

FPT Ministerial Report

Date: July 19-21, 2015

Title: Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference (EMMC) 2015, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Department: Economic Development and Transportation

Participants:

- Energy and Mines Minister, Hon. Monica Eil and EA Chris Scullion
- Economic Development and Transportation was represented by:
 - Paul Suvega, Deputy Minister
 - Bernie MacIsaac, Assistant Deputy Minister
 - David Kunuk, Director, Minerals and Petroleum Resources
 - Lou Kamermans, Manager, Environmental Assessment & Regulation
 - Andrew Pye, Energy Resource Analyst

Nunavut Position:

EMMC 2015 was divided into five sessions: Innovation, Public Confidence, Energy, Mines, and Industry & Regulatory Reform. Each session produced its own decisions and deliverables.

1. Open Joint Session: Innovation

Session opened by highlighting the findings of *Innovating for a Strong Canadian Energy and Mining Sector*, a report which had been developed with input from Provinces and Territories. The report presents an overview of the current state of innovation in Canada's energy and minerals and metals sectors. It is organized into three key observations: Canada's natural resource advantage, Canada's innovation leadership in the energy and mining sectors, and the future importance of innovation.

Decision:

- Ministers agreed to the public release of the report: *Innovating for a Strong Canadian Energy and Mining Sector*.

2. Closed Joint Session: Public Confidence

Ministers heard a presentation from Dr. Monica Gattinger, a professor at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Gattinger framed the issue of public confidence through four areas of focus:

- Mining/energy literacy and public opinion

- Environmental groups and local communities
- Aboriginal participation in resource development
- Intergovernmental relations

Decision:

- Ministers agreed to continue to explore ways for FTP collaboration in the area of public confidence and continue this work into EMMC 2016.

3. Closed Energy Ministers Session

Ministers were briefed on the progress of several working groups, which included information on US/Canada electricity reliability, industrial energy efficiency, shale and tight resources, and pipeline/rail/tanker safety standards.

Decision:

Ministers agreed to the public release of a number of reports:

- *After the Blackout, Implementation of Mandatory Electric Reliability Standards in Canada*
- *Regulatory Side-by-Side Governing Permitting of Cross-Border Electricity Transmission Facilities*
- *Maximizing Canada's Industrial Energy Efficiency*
- *Taking Action: Moving forward together on energy research, technology and innovation.*
- Ministers also approved web content for a Shale and Tight Resources web portal, and well as fact sheets on pipeline/marine/rail safety.

Ministers also agreed to fully implement the *Pipeline Safety Act*, while continuing to implement tangible measures that improve energy transportation by pipeline, marine, and rail. Ministers made a number of other agreements, including:

- Work with other jurisdictions to maintain Canadian progress in the clean-energy market
- Participate when needed in the North American Energy Ministers' Working Group on Energy and Climate Change
- Continued participation in the EMMC Energy Technology Working Group and its multi-year work plan on shale resource development and distributed power generation.

- Working together to provide and promote evidence-based public awareness on the development of unconventional petroleum resources.

4. Closed Mines Ministers Session

Mines ministers discussed current opportunities and challenges facing the mining sector, emphasizing the importance support for junior mining companies, the importance of community engagement, and ongoing innovation in the mining sector.

Decision:

- Ministers released four new case studies to be added to the 2014 report *Compendium of Good Practices in Community Engagement and Readiness*. The four new case studies from Saskatchewan, Quebec, Manitoba, and Yukon show how early and sustained engagement is critical through each stage of mineral development.
- Ministers recognized the importance of innovation in the mining industry by continuing to support the federal government's Green Mining Initiative. To this end, the Government of Canada recently invested \$23 million over 5 years to stimulate technological innovation in the development of rare earth metals and chromite.
- British Columbia presented on the Mount Polley incident and subsequent recommendations. Ministers agreed to the importance of strong mine regulations to ensure that industry standards reflect the highest level of environmental protection.
- The National Orphaned/Abandoned Mines Initiative's (NOAMI) work in mine site remediation, and the importance of continuing that work was also discussed.

5. Close Joint Session: Industry and Regulatory Reform

The last session of the conference saw a presentation from industry representatives on the future on energy and mining in Canada, updates from the Regulatory Reform working group, and updates on the Major Projects Management Office.

Decision:

- Ministers endorsed the findings from the Regulatory Reform Working Group Final Report, most notably the proposal to dissolve the group.
- Ministers agreed to enhance engagement with Aboriginal communities through the Major Projects Management Office. An updated version of the Major Projects Inventory was also provided.

