FPT Ministerial Report

Date: August 21-23, 2016

Title: Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference (EMMC) 2016,

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Department: Economic Development and Transportation

Participants:

• Energy and Mines Minister, Monica Ell-Kanayuk

- Economic Development and Transportation was represented by:
 - Sherri Rowe, Deputy Minister
 - David Kunuk, Director, Minerals
 - Lou Kamermans, Manager, Environmental Assessment & Regulation
 - o Paul Budkewitsch, Manager, Minerals
 - o Annie Parent-Cyr, Senior Advisor, Petroleum
 - Krista Johnson, Energy Resource Analyst

Background:

The theme of EMMC 2016 was "Enhancing Public Confidence in Canada's Natural Resource Sectors." The conference was divided into four sessions: Public Confidence, Clean Technology and Innovation, Energy, and Mines. Each session produced its own decisions and deliverables.

1. Open Joint Session: Public Confidence

Ministers endorsed the following principles and committed to developing a joint action plan over the coming year:

- Foster relationships and partnerships with stakeholders and Indigenous communities through early and sustained engagement and collaboration;
- Improve the communication and transparency of data and regulatory processes;
- Balance community interests and mitigate environmental and health impacts through regulation and legislation; and,
- Support science and innovation to inform decisions and enhance environmental performance.

During this session, the need for all levels of government (F/T/P) to work more

closely together was identified and thoroughly discussed. Specific attention was directed toward discussion revolving around jurisdictional processes (i.e. policy development, strategies, action plans) need to be more clear, as well as need to better align with federal initiatives.

In addition, Ministers endorsed and publicly released the following documents:

- Natural Resources: Major Projects Planned and Under Construction, 2016 to 2026
- Facilitating responsible mineral and energy development: Compendium of Case Studies on Building Public Confidence in the Mineral and Energy Resource Sectors
- Public Confidence Along the Project Development Cycle infographics (Energy and Mining.

2. <u>Joint Closed Session: Clean Technology and Innovation</u>

Discussion on the Government of Canada's review of federal environmental and regulatory processes, including its plans to modernize the National Energy Board. Ministers agreed to work together to ensure provincial and territorial perspectives related to issues of safety and environmental protection, Indigenous and local community consultation, delivering economic benefits, competitiveness and timeliness are accounted for in this review.

The ministers also recognized that collaborative approaches to innovation and the development of clean technologies could encourage clean growth in the minerals and energy sectors across Canada. Governments agreed on the need to develop a strategy directed toward the adoption of clean technology by the natural resource sector.

Canada's *Mission Innovation* initiative was also discussed. The Government of Canada seeks to double its governmental directed clean energy and research and development (R&D) investments over the next 5 years. In fiscal year (FY) '14/'15, funding of an approximate \$387M was provided for clean technology R&D. Canada aims to increase total amount of available funding to \$775M by FY '19/'20.

3. Closed Energy Ministers Session

Ministers were briefed on the progress of several working groups, which included information in energy efficiency, innovation, oil and gas, and electric reliability. In particular, Ministers endorsed the following documents for public release:

 Encouraging Market Transformation through Collaboration on Energy Efficiency Standards

- Financing Energy Efficiency Retrofits in the Built Environment
- Innovation Cluster on Shale Resource Development and Distributed Power Generation: A Progress Report to Ministers
- Working Together to Advance Energy Research: Best Practices and Lessons-Learned for RD&D Collaboration
- Finding Our Balance: How Changes in Oil Prices Impact Canada's Economy (Conference Board of Canada)
- Shale and Tight Resources Web Portal
- Pipeline Safety Regimes Web Portal
- Canada's Electric Reliability Framework Web Portal

In addition to these documents, Ministers discussed:

- Commitments made at the recent North American Leaders' Summit, including clean power targets, transportation network integration, and cross-border electricity transmission.
- Collaboration with the federal government in the implementation of the Canadian Energy Strategy. This collaboration includes a commitment to reduce diesel use in Indigenous, remote and off-grid communities, and to convene a Pan-Canadian Summit to identify options to improve access to diesel alternatives.
- The development of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change.

4. Closed Mines Ministers Session

Mines ministers discussed current opportunities and challenges facing the mining sector, emphasizing the importance of the junior mining sector, supportive regulatory regimes, infrastructure, environmental performance, and ongoing innovation in the mining sector.

