

# 2024 SPRING MEMBER FORUM

## Managing through Collective Challenges & Opportunities

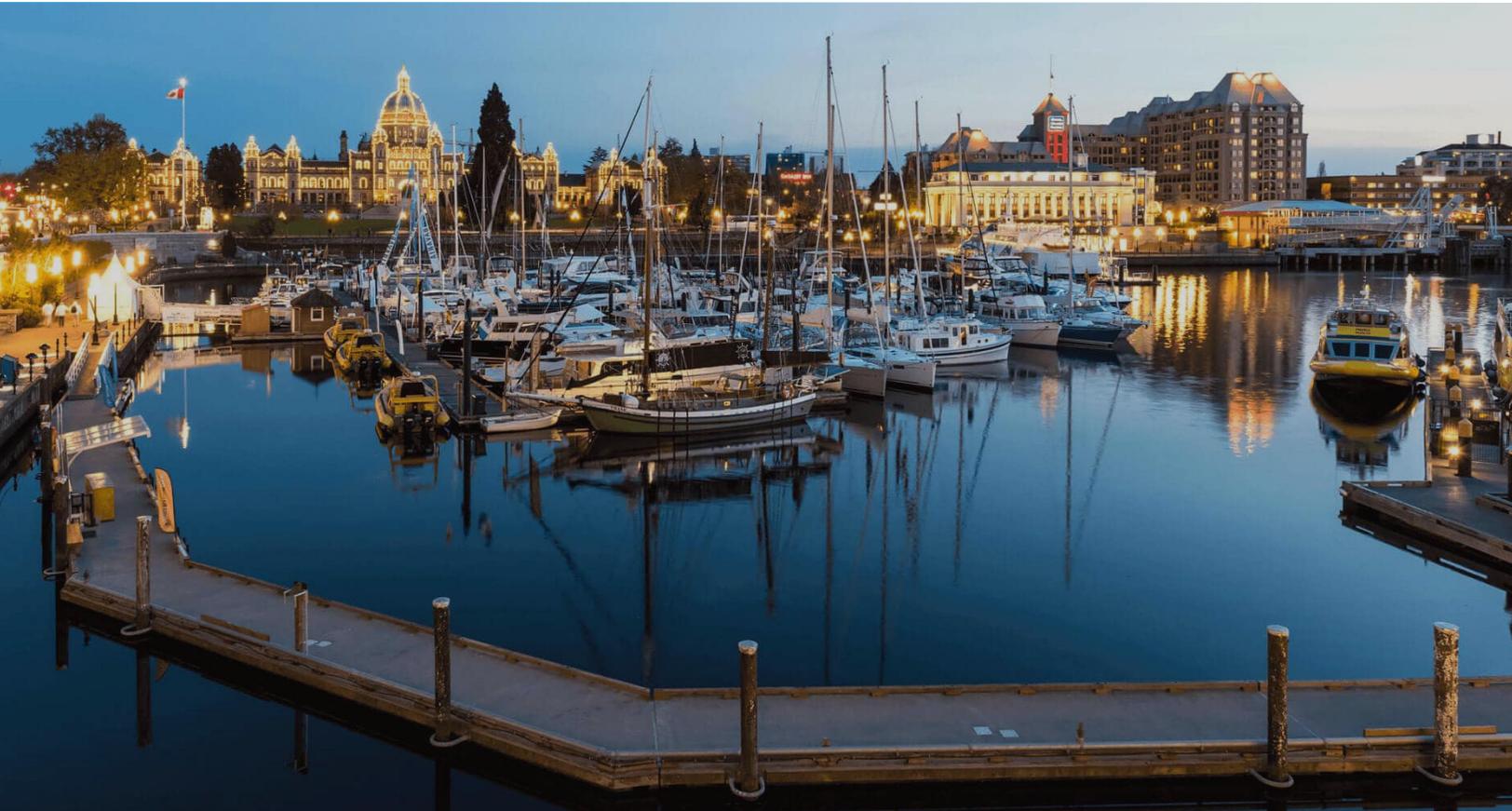
MAY 7 & 8

HOTEL GRAND PACIFIC, VICTORIA

Canada is a trading nation that relies on its abundance of natural resources and ability to move our goods to market promptly and predictably. As our transportation systems improve, so does our economic prosperity. Unfortunately, the reverse is also true.