Related FPT Activity:

FPT meetings in which EDT's Energy Secretariat is involved:

1. FPT Committee Energy Steering Group (Bernie Maclsaac, Andrew Pye; emails and phone calls monthly)
2. FPT Committee Energy Technology Working Group (Andrew Pye; emails and phone calls monthly)
3. FPT Committee, Electricity Working Group (Andrew Pye; emails and phone calls monthly)
4. FPT Committee, Oil and Gas Working Group (Andrew Pye; emails and phone calls monthly)
5. FPT Committee, Energy Efficiency Working Group (Andrew Pye; emails and phone calls monthly)

Next Steps:

Ministers accepted an invitation from Manitoba to convene in Winnipeg from August 21 to August 23, for the 2016 Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference.

As a starting point, the issue of public confidence has been identified as a possible area that could guide the 2016 work.

Attachments: **Agenda**
 Press Release

FPT Ministerial Report to the Legislative Assembly

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015

Time	Agenda Item
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official CICS registration available in the Marriott – Nova Scotia Foyer, 2nd Floor
9:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Ministers' Tour – OpenHydro A tidal turbine construction facility
9:30 AM	Ministers Board Bus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet in the lobby of the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel at 9:00 AM for a 9:30 AM departure to Pictou, Nova Scotia.
11:30 – 11:45 AM	Arrival and Registration
11:45 – 11:50 AM	Introduction by Minister Samson
11:50 – 11:55 AM	Speech from Aecon
11:55 AM – 12:00 PM	Speech from OpenHydro
12:00 PM	Tour – Round 1
12:15 PM	Tour – Round 2
12:30 PM	Tour – Round 3
12:45 – 12:55 PM	Tour Closing Speech by Chris Huskison (TBC)
12:55 – 1:00 PM	Event Souvenir
1:00 - 1:15 PM	Departure for Pictou Lodge for Lunch
1:15 – 2:30 PM	Reception and Lunch
2:30 – 4:30 PM	Return bus trip from Pictou to Halifax
4:30 PM	Ministers return to Marriott Harbourfront Hotel
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Stakeholders and Delegates' Activities Social events: conference attendees and invited guests may participate; pre-registration and payment required
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	EMMC Golf Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf participants meet in the lobby of the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel at 9:45 AM Bus transportation to the Chester Golf Course Participants purchase their own lunch and refreshments at the golf course Participants return to the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel by 4 PM



<p>2:00 to 4:00 PM</p>	<p>EMMC Halifax Harbour Boat Tour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat Tour participants meet in the lobby of the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel at 1:30 PM and walk along the waterfront (10 minute walk), assisted by EMMC guides, to the Mar Participants return to the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel by 4:15 PM
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Time	Agenda Item
<p>6:00 – 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Ministers' Private Dinner Location: Sable C&D</p>
<p>6:00 – 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Deputy Ministers' Private Dinner Location: Sable A&B</p>
<p>7:30 – 10:00 PM</p>	<p>Opening Reception <i>Social event: all confirmed conference attendees may participate</i> Location: Halifax Ballroom</p>
<p>8:00 – 8:25 PM</p>	<p>Speaking Opportunities Note: DM Coolican to host event/introduce speakers</p>
<p>8:05 – 8:15 PM</p>	<p>Official Welcome to conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister Rickford Minister Samson
<p>8:15 - 8:20 PM</p>	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Terry Paul
<p>8:20 – 8:25 PM</p>	<p>Official Welcome to Halifax</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halifax Deputy Mayor, Lorelei Nicoll
<p>8:25 – 10:00 PM</p>	<p>Reception Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nova Scotia Kitchen Party



MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015

Time	Agenda Item
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official CICS registration available at the Marriott – Nova Scotia Foyer, 2nd Floor
7:30 – 9:00 AM	Keynote Speaker Breakfast Location: Halifax Ballroom
8:20 – 8:50 AM	Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maria van der Hoeven, Executive Director, International Energy Agency
9:00 – 11:45 AM	Joint Energy and Mines Open Session Location: Nova Scotia Ballroom ABC NOTE: This session is closed to media, open to all registered stakeholders and delegates.
9:00 – 9:10 AM	Call to Order and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister Rickford calls the conference to order Ministers Churchill and Samson welcome delegates to Halifax
9:10 – 10:15 AM	Innovation Leadership in Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister Rickford will open the discussion by presenting ‘Innovating for a Strong Canadian Energy and Mines Sector’, and its key observations. He will then lead Ministers in a roundtable to speak to the themes highlighted in the paper, referencing best practises and lessons learned in their respective jurisdictions. <u>Theme: Innovation Leadership in the Energy and Mining Sector</u> – Minister Rickford to provide high level remarks from the federal perspective, followed by Ministers Chiarelli (ON) and Ramsay (NWT). <u>Theme: An innovation system founded on collaboration and partnerships</u> – Minister Samson to offer perspectives from the Nova Scotia energy sector, followed by Ministers Biggar (PEI), Gravelle (ON) and McCuaig-Boyd (AB). <u>Theme: Looking ahead - the importance of innovation</u> – Minister Churchill to speak to opportunities for the Nova Scotia mining sector, followed by Ministers Chomiak (MB) and Kent (YK).
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Health Break (Coffee Break and Trade Show) Location: Nova Scotia Ballroom Foyer
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Industry Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation from the Canadian Mining Innovation Council, followed by a roundtable Ministerial discussion. Minister Churchill will provide opening comments in response to this presentation, followed by Minister Rickford and Minister Arcand (QC).



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the outcomes of the 2015 Energy Policy Symposium by Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow, followed by a roundtable Ministerial discussion. • Minister Samson will provide comments in response to this presentation, followed by Minister Chiarelli (ON). • The co-chairs invite any other Ministers who have yet to intervene to do so.
11:30 – 11:40 AM	<p>Committee of Provincial and Territorial Geologists Medal Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Churchill announces the award of the Provincial-Territorial Geologists Medal as the next piece of business and says a few words about the purpose of the medal. • This year's award winner is Dr. Stewart Hamilton, Ontario Geological Survey. • Minister Churchill hands off to Minister Gravelle (ON), who reads the citation, calls the recipient to podium, and makes the medal presentation to the recipient. • A brief speech is delivered by Dr. Hamilton. • Photo opportunity: Minister Rickford, Minister Churchill and Minister Gravelle stand with Dr. Hamilton.
11:40 – 11:45 AM	<p>Invitation from Manitoba</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministers Caldwell and Chomiak (MB) will invite delegates to EMMC 2016.
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>Ministers' Photograph Location: Boardwalk outside Marriott</p>
12:00 – 1:30 PM	<p>Lunch Location: Halifax Ballroom</p>
12:50 – 1:15 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Rickford to provide a keynote address
1:15 – 1:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Rickford holds brief media availability in Nova Scotia Ballroom D
1:30 – 3:15 PM	<p>Industry Roundtable: The future of energy and mining – ensuring Canada's place in a changing world Location: Sable C&D</p> <p>NOTE: This session is closed to media, open to all registered delegates.</p> <p>A moderated discussion will follow short interventions from a cross-section of representatives from the finance, mining and energy sectors, with attendees responding to proposed ideas as to what issues may impact upon natural resources development in the future.</p> <p>Moderator: Peter Tertzakian, Chief Energy Economist and Managing Director, ARC Financial</p>



	<p>Scheduled interveners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter J Bryant, Senior Fellow & Honorary Co-Founder, The Kellogg Innovation Network, Northwestern University • Tom Huffaker, Vice President, Public and Government Affairs, Imperial Oil, Calgary • Patricia M. Mohr, Vice-President, Economics & Commodity Market Specialist, Scotiabank, Toronto • Pierre Gratton, President, Mining Association of Canada
1:30 – 3:00 PM	<p align="center">Joint Energy and Mines Closed Session Location: Nova Scotia Ballroom ABC</p> <p align="center">NOTE: This session is closed – Ministers and government delegates only.</p>
1:30 – 1:35 PM	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Rickford will provide opening remarks and invite Ministers Samson and Churchill to do the same. • Minister Rickford will introduce Dr. Gattinger.
1:35 – 1:55 PM	<p>Overview on Public Confidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Gattinger to provide Ministers an overview on the nature of the public confidence challenge in Canada, presents some approaches to address the issue and suggests potential opportunities for collaboration.
1:55 – 2:10 PM	<p>Remarks by Co-chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministers Rickford, Samson and Churchill offer their perspectives on Dr. Gattinger's presentation, and the issue of public confidence.
2:10 - 2:50 PM	<p>Roundtable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co- chairs open floor to other Ministers. • Ministers intervene by speaking to how public confidence challenges related to energy and mining development have manifested within their jurisdictions, including using case studies. • Ministers discuss the importance of moving forward with resource development to capture economic opportunities and where governments can work together to improve confidence in resource development. • Dr. Gattinger responds to questions and contributes her expert perspective to the discussion.
2:50 – 2:55 PM	<p>Identification of common themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Gattinger identifies common elements across jurisdictions, and the short- and long-term opportunities to improve public confidence in energy and mining development.
2:55 – 3:00 PM	<p>Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministers Rickford, Samson and Churchill task Deputy Ministers to work together to identify collective actions to improve public confidence in energy and mining development, and report on progress at EMMC 2016.