The topic of providing continual financial support to the junior mining sector was discussed for a large portion of the session. Remote and northern Canada is rich in mineral resources; however, the development of these resources is costly, and such costs have deterred junior mining companies from investing in their development. The Government of Canada mentioned that they will dedicate funds to long-term financing for these projects.

In addition, Ministers endorsed the following documents to be made public:

Mining Sector Performance Report 2006-15

5. Other Items

- David Kunuk, Director, Minerals from the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, moderated a session on regulatory innovation and best practices. The session included presentations from government regulators, and industry stakeholders. Mr. Kunuk then shared the outcomes of this discussion with Ministers. Outcomes include:
 - All indigenous peoples must be consulted prior to changes in regulation;
 - Respecting the environment and building of a low-carbon economy is a priority for indigenous groups and all Canadians;
 - There is a need for more collaboration between jurisdictions in regulatory and policy making;
 - Decisions have to be science-based, and information has to be shared with the public; and,
 - Innovation and transparency are necessary for the public to regain trust in the regulatory system.
- On Tuesday, August 23, Ministers and Deputy Ministers met with national Indigenous leaders to discuss Indigenous natural resource priorities and how to strengthen Indigenous engagement in EMMC discussions.

Related FPT Activity:

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

- 1. FPT Committee Energy Steering Group (Bernie MacIsaac, Krista Johnson; emails and phones calls monthly)
- 2. FPT Committee Energy Technology Working Group (Krista Johnson; emails and phone calls monthly)
- 3. FPT Committee, Electricity Working Group (Krista Johnson; emails and phone calls monthly)
- 4. FPT Committee, Oil and Gas Working Group (Annie Cyr-Parent; emails and phone calls monthly)
- 5. FPT Committee, Energy Efficiency Working Group (Krista Johnson; emails and phone calls monthly)

FPT meetings in which EDT (Minerals and Petroleum Resources) are involved:

1. FPT Committee, Mining Steering Group (Paul Budkewitsch; emails and phone calls monthly)

Next Steps:

Ministers accepted an invitation from New Brunswick to convene in St. Andrews in August 2017, for the 2017 Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference.

Ministers have agreed to further works done for the 2016 EMMC on public confidence. Public confidence as well as collaboration, communication and transparency, and supporting the development of science and innovation will be topics of focus during upcoming EMMCs.

Attachments: Agenda

Press Release

FPT Ministerial Report to the Legislative Assembly

Draft AGENDA SUNDAY, August 21, 2016

Time	Agenda Item
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Registration Official CICS registration available at the Fort Garry Hotel and Conference
	Centre – 222 Broadway Avenue, Lobby

Time	Agenda Item
	Ministers' Private Dinner
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Location: Mezzanine Floor, LaVerendrye Room
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Deputy Ministers' Private Dinner
7.00 7.10	Location: Mezzanine Floor, Gateway/Tache Room
7:30 - 8:00 PM	Transportation to Reception Venue
7.00 0.001	Meet in Hotel Lobby (Transportation to leave at 7:30 PM)
	Opening Reception
	(Entertainment sponsored by Imperial Oil)
7:30 – 10:00 PM	Social event: all confirmed conference attendees may participate
7.00 20.00	Location: Journey to Churchill Exhibit, Assiniboine Park Zoo (transportation will be
	provided and specific parking instructions for those arriving privately)
	Speaking Opportunities
8:00 – 8:25 PM	Note: MC (Deputy Minister James Wilson) to host event/introduce speakers
	Official Welcome to conference
8:05 – 8:15 PM	Canada, Minister of Natural Resources, James Carr
	Manitoba, Minister of Growth, Enterprise and Trade, Cliff Cullen
	Welcome
8:15 - 8:20 PM	Chief Bear welcome to Treaty 1
8:20 – 10:00 PM	Reception Continued
10:15 PM	Buses departing



























MONDAY, August 22, 2016

Time	Agenda Item
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration Official CICS registration available at the Fort Garry Hotel and Conference Centre – 222 Broadway Avenue, 4 th Floor (via skywalk)