Transportation is the most critical component of global supply chains—and one of the most complex. The Spring Member Forum will focus on the current macro issues disrupting global supply chains and their impact on Canada. WESTAC members will provide insights on how operations will be affected in the short term due to ongoing collective challenges disrupting trade routes. They will also look ahead at what is in store for their sector over the long term.

The Spring Member Forum will kick off with an address by **Peter Tirschwell**, Vice President, Maritime, Trade & Supply Chain, S&P Global Market Intelligence, who will provide his perspective on how the world views Canada as a trading nation.



## VENUE

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### Hotel Grand Pacific

463 Belleville St.  
Victoria, BC

Tel: (250) 386-0450

### Meeting Rooms

All meetings and meals take place on the lobby level.

## SCHEDULE

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### Tuesday, May 7, 2024

8:00 am	Annual General Meeting	Vancouver Island Ballroom
8:15 am	Welcoming Remarks	Vancouver Island Ballroom
8:30 am	Working Sessions begin	
10:30 am	Break	
11:00 am	Working Sessions (cont.)	
12:00 pm	Lunch	Pender Island Ballroom
1:00 pm	Working Sessions (cont.)	Vancouver Island Ballroom
2:30 pm	Break	
3:00 pm	Working Sessions (cont.)	
5:00 pm	Sessions end	
5:00 pm	Reception	Pender Island Ballroom

### Wednesday, May 8, 2024

7:45 am	Breakfast	Pender Island Ballroom
8:30 am	Leaders Council <sup>1</sup>	Vancouver Island Ballroom
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	Board of Directors Meeting & Strategic Planning Session	Pender Island Ballroom

<sup>1</sup> Each member organization may have **one**\* representative at the Leaders Council. The representative should be a senior executive and a regular attendee at WESTAC.

\* Two representatives per sustaining member organization.

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8:00 am

### Annual General Meeting

**Hon. Rob Fleming**, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Government of British Columbia and Chair, WESTAC

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8:15 am

### Welcoming Remarks & Introductions

**Hon. Rob Fleming**, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Government of British Columbia and Chair, WESTAC

**Lindsay Kislock**, President and CEO, WESTAC

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8:30 am

### A World View of Canada

In this highly anticipated and timely conversation, Peter Tirschwell will share his expert views on the current state and future direction of transportation, with a special focus on the container and shipping industry. He will provide insights on current trends, opportunities, and key takeaways from the annual TPM conference hosted by S&P Global.

**Peter Tirschwell**, Vice President, Maritime, Trade & Supply Chain, S&P Global Market Intelligence

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9:30 am

### Shipper Views

**Vinesh Kohli**, Senior Vice President, Operations, Canpotex Ltd.

**Andy Cote**, Director, Logistics, Teck

**Michael Bentley**, Strategic Advisor, Corporate Development, Ray-Mont Logistics

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10:30 am

### Break

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11:00 am

### Shipper Views (cont.)

**Aaron Bishop**, SVP & Chief Operating Officer Midstream, AltaGas Ltd.

**Kurt Niquidet**, Vice President & Chief Economist, Council of Forest Industries

**Carlos Menezes**, Senior Vice President, Supply Chain Operations, Canadian Tire

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12:00 pm

### Lunch

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1:00 pm

**Port & Terminal Views**

**Shaun Stevenson**, President & CEO, Prince Rupert Port Authority  
**Greg Rogge**, Director, Land Operations & Security, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority  
**Mathew May**, President, Western IntermodeX  
**Eric Waltz**, President & CEO, GCT Global Container Terminals Inc.

