



This report on Energy Council events and activities for February 2016 starts with a reminder to register for our upcoming Toronto Regional Event on *Energy Infrastructure* on March 7 and 8.

Note too that the closing date for the open call for nominations for the 2016 Canadian Energy Person of the Year has been extended to March 15, 2016. Details are provided below.

Updates are provided on three events I attended in February on behalf of the Energy Council; the *North American Energy Ministers Meeting* in Winnipeg; the *Ontario Energy Network Luncheon with Greg Lyle*; and, a presentation at the *CAMPUT Conference - Key Regulatory Topics* on February 21 in Ottawa.

Toronto Regional Event - *Energy Infrastructure: Issues, Opportunities and Implications* March 7 and 8, Allstream Centre, Toronto

An excellent program of keynote speakers, Session Chairs and Panelists will examine issues, opportunities and implications of Canada's infrastructure at this upcoming event in Toronto. The sessions will provide a multi-faceted examination of the challenges, issues, and potential future directions affecting energy infrastructure in Canada.

The event will open with a reception on the evening of March 7 following the Board of Directors meeting that afternoon from 3:00 to 4:30 and a *Members' Roundtable* with Lisa DeMarco, DeMarco Allan LLP from 4:30 to 5:30.

On March 8, the day will open at 8:30 with an important update on the federal government's comprehensive approach to considering major energy projects by Bob Hamilton, Deputy Minister, Natural Resources Canada, and a video message from the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario.

Todd Williams, Navigant Consulting Inc., will provide the "big picture" overview of the many dimensions of energy infrastructure.

Three sessions during the day will examine infrastructure issues from three jurisdictional perspectives – municipal and community, provincial and national.

Jaime Watt, Executive Chairman, Navigator Inc. and a frequent participant on the CBC's *At Issue* panel, will share his thoughts on what Canada needs to do to come to a decision on the major energy pipeline projects which are under review at present.

Closing out the program will be an address by Ontario Research Chair and University of Waterloo Professor Jatin Nathwani. Jatin is a frequent Op Ed contributor and is ready to share his views on Canada's energy infrastructure needs in the years ahead.

We look forward to seeing you in Toronto in March. Registration is open at www.energy.ca.

Sponsorship opportunities are available which will enable your organization to support the event and also to raise the profile of your organization. Please consider the benefits of providing a sponsorship for this event.

2016 Canadian Energy Person of the Year – Nomination Deadline Extended to March 15, 2016

The Nominating Committee for the 2016 Canadian Energy Person of the Year has extended the closing date for nominations to March 15.

This year's nomination process has been greatly simplified. You can nominate a candidate using the nomination form and providing the candidate's name and affiliation along with a brief description (125 words) of the candidate's achievements and contributions to the energy sector. The nomination form is available at www.energy.ca. We look forward to receiving your nominations as soon as possible.

Outreach on Behalf of the Energy Council

I attended three very interesting events in February.

- **North American Energy Ministers Meeting, February 12, 2016**

The Honourable James Carr, Minister of Natural Resources Canada, hosted his counterparts from the United States and Mexico in Winnipeg for a trilateral energy ministers' meeting.

I was invited to attend the open session on February 11, where energy leaders from the three countries discussed the importance of trilateral cooperation, and the way forward toward a continental approach to energy. Quoting from the Press Release, on February 12

"...the Ministers signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Climate Change and Energy Collaboration, which will expand the energy relationship between the three countries. This agreement will see Canada, Mexico and the United States collaborate and share information on key areas such as low-carbon electricity; clean energy technologies; energy efficiency; carbon capture, use and storage; climate change adaptation; and reducing emissions from the oil and gas sector, including from methane. The three countries will work together to increase alignment and ensure that the North American energy sector is developed responsibly, effectively and efficiently." The trilateral MOU on climate change and energy collaboration is available at the link below.¹

During the open session, I described the World Energy Council's annual *North American Region Energy Forum* which was hosted by Canada in Calgary in 2014 and by the United States Energy Association in October 2015 in Washington, D.C. Mexico will host the 2017 North American Forum. I offered this WEC event as an excellent venue available to the trilateral energy Secretaries/Minister for the purpose of engaging to advance their priorities with energy leaders from the three countries. This suggestion was well received.

The meeting was also an excellent opportunity to renew acquaintances with energy leaders from the three countries and to strengthen connections with many Canadian energy companies.

PAST CEPY RECIPIENTS

2015 – Michael Cleland
2014 – Anthony Haines
2013 – Chris Huskilson
2013 – Ed Martin
2012 – Thierry Vandal
2011 – Rick George
2010 – Stephen G. Snyder
2009 – Charlie Fischer
2008 – Jacques Lamarre
2007 – Patrick D. Daniel
2006 – Roland Priddle
2005 – Duncan Hawthorne
2004 – Nellie Cournoyea
2003 – Eric Newell
2002 – Richard Drouin
2001 – James K. Gray

¹ <https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/international/nacei/18102>

- **Ontario Energy Network Luncheon with Greg Lyle, Managing Director, Innovative Research Group, February 16**

I attended the OEN's Luncheon to hear Greg Lyle's excellent presentation² entitled *Social Permission in a Time of Outrage*. In keeping with his usual excellent and informative presentations, he presented the results of recent opinion surveys which probed for views on major energy projects, on energy price trends, on the level of awareness of how the energy system works, and the key elements of earning social permission for energy projects. One highlight was his description of five key ingredients for fostering quality discussions which will lead to successfully forming quality opinions: accurate and relevant information; diversity of views; balance between viewpoints; conscientiousness; and equal consideration of the views of all involved.

- **CAMPUT Conference - Key Regulatory Topics, February 21, 2016**

The Ottawa conference of the Canadian Association of Members of Public Utility Tribunals (CAMPUT) was focused on the theme of Key Regulatory Topics. I presented perspectives from the World Energy Council and from our recent Energy Council events during the morning session entitled *Results of COP21 – Paris Climate Conference*, along with colleagues from the Canadian Electricity Association, Environment Canada and the Earncliffe Strategy Group. The CEA's presentation³ by Devin McCarthy covered the context and outcomes of COP21 and also an overview of the many climate policy initiatives underway in provincial jurisdictions across Canada.

Upcoming Meetings

The Energy Council's Board of Directors will be meeting at the Allstream Centre on March 7 from 3:00 to 4:30.

We have organized a Members' Roundtable from 4:40 to 5:30 on March 7, also at the Allstream Centre. All Board Members and Members of the Energy Council are encouraged to attend. Our guest for the Roundtable will be Lisa DeMarco, DeMarco Allan LLP. Ms. DeMarco will share her experiences from the Paris COP21 conference and her insights on the implications for climate policy in Canada and globally.

Third, we are looking forward to seeing you on March 7 and 8 at the Toronto Regional Event on *Energy Infrastructure: Developments, Issues and Implications*. Register now at www.energy.ca. Consider supporting this event and building corporate profile by providing a sponsorship for this event.

With best regards,

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²http://www.innovativeresearch.ca/sites/default/files/pdf%2C%20doc%2C%20docx%2C%20jpg%2C%20png%2C%20xls%2C%20xlsx/160216_OEN%20Speech_2.pdf

³ Available from the Ottawa office or from mccarthy@electricity.ca