3:00 – 3:30 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Health Break</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Nova Scotia Ballroom Foyer</p>
3:15 – 4:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Mines Ministers' Networking</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Sable A&B</p>
3:15 – 4:05 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Closed Energy Ministers' Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Nova Scotia Ballroom ABC</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">NOTE: This session is closed – Ministers and government delegates only.</p>
3:15 – 3:20 PM	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Samson will provide opening remarks, including an overview of the work completed over the past year and structure for the closed discussion.
3:20 – 3:30 PM	<p>Electricity Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Rickford will introduce the topic and invite others to comment. • Minister Arseneault (NB) will comment on innovation in the electricity sector. • Minister Chiarelli (ON) will speak to grid modernization and storage. • Minister Ramsay (NWT) will speak to renewable opportunities in his jurisdiction. • Minister Biggar (PEI) will also comment on innovation in the electricity sector. • Minister Rickford will open the floor to discussion.
3:30 – 3:40 PM	<p>Energy Efficiency Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Samson will introduce the topic. • Minister Caldwell (MB) will intervene. • Minister Chiarelli (ON) will comment. • Minister Bennett (BC) will comment on energy efficiency in the pulp and paper industry. • Minister Samson will open the floor to discussion.
3:40 – 3:50 PM	<p>Oil and Gas Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Rickford will introduce the topic. • Minister McCuaig-Boyd (AB) will comment on Alberta's oil and gas industry. • Minister Arcand (QC) will comment. • Minister Ramsay (NWT) will intervene. • Minister Bennett (BC) will comment on ongoing work in BC related to shale gas development, hydraulic fracturing and the regulatory framework in the province. • Minister Rickford will open the floor to discussion.
3:50 – 4:05 PM	<p>Review of Energy Communications Materials and Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Samson will ask Ministers for endorsement of the public release of the following deliverables prepared by the Energy Steering Group:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>After the Blackout: Implementation of Mandatory Electric Reliability Standards in Canada</i> ○ <i>Maximizing Canada's Energy Advantage: Canadian Industrial Energy Efficiency</i> ○ <i>Taking Action: Moving forward together on energy research, technology and innovation</i> ○ Fact sheets on shale and tight resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minister Samson will lead a review of the communication materials related to energy. ● Minister Rickford will provide direction to Deputy Ministers in preparation for EMMC 2016.
4:05 – 4:45 PM	Media availability Location: Nova Scotia Ballroom D

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5:30 – 10:00 PM	EMMC Banquet Location: Pier 21 NOTE: This event is closed to media, open to all registered delegates and invited guests.
5:30 – 6:30 PM	Delegates arrive at Pier 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Delegates walk to Pier 21 from the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel along the Halifax waterfront to Pier 21 (approximately 20-minute walk), or take a taxi from the hotel to Pier 21 ● Reception and Cocktail hour (Rudolph P. Bratty Hall) ● 'Silent' Auction items displayed for bidding (Hall of Tribute)
6:30 – 6:35 PM	Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deputy Minister Frank Dunn to host event
6:35 – 8:00 PM	Dinner (Kenneth C. Rowe Heritage Hall)
7:30 PM	Bidding closes on Silent Auction
8:00 – 8:30 PM	Deputy Minister Dunn to introduce speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Remarks from Minister Churchill ● Silent Auction winners announced by Deputy Minister Dunn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ministers Churchill and Samson present donations ● Remarks from Autism Nova Scotia (TBD) ● Remarks from Leaside Transition House (TBD)
8:30 – 9:00 PM	Networking , Kenneth C. Rowe Heritage Hall
9:00 – 9:45 PM	DRUM! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nova Scotia entertainment, Kenneth C. Rowe Heritage Hall
9:45 – 12 AM	Networking , Kenneth C. Rowe Heritage Hall



TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015

Time	Agenda Item
7:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Official CICS registration available in the Marriott - Nova Scotia Foyer, 2 nd Flr
7:30 – 9:00AM	Ministers' Private Breakfast Location: Sable A&B
8:15 – 8:45 AM	Presentation to Ministers from Stephen Willis, President, British Petroleum Canada
7:30 – 9:00 AM	Delegates Breakfast Location: Halifax Ballroom
9:00 – 10:45 AM	Energy Ministers' Networking Location: Sable C&D
9:00 – 10:45 AM	Closed Mines Ministers' Meeting Location: Nova Scotia Ballroom ABC NOTE: This session is closed – Ministers and government delegates only.
9:00 – 9:05 AM	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Churchill will provide opening remarks.
9:05 – 9:40 AM	Junior Mining Sector Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Churchill introduces Minister Chomiak (MB) who will table the deck on the junior mining sector. • Minister Kent (YK) will provide an example of a best practice from his jurisdiction. • Minister Ramsay (NWT) will provide an example of a best practice from his jurisdiction. • Minister Bennett (BC) will also intervene. • Minister Gravelle (ON) will also comment. • Minister Churchill opens the floor to all Ministers for comments. • Minister Churchill wraps up the discussion.
9:40 – 10:05 AM	Community Readiness and Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Churchill introduces the topic and provides comments • Minister Arcand (QC) provides an example of a success factor that has enabled a community in his jurisdiction to benefit from mineral resource development. • Minister Kent (YK TBC) will also provide comments. • Minister Churchill invites all Ministers to comment and closes the agenda item.
10:05 – 10:20 AM	Mount Polley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Churchill will introduce the topic and Minister Bennett (BC). • Minister Bennett (BC) will provide to fellow Ministers an update on the response of the BC Government to the Mount Polley incident. • Minister Churchill will invite all Ministers to comment. • Minister Churchill thanks Minister Bennett.



10:20 – 10:35 AM	<p>Update on the National Orphaned/Abandoned Mines Initiative (NOAMI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Churchill invites Minister Gravelle (ON) to provide to fellow Ministers an update on NOAMI. • Minister Gravelle (ON) provides the update. • Minister Churchill thanks Minister Gravelle and moves to 2016 taskings.
10:35 – 10:45 AM	<p>Taskings and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Churchill will lead the discussion and agreement of tasking.
10:40 – 10:45 AM	<p>Conclusion and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Churchill will provide closing remarks.
10:45 – 11:00 AM	<p style="text-align: center;">Health Break Location: Nova Scotia Ballroom Foyer</p>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Closed Joint Energy and Mines Ministers' Meeting Location: Nova Scotia Ballroom ABC NOTE: This session is closed – Ministers and government delegates only.</p>
11:00 – 11:10 AM	<p>Opening Remarks/Presentation from Industry Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Churchill will provide opening remarks and then invite the panel host/coordinator from the Monday afternoon industry session on the future of energy and mining to provide to Ministers with an overview of the panel discussion.
11:10 – 11:40 AM	<p>Regulatory Reform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Samson will present the 2015 report of the Regulatory Reform Working Group and seek comments from P/Ts. • Minister Samson will propose endorsement of the Group's recommendations. • Minister McCuaig-Boyd (AB) will support endorsement of the Group's recommendations.
11:40 – 11:45 AM	<p>Major Projects Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Samson to provide Ministers an updated version of the Major Projects Inventory for 2015.
11:45 – 11:55 AM	<p>Review of Communiqué and Backgrounders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Samson and Minister Churchill will propose approval of the communiqué and backgrounders for public release.
11:55 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministers Samson and Churchill will provide closing remarks.
12:00 – 1:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Press Conference Location: Nova Scotia Ballroom D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministers Churchill and Minister Samson will take questions from media
12:00 – 1:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch Location: Halifax Ballroom</p>



Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Energy and Mines Highlight Priorities for Upcoming Year

July 21, 2015

Halifax

Natural Resources Canada

The federal, provincial, and territorial ministers responsible for energy and mines today announced significant progress supporting enhanced economic growth, energy security, innovation, Aboriginal engagement and environmental protection and performance with the objective of further increasing the environmentally responsible development of natural resources across our country.