Time	Agenda Item
	Keynote Speaker Breakfast – Phil Fontaine
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Open to all Delegates
	(Sponsored by Canadian Nuclear Association)
	Location: Main Floor, Provencher Ballroom
8:25 – 8:30 AM	Elder Protocol
	Minister Cullen to introduce Elder Velma Orvis
	Keynote Address
	MC: Minister Cullen
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Welcome from Dr. John Barrett, President & Chief Executive Officer, on
	behalf of the Canadian Nuclear Association (breakfast sponsor)
	Speaker: Phil Fontaine
	Joint Energy and Mines Open Session
9:15 – 12:05 PM	Location: 4th Floor, Grand Ballroom(via skywalk)
9.13 – 12.03 PIVI	NOTE: This session is closed to media, open to all registered stakeholders
	and Indigenous invitees and delegates.
	Call to Order and Welcome
9:15 – 9:20 AM	Minister Carr calls the conference to order
3.13 3.23 7.11	Minister Cullen welcomes delegates to Winnipeg
	CICS introduces their services
	Public Confidence: introduction
	Minister Carr to introduce Bruce Anderson, i2 Ideas and Issues, and Abacus Data
	 Bruce Anderson to provide an overarching presentation on public
	confidence (20 mins)
	Presentation Context:
9:20 – 9:40 AM	At the June 2016 Workshop on Public Confidence in Energy and Mining
	Development, Mr. Anderson explained that confidence has declined in
	tandem with a decline in public understanding of how government works,
	and that political rhetoric complicates dialogue around development issues.
	He agreed that public confidence was present across economic sectors, and
	that it is underpinned by a larger political context that goes beyond specific
	energy and mining development issues. Generally, there are three



























	determinants of public confidence: 1) benefits for the individual, the
	community, or Canada; 2) the downsides or risks; and 3) the likelihood of
	mitigating those risks, including trust in the will of governments or industry
	to take appropriate action. Mr. Anderson cautioned against assuming that all
	projects are the same; measures to support confidence must be tailored. On
	the other hand, he indicated that is it equally incorrect to not apply lessons
	learned to new projects, and it is also incorrect to assume that vocal
	complaints necessarily indicate broad resistance. Canadians tend to mistrust
	arguments that force a polarized choice; most tend to a middle ground.
	Public Confidence Panel: Findings of the June 9 National Workshop on
	Public Confidence in Energy and Mining Development
	Minister Cullen will introduce the Panel Moderator, Monica Gattinger
	Monica Gattinger, Chair, Positive Energy summarizes Workshop
	objectives, introduces panelists, and moderates (10 min)
	Panelists summarize the conversations for the Workshop discussion
	topics, including specific opportunities for government action
9:40 – 10:30	(one shared presentation, 40 min total):
AM	1. Resource Literacy – Steven Pacifico, Program Director, Energy
	Exchange
	2. Environment, Health and Safety – Pierre Gratton, President and
	CEO, Mining Association of Canada
	3. Community Engagement – Dr. Patricia Fitzpatrick, Associate
	Professor, University of Winnipeg
	4. Indigenous Engagement – Cheryl Recollet, President, Aboriginal
	Environmental Leadership Circle
	Minister Cullen thanks Panel and adjourns for a short break.
10.20 10.45	Health Break
10:30 - 10:45	(Coffee Break and Trade Show)
AM	(sponsored by Canadian Propane Association)
	Location: Grand Ballroom Loggia Dialogue with Public Confidence Panel: Ministers react to what was heard
	at the Workshop and discuss priorities for government action
	Minister Cullen will invite Monica Gattinger to summarize the panel
	discussion, with a focus on the opportunities for government action
	discussed at the Workshop (5 min)
10:45 – 11:35	Minister Carr will introduce to ministers identified to initiate discussions
AM	and ask questions of panelists
	and ask questions of panelists
	Identified Interventions:
	Minister Lloyd Hines (Nova Scotia, Natural Resources)
	Minister Michael Gravelle (Ontario, Northern Development)



























	Minister Pierre Arcand (Quebec, Energy and Natural Resources) Minister Margaret McCuaig-Boyd (Alberta, Energy) (45 min) Desired Outcome Ministers have a better understanding of opportunities to build public confidence in resource development from the perspective of a range of stakeholders
11:35 – 11:40	Tabling of the 2016 Mining Sector Performance Report
AM	Minister Carr tables the Mining Sector Performance Report
	Major Projects Inventory Update
11:40 – 11:45 AM	 Minister Carr to provide Ministers with an updated version of the Major Projects Inventory for 2016.
11:45 – 11:55 AM	 Committee of Provincial and Territorial Geologists Medal Presentation Minister Cullen 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 Maurice Colpron from Yukon Geological Survey. Minister Cullen hands off to Deputy Minister Mills (YK), who reads the citation, calls the recipient to podium, and makes the medal presentation to the recipient. A brief speech is delivered by recipient. Photo opportunity: Minister Carr, Minister Cullen and Deputy Minister Mills stand with recipient.
11:55 AM – 12:05 PM	Invitation from 2017 EMMC Host, New Brunswick • Minister Rick Doucet
12:05 – 1:30 PM	Keynote Luncheon (Sponsored by TransCanada Corporation) Open to all Delegates Location: Main Floor, Provencher Ballroom
12:30 – 1:00 PM	Welcome from TransCanada Corporation Minister Cullen to deliver Luncheon Keynote Speech
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Flex time



