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2:30 pm

**Break**

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3:00 pm

**Carrier Views**

**Remi Lalonde**, EVP & Chief Commercial Officer, CN  
**Svenja Clausen**, Managing Director, Hapag-Lloyd (Canada)  
**Rick McLellan**, President, Genesee & Wyoming Canada  
**Jason Balasch**, Senior Director, Business Development, Trans Mountain Corporation

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4:30 pm

**Keynote Address**

**Hon. David Eby**, Premier, Province of British Columbia

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5:00 pm

**Reception**

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7:45 am **Buffet Breakfast (all guests welcome)**

8:30 am

### WESTAC LEADER'S COUNCIL

The Spring Forum Leader's Council will continue the conversation with a discussion of challenges faced by the trade and transportation sectors, the opportunities that could be realized through collaboration, and the impacts of not becoming more resilient and efficient.

The discussion will kick off with an update from Transport Canada and be followed by an update from the National Supply Chain Office on its objectives and current initiatives.

#### **Additional information:**

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.

10:30 am

Meeting adjourns

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

11:00 am **Strategic Planning Meeting (for Directors)**

1:00 pm **Planning Meeting adjourns**

## GUEST SPEAKERS



### **HON. DAVID EBY**

#### **Premier**

Province of British Columbia

Premier David Eby got into public service to tackle big challenges and deliver results.

As B.C.'s Attorney General, Premier Eby got big money out of politics, cracked down on money laundering, took on opioid manufacturers, and reduced car insurance rates. Under his leadership as housing minister, thousands of homes are being built and hundreds of people experience homelessness are now in more secure housing.

Prior to politics, he was an award-winning lawyer and legal scholar. From 2009 to 2013, he ran the B.C. Civil Liberties Association as executive director.

Premier Eby remains grounded in the values he grew up with. He is a proud husband and father with two children, Ezra and Iva. He loves playing with his kids, practicing yoga and hanging out with his wife Cailey, a family doctor in Vancouver.

As B.C.'s 37th premier, he is working hard to build a better, stronger future for everyone.



### **KURT NIQUIDET**

#### **Vice President & Chief Economist**

Council of Forest Industries (COFI)

Kurt Niquidet joined COFI as Vice President and Chief Economist in May 2019. He also is an adjunct professor in the Faculty of Forestry at UBC.

At COFI, Kurt is responsible for economic studies, financial analysis of policy options, timber pricing, carbon modelling and other projects.

Prior to COFI, Kurt was at the Bank of Canada in Ottawa, where he was a Director within the International Economic Analysis Department responsible for global commodities and emerging markets. Kurt also spent several years as part of the Canadian Forest Service, leading a team of research economists, and lectured in Forest Economics at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand. He started his career as a forester for Makah Tribal Council in Washington state, and has consulted with forestry-related private and public organizations in B.C.

He holds a bachelor's degree in forestry from UBC, a master's degree in economics from the University of Victoria and a Ph.D. from the University of Groningen.

## GUEST SPEAKERS



### PETER TIRSCHWELL

**Vice President, Maritime, Trade & Supply Chain,**  
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Peter Tirschwell is Vice President for Maritime & Trade at S&P Global Market Intelligence, a leading global provider of maritime data, analysis, consulting and media.

Peter is responsible for all content appearing on JOC.com, *The Journal of Commerce* magazine and JOC Events, as well as *Safety at Sea* and *Ports & Harbors* magazines. Previously, he was executive vice president and chief content officer at JOC Group, as well as a reporter, West Coast Bureau chief, editor in chief and publisher of *The Journal of Commerce*. Peter is the founder and chairman of the annual TPM (Trans Pacific Maritime) conference in Long Beach, California, one of the world's largest shipping events. He also led the development of the JOC Port Productivity data, the first global database of container port and marine terminal performance.

He is a columnist for *The Journal of Commerce* and JOC.com, covering a range of international logistics topics. He is a sought-after speaker for industry events and has been quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times* and *The New York Times*.

Peter received a Master of Business Administration from Fordham University, Gabelli School of Business in New York and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maine.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**WESTAC Fall Member Forum**

November 21 & 22, 2024

Calgary, AB

**WESTAC Spring Member Forum**

April 30 & May 1, 2025

Edmonton, AB

New date!

