

## 2021 FALL MEMBER FORUM

### A Legacy in the Making:

### The Impact of Critical Decisions on Canadian Prosperity

December 8 & 9, 2021, Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

Decisions of today will dictate our future. They should be guided not only by what we know but shaped by the risks we anticipate and the future we desire. The 2021 Fall Member Forum seeks to bring insights into the economic and tectonic forces shaping our future and encourage dialogue on creating a sustainable transportation trade network.

We know the value of investing in good infrastructure—it creates economic benefits and jobs. But, beyond the numbers, infrastructure is critical to the health and well-being of the country. Canada could not function without the roads, bridges, sewers, and clean water paid for by previous generations.

Over the past decade, weather events have cost the world nearly \$2 trillion and impacted almost four billion people. The frequency and severity of these events will only continue to increase due to climate change. Therefore, the need to build climate-resilient infrastructure through risk-informed decision-making has never been more acute.

Our future resilience will depend on our innovative investments, risk-reduction planning, mitigation strategies, the strength of our cybersecurity, and how we manage resource scarcity, inequity, and extreme weather events.

The 2021 Fall Member Forum is planned to be the first in-person Forum in two years. It builds upon the 2021 Spring Member Forum and will delve more deeply into resiliency from two aspects: ensuring infrastructure is resilient from climate change and cyber risks.

The Forum will also provide the opportunity to hear from members on developments affecting the transport of Canada's exports and imports. What are the headwinds now facing the industry? How can we improve our competitiveness?

Register [online](#)

*Your safety is our highest priority. By order of the Public Health Officer, proof of vaccination is required to access conferences in BC. **All delegates must be fully vaccinated to attend this event.** We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and will make any necessary changes to the format and/or program as required to support the health and safety of our attendees, speakers, and colleagues.*

- 7:30 am      **Informal Breakfast**
- 8:30 am      **Welcoming Remarks and Introductions**
- Hon. Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Transportation, Government of Alberta & Chair, WESTAC *(invited)*
  - Lindsay Kislock, President & CEO, WESTAC
- 8:45 am      **Compass Report: Leader Survey Highlights**
- Presentation by WESTAC on results of 5<sup>th</sup> annual survey.
- Lindsay Kislock, President & CEO, WESTAC
  - Marzia Rizvi, Manager, Program Development & Communications, WESTAC
- 9:00 am      **Economic & Trade Outlook**
- Members will hear about Canada's economic outlook, the business climate and risks over the next 12 to 36 months, with a special focus on commodities and international trade.
- Introduction by **Maureen Killoran, QC**, Partner, Litigation, Osler
  - **Stephen Poloz**, Special Advisor, Osler and former Governor, Bank of Canada
- 10:00 am      **Break**

10:30 am

**Trade Winds & Head Winds: Changing Trade Patterns and Impacts on Capacity**

Members will present their views on the changing trade patterns and impacts on capacity. More specifically, they will address:

- How have trade patterns changed over the past 18 months? Are these permanent changes, and what else can be anticipated?
- How have Western Canada's trade transportation networks been impacted?
- What is needed to improve competitiveness and reliability?

Speakers:

- **Gary Fast**, Vice President, Transportation, Canadian Tire
- **Ian Anderson**, Vice President, Logistics, Teck
- **Enno Koll**, Head of Americas, PSA International
- **Tim Heney**, Chief Executive Officer, Thunder Bay Port Authority

12:45 pm

**Lunch**

2:15 pm

**Resilient Infrastructure: Climate Risk & Adaptation**

In this session, a climate expert and an infrastructure expert will discuss the impacts of climate change and what this means for Western Canada. The focus will be on what to expect and when along with actions that the industry can take now to address these issues and protect critical infrastructure.

Speakers:

- **Dr. Simon Donner**, Professor of Climatology, University of British Columbia
- **Stephen Beatty**, Global Chairman, Infrastructure, KPMG

3:30 pm

**Break**

4:00 pm

**Resilient Infrastructure: Cybersecurity**

Robust cybersecurity is essential for a resilient organization. It ensures the security of individuals, the safe movement of goods and is critical to safeguard against operational disruptions. We will hear about the latest advancements in cybersecurity, best practices and communication strategies to build organizational resilience against cyber threats.

Speaker

- **Ali Arasteh**, Managing Director, Mandiant
- **Steve Vanagas**, Vice-President, Customer Communications & Public Affairs, TransLink

5:00 pm

**Session ends**

5:30 pm

**Reception**

7:00 pm

**Reception ends**

8:00 am **Breakfast**

**WESTAC LEADERS COUNCIL – CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION**

The Leaders Council is open to official representatives of member organizations. Sustaining members are allowed one additional representative.

8:30 am Each forum concludes with an in-camera, frank discussion among the most senior representatives of member organizations. Participation is limited to the Official representative from each member organization and excludes non-members. No reporting will take place.

*Details on the Leaders Council will be released shortly.*

10:30 am Meeting adjourns

10:45 am **Board of Directors Meeting**

Noon **Lunch**