	Panel Discussion: Regulatory Innovation and Best Practices Location: Mezzanine, Provencher Ballroom NOTE: This session is closed to media, open to all registered delegates.
	Proposed schedule:
	1:45 – 1:55: Introduction (session moderator – David Kunuk, Director of Minerals and Petroleum Resources, Nunavut)
	Part 1: Presentations from Provincial and Federal participants
	1:55 – 2:10: Federal Review of Environmental and Regulatory Processes (Erin O'Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Major Projects Management Office)
1.45 2.45 DB4	2:10 – 2:25: Provincial regulator: Best Practices and Regulatory Processes (Eric Kimmel, Vice President, Strategy Branch, Alberta Energy Regulator)
1:45 – 3:45 PM	2:25 – 2:40: Questions and Answers
	Part 2: Panel presentations (10 minutes per panelist) on "How can regulators be innovative and help build public confidence?"
	Panel Members:
	Chris Bloomer, President & Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA)
	Erin Flanagan, Program Director, Federal Policy, Pembina Institute
	Pamela Schwann, President, Saskatchewan Mining Association
	 Dr. Michelle Corfield, Chief Executive Officer of Corfield & Associates 2:40 – 3:20: Panel Discussion
	3:20 – 3:45: Questions and Answers
	Joint Energy and Mines Closed Session
1:45 – 3:45 PM	Location: 4 th Floor, Grand Ballroom NOTE: This session is closed – Ministers and government delegates only.
4.2	Opening Remarks
1:45 – 1:50 PM	Minister Carr will provide opening remarks and invite Minister Cullen to
	do the same. Public Confidence
1:50 – 2:30 PM	Minister Carr and Minister Cullen to provide some reflection on the
	open joint session discussion outcomes, and lead a discussion on
	 collaborative action on public confidence working towards EMMC 2017 Discussion - identified to initiate discussions:
	 Minister Pierre Arcand (Quebec, Energy and Natural Resources)
	and Premier Bob McLeod (NWT, Minister of Industry, Tourism





























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	and Investment) identified to initiate discussions
	Minister Cullen will ask Ministers to endorse public confidence working
	deliverables
	Minister Cullen will present proposed options for collaborative work and
	open the floor for discussion
	Minister Cullen will task Deputy Ministers to work together to develop a
	joint action plan for EMMC 2017.
	Regulatory Environment
	Minister Carr – presentation on current efforts to review federal
2:30 – 2:50 PM	regulatory and environmental assessment processes, including the
	National Energy Board review
	Clean Technology and Innovation
	Minister Carr to provide Introductory Remarks - Clean Technology and
	Innovation (5 Min)
	Minister Carr to provide an overview of federal government
	commitments in Budget 2016 related to clean tech in energy and mining
	(5 mins)
	Minister Arcand (Quebec, Energy and Natural Resources) will share
	successful experiences in clean energy and mining (5 mins)
	Ministerial Roundtable discussion on the national Clean Tech Strategy for
	Natural Resources and Mission Innovation, and identification of
	opportunities for F/P/T collaboration. (35 mins)
	Identified Interventions:
	 Minister Bill Bennett (British Columbia, Energy and Mines)
	 Premier Bob McLeod (NWT, Industry, Tourism and Investment)
	 Minister Paula Biggar (Prince Edward Island, Transportation,
2:50 – 3:45 PM	Infrastructure and Energy
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	Roundtable Discussion Questions:
	 What are the current challenges and barriers to clean technology
	development, commercialization & adoption in your province or
	territory?
	 What successful models, policies or approaches to clean technology
	development and use are currently underway and may provide best
	practices for other jurisdictions? What works? What could be
	improved?
	What are the key priority areas that are needed to improve the
	environmental performance of your province or territories natural
	resource sectors? What kind of fodoral government policies, programs or approaches
	What kind of federal government policies, programs or approaches could support clean technology innovation and use in your province.
	could support clean technology innovation and use in your province
	or territory? What is already working? What could be improved?
	 Mission Innovation provides an impetus for greater collaboration





























