANCOUVER  
GATEWAY**

August 24, 2004

Vancouver, BC

**Conferences & Other Events**

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**20TH ANNUAL FIELDS ON WHEELS CONFERENCE**

**GRAIN EXPORTS TO 2035: IS WESTERN CANADA READY?**

December 2, 2015

Winnipeg, MB

(presented by UMTI and WESTAC) When the first Fields on Wheels conference took place in 1996, the Western Canadian grain supply chain looked very different.

## **21ST ANNUAL FIELDS ON WHEELS CONFERENCE**

### **GRAIN COMPLEXITY: GROW IT, MOVE IT AND TRADE IT!**

October 21, 2016

Winnipeg, MB

For 20 years the Fields on Wheels conferences have presented expert speakers, expanding the knowledge base and fostering discussion on developing trends and changes in the grain supply chain.

## **19TH ANNUAL FIELDS ON WHEELS**

### **WHEAT, CHAFF AND STEEL: GRAIN TRANSPORTATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

December 3, 2014

Winnipeg, MB

(presented by UMTI and WESTAC) A century ago, Western Canadian grain farmers were complaining about inadequate rail service and grain company practices and demanding government action.

## **18TH ANNUAL FIELDS ON WHEELS CONFERENCE**

### **CLIMATE CHANGE AND GRAIN TRANSPORTATION (PRESENTED BY UMTI AND WESTAC)**

October 22, 2013

Winnipeg, MB

Despite weather extremes of heat, cold, drought and flooding, Canada has built a globally successful agricultural export base with a reliable transportation system

## **17TH ANNUAL FIELDS ON WHEELS CONFERENCE**

### **AGRIBUSINESS LOGISTICS IN TURBULENT TIMES**

November 9, 2012

Winnipeg, MB

(presented by UMTI and WESTAC) It is too late to predict, yet too early to evaluate, how the landmark changes to CWB grain marketing and industry structure might affect the industry.

## **16TH ANNUAL FIELDS ON WHEELS CONFERENCE**

### **BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD: GRAIN TRANSPORTATION UNDER A NEW WHEAT MARKETING REGIME**

September 30, 2011

Winnipeg, MB

(presented by UMTI and WESTAC) The federal government has announced that it will introduce legislation to end the Canadian Wheat Board's (CWB's) monopoly on the purchase from producers of wheat and barley for export and domestic human consumption, and thereby provide marketing choice for farmers.

## **TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT 2011**

### **BEST PRACTICES SHAPING GLOBAL LOGISTICS**

March 2 & 3, 2011

Vancouver, BC

Organized in conjunction with the Global Institute of Logistics (GIL), this conference capitalizes on four years of recently completed travel and research by GIL to identify global best-in-class logistics, port and marine terminal operations.

## **FORECASTING CONFERENCE**

### **FREIGHT DEMAND OUTLOOK: IS WESTERN CANADA'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM UP TO IT?**

December 3-4, 2008

Vancouver, BC

**SUPPLY CHAIN CONFERENCE**

**UNCORKED! MAXIMIZING VALUE IN SUPPLY CHAINS**

November 14-15, 2007      Vancouver, BC

**ADVANTAGE NORTH CONFERENCE**

**RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION**

May 28-30, 2007              Whitehorse, Yukon

**FORECASTING CONFERENCE**

**THE OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE: FORECASTING FREIGHT DEMAND IN WESTERN CANADA**

December 7-8, 2005          Vancouver, BC

**NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE**

**NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

November 8-10, 2005        Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

(in partnership with The Van Horne Institute)

**ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE**

**WALKING THE TALK COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION'S CONTRIBUTION TO A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT**

October 20-21, 2004        Vancouver, BC