



Energy Council of Canada 2014 Events

- Regional Member Forums —Ottawa | Toronto | Vancouver
- Breakfast Roundtables —Vancouver | Montreal | Regina | Halifax
- Canadian Energy Summit—Calgary
- Canadian Energy Person of the Year Award Gala

Report from the President

APRIL 2014

The highlights in April included the successful Vancouver Breakfast Roundtable on April 14, finalization of the program and speakers for four upcoming Energy Council events in May and June, two speaking engagements, and the open invitation to nominate energy leaders for the 2014 Canadian Energy Person of the Year award.

The following activities and events are designed to contribute to my 2014 goals of enhancing the presence of the Energy Council of Canada, strengthening membership, facilitating objective dialogue on important energy issues, and engaging with the World Energy Council on matters related to the energy sector in Canada.

Vancouver Breakfast Roundtable

The Vancouver Breakfast Roundtable on April 14 addressed the topic **Powering B.C.'s Natural Gas Facilities: Opportunities, Implications and Issues**. The 66 attendees came from a wide cross-section of organizations, including energy companies, industry associations and environmental organizations, and representatives of the Coastal First Nations, the government of British Columbia, and several firms which provide services to the energy sector.

The speakers' presentations covered various dimensions and implications of the aggressive growth of the natural gas sector from several perspectives. A summary of the presentations and the Q and A's is being prepared, starting with the notes prepared by the two students we invited from Simon Fraser University. We greatly appreciate the financial support from the three sponsors of this event: BC Hydro, Encana Corporation, and Fortis BC.

The Vancouver event provided an excellent opportunity to make contact with prospective members. I met with three prospective organizations immediately following the event to introduce them to the Energy Council and the benefits of membership.

Note that the summary and recommendations from the Ottawa Regional Member Forum, held on March 13 and 14, on the topic of **Seizing Opportunities in Global Energy Markets: Diversification, Barriers, Paths Forward**, has been posted on the Energy Council website at www.energy.ca.

VANCOUVER ROUNDTABLE SPEAKERS

Doug Little, Vice President, Energy Planning and Economic Development, BC Hydro

Paul Kariya, Executive Director, CleanEnergyBC

Garry Wouters, Policy Consultant, Coastal First Nations

Richard Dunn, Vice President Regulator and Government Relations, EnCana Corporation

Ken Wiecke, Manager, Operations, Power and Process, AMEC Americas Limited

Les MacLaren, ADM Electricity and Alternative Energy, British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Upcoming Events

Planning has been finalised for four interesting upcoming Energy Council events designed to foster objective dialogue on energy issues and opportunities in mid-May and late June.

On May 13, *Synergies in CO₂ Supply and Use in Saskatchewan* will be the topic of the Regina Breakfast Roundtable. Speakers will describe the broad policy context in Saskatchewan for managing CO₂, the latest developments at the Boundary Dam capture project, and the use of CO₂ for enhanced oil recovery in southeast Saskatchewan and in the Lloydminster area. Speakers include Tim McMillan, Saskatchewan's Minister of Energy, Robert Watson, CEO, Saskpower, Dave Mudie, Senior Vice-President of Conventional Oil and Natural Gas, Cenovus Energy, and Ed Connolly, Senior Vice President, Heavy Oil, Husky Oil Operations Limited. Sponsors include SaskPower and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

The Montreal Breakfast Roundtable on May 15 will examine *Transforming Quebec's Transportation Sector using Electricity and Natural Gas: Opportunities, Implications, Issues*. Aspects considered will be a policy perspective from the government of Quebec, presentations on the implications for the electricity and natural gas sectors, opportunities for companies in supporting infrastructure and freight applications, and a view from the environmental community. Sponsors include Hydro-Québec, Gaz Métro, and the Canadian Gas Association.

The highest profile events in the Energy Council's annual program are the *2014 Canadian Energy Summit* and *the World Energy Council North America Region Energy Forum*. These will be held back-to-back on June 24, 25 and 26 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Calgary. Session themes are being organized now which include topics such as the latest developments in energy infrastructure, new technologies and evolving market practices in the electricity sector, updates on the race to develop LNG projects, and, an interesting session on what it takes to obtain and maintain a company's social licence. A focal point for the Forum will be Mexico's strategic decision to reform its oil and gas and electricity sectors, creating opportunities for Canadian energy companies to diversify their markets and areas of operation. Marie-José Nadeau will open the Forum on June 26 on behalf of the World Energy Council. We are pleased with the responses to our invitations to participate in the program for the two events. The latest outline of the program is attached below for your reference.

We look forward to seeing many Energy Council members and their colleagues at the two Breakfast Roundtables in mid-May and the Summit and Forum in late June. Details on these events are available at the Energy Council's website.

2014 Canadian Energy Person of the Year

Each year's *Canadian Energy Person of the Year Award* recognizes the significant contributions made by selected energy leaders to the energy sector and also to their communities and society in general. Nominations for this prestigious award opened in March. The criteria and requirements are posted on the Energy Council website. Nominations can be made by members and non-members. The chair of the CEPY nominating committee is Wayne Chodzicki, past Chair of the Energy Council.

Energy Policy Research

The Energy Policy Research Committee is responsible for the Energy Council's program supporting university research on topics looking into issues of energy markets and energy policy. Andrew Stephens, who chairs this committee, has provided updates on the two research initiatives now underway, at the University of Waterloo and at the University of Calgary.

The call for the next round of proposals for research fellowships at the University of Waterloo closed in mid-April. The committee is now reviewing and ranking the proposals. Since the committee's annual financial resources are limited, only one or two new fellowships are typically supported each year. For the proposals which meet the committee's criteria but which are not funded, another potential source of support is Energy Council members. The committee will consult with members regarding their possible interest in a particular research topic.



The second initiative underway is the development of the **Canadian Network for Energy Policy Research and Analysis** at the University of Calgary. The CNEPRA is intended to develop analytic papers, opinion and policy evaluation in the complex field of energy systems. The Network will be building collaborative partnerships in academia and with energy-focused NGOs, and also undertake both public and private data collection. At the initial planning meeting on March 27, the structure of the Network was developed and members for the permanent Advisory Committee were proposed. Activities have started with identifying postdoctoral scholars, to be followed by selection of the initial research topic in the fall.

Representing the Energy Council of Canada

I had the opportunity to do two outreach activities in Toronto, on behalf of the Energy Council in April.

At the ENERCOM conference on April 1 organized by the Electricity Distributors Association, I spoke on the topic of **Transformation of Energy Systems on the Global Front**. This presentation started with a summary of factors which will influence energy demand and supply in the future, messages from the World Energy Council's **Jazz and Symphony scenarios**, projections of the outlook for energy transformations in Canada drawing on the National Energy Board's 2013 assessment of energy supply and demand, and, a quick summary of the views of energy leaders across the globe and in North America about critical energy issues.

At the Annual Small Hydro 2014 Western Summit on April 17, I chaired a roundtable discussion on opportunities associated with small hydro developments. Table participants included equipment suppliers, firms involved in life extension of legacy facilities, and a representative of an Irish entrepreneurial firm.

It is a pleasure to hear feedback from our members and readers of this monthly letter at any time, using the coordinates below.

With best regards,

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