The ministers affirmed the critical importance of principles consistent with recent annual meetings:

- Responsible development of Canada's energy and mines sectors is critical to our economic competitiveness, job creation and long-term prosperity;
- The continued advancement of energy infrastructure projects (including oil, gas, and electricity) is fundamental to gaining access to new markets, generating economic growth and revenue for critical social programs;
- Continued diversification of Canada's energy sources and markets contributes to domestic and global energy security;
- Recent successes implementing innovative technologies and policies dealing with carbon and enhancing Canada's leadership as an environmentally responsible global resource producer and supplier;
- Effective cooperation between governments, regulators and industry is essential to continued improvements to build on Canada's world class record of safe energy transportation and transmission;
- Effective engagement is essential for advancing the objective of ensuring that Aboriginal people fully benefit from the responsible development of natural resources; and

- The junior mining and resource sector is a major contributor to Canada's competitiveness and global expertise, and the importance of access to capital in the discovery and development of the next generation of resource projects is recognized.

In particular, following this week's meeting, the ministers emphasized the need over the coming year to:

- Fully implement the federal *Pipeline Safety Act* that received Royal Assent in June 2015 and continue consistent action by all governments within their respective jurisdiction resulting in tangible measures that improve safety by pipeline, marine and rail;
- Explore and encourage innovative technologies to help Canadian natural resource industries address productivity challenges and environmental performance;
- Ensure that standards for industry reflect the highest level of environmental protection. This includes the review of recommendations made subsequent to the Mount Polley incident in British Columbia to determine how all jurisdictions can strengthen mine regulations;
- Continue to advance the National Orphaned/Abandoned Mines Initiative, a multi-stakeholder forum that provides a platform for sharing experiences and best practices in mine site remediation;
- Work within our respective jurisdictions to maintain the momentum that has contributed to Canada's becoming the second-fastest growing clean energy market in the G20 and possessing the highest share of renewables in its electricity mix in the G7;
- Enhance North American cooperation to protect Canada's competitiveness while supporting jobs, the economy and the environment, including through the North American Energy Ministers' Working Group on Energy and Climate Change established in May 2015;
- Enhance engagement with Aboriginal communities through mechanisms like the Major Projects Management Office - West — and other effective means — to share information, identify common interests and facilitate their participation in natural resources;
- Increase federal-provincial-territorial cooperation on highlighting Canada as a secure, reliable and responsible producer and supplier of energy and minerals. This will effectively build on milestones over the past year including leadership on the European Union Fuel Quality Directive and mandatory reporting legislation;

- Work together in the interests of enhancing Canada's contribution to global energy security at home and abroad. According to Statistics Canada, between 2005 and 2014, Canada's crude oil imports declined by 42 percent while our exports have increased by 81 percent. Projects such as LNG and hydro proposals will continue this important momentum;
- Help Canadian energy and mining sectors address environmental performance through the advancement and deployment of research, technology and innovation;
- Ministers agreed to work together on initiatives to provide and promote evidence-based public awareness on the development of unconventional petroleum resources; and
- Collaborate on responsible energy use, which provides cost savings to consumers and industry as well as contributing to meeting environmental objectives.

Together, these actions will provide Canadians with increased economic opportunities while protecting their safety, security and environment, build Canada's competitive advantage in a rapidly changing global marketplace, and improve living standards for Canadians.

Federal, provincial and territorial governments are committed to taking collective actions to promote Canada's role as a secure supplier of natural resources globally and to ensure long-term economic stability and prosperity for all Canadians.

The next Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference will take place from August 21 to August 23, 2016, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Quotes

"The outcomes of this meeting demonstrate that our partnership with the provinces and territories is focused on creating results. Through these actions and mutual interests, we are committing to further enhance jobs, economic prosperity, energy security and the environment within our respective jurisdictions for all Canadians."

*The Honourable Greg Rickford,
Canada's Minister of Natural Resources and
Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario*

"Working together, the federal, provincial and territorial governments can achieve further economic success and a lower carbon future from the responsible development of our

energy sectors. During the conference, we discussed the importance of advancing innovative research, technology and regulation and developing our domestic expertise and supply chain for the worldwide energy market.”

*The Honourable Michel Samson
Nova Scotia’s Minister of the Department of Energy*

“It was a pleasure to host mines ministers from across Canada over the past several days. The discussions at our meeting regarding best practices in Canadian jurisdictions, particularly in the areas of building public confidence in natural resource projects and creating the success factors for communities to benefit from mineral resource developments, will help Nova Scotia and Canada create the best possible environment for responsible mineral resource development.”

*The Honourable Zach Churchill
Nova Scotia’s Minister of the Department of Natural Resources*

Associated Links

- [NRCan EMMC Publications](#)
- [Canada's Annual Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference - Energy](#)
- [2015 Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference Supporting a Strong Canadian Mining Sector](#)

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