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	on clean energy technology and innovation — what opportunities do you see for your province or territory & the federal government in relation to this? Are there specific areas of R&D where Canada should be placing a greater effort?
	Minister Carr to provide concluding remarks (5 mins)
3:45 – 4:30 PM	Health Break (Sponsored by Mining Association of Canada) Location: Grand Ballroom Loggia





























Time	Agenda Item
	EMMC Banquet
5:30- 11:00 PM	(Sponsored by Tundra Gas & Oil)
	Location: Canadian Museum for Human Rights
	NOTE: This event is closed to media, open to all registered delegates and
	invited guests.
	Host: Deputy Minister James Wilson, Manitoba Growth, Enterprise and
	Trade
	Delegates arrive at Canadian Museum for Human Rights
	Delegates walk to Canadian Museum for Human Rights from the Fort
	Garry Hotel along Main Street (approximately 10-minute walk), or take a
5:30 - 6:30	taxi from the hotel to Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Buses will
PM	also be available for transportation to and from the site.
	Reception and Cocktail hour (Stuart Clark Garden of Contemplation).
	Note: Guests will be escorted on a short tour by museum staff on their
	way to the reception room so guests should allow extra time for viewing
F.20 DN4	
5:30 PM	'Silent' Auction items displayed for bidding (Bonnie and John Buhler Hall)
6:30 PM	Banquet Dinner will be held on the main floor, Bonnie and John Buhler Hall
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6:45 – 6:55 PM	Grand Entrance of head table, led by Summer Bear Dance Troupe
6:55 – 7:00 PM	Welcoming Remarks and Introduction of Head Table
	Deputy Minister James Wilson to host event
7.00 7.05 DN4	Welcoming Remarks
7:00 – 7:05 PM	Ken Neufeld, President and CEO on behalf of Tundra Oil & Gas (sponsor
	of the event)
7:05 PM	Deputy Minister James Wilson announces that bidding closes at 8 PM
7:05 – 8:00 PM	Dinner (Bonnie and John Buhler Hall)
7:30 – 7:35 PM	Deputy Minister Wilson will introduce speakers
7:35 – 7:45 PM	Deputy Minister Christyne Tremblay, Natural Resources Canada, will
	introduce Minister Carr
7:45 PM – 8:15 PM	Minister Carr to provide a keynote address
8:00 PM	Bidding closes on Silent Auction
	A representative from the Silent Auction Recipient Charity (Connie
	Walker, CEO, United Way of Winnipeg) will thank those who donated to
8:15 – 8:45 PM	and participated in the Silent Auction.
	Organizing Committee are asked to come forward and presented with
	gifts.
	Deputy Minister Wilson will announce Silent Auction winners and
	provide instructions on how winners can collect and pay for their item(s).



























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8:45 – 9:30 PM	Entertainment: Summer Bear Dance Troupe
	Deputy Minister Wilson will introduce the troupe of Indigenous dancers.
9:30 – 10:00 PM	Networking
10:15 PM	Buses depart for the return to the Fort Garry Hotel and Conference Centre





























TUESDAY, August 23, 2016

Time	Agenda Item
8:00 AM - 12:00	Official CICS registration available in the Fort Garry Hotel and Conference
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9:30 – 10:10 AM	 Minister Cullen will moderate; Ministers identified to initiate discussion include: PEI Minister Paula Biggar: Energy Efficiency NWT Premier Bob McLeod: Innovation and Technology AB Minister Margaret McCuaig-Boyd: Oil prices MB Minister Cullen: Electricity Minister Cullen will ask Ministers for endorsement of the public release of those deliverables identified for publication Canadian Energy Collaboration Minister Carr will provide opening remarks (5 min) Minister Cullen will provide an update on collaboration in support of the Canadian Energy Strategy Minister Carr will open the floor to discussion on:
	 Preparing for a First Ministers' Meeting in Fall 2016 Minimizing overlap and duplication between the Canadian Energy Strategy and EMMC priorities Minister Carr will provide direction to Deputy Ministers in preparation for EMMC 2017
	North American Energy Collaboration
10:10 - 10:20	Minister Carr will provide an update on trilateral work with the US
AM	and Mexico under the Memorandum of Understanding on Climate Change and Energy Collaboration
10:20 - 10:30	Conclusion
AM	Minister Cullen will lead a review of the communication materials related to energy
10:30 - 10:45	Health Break
AM	Location: Grand Ballroom Loggia
	Closed Mines Ministers' Meeting
10:45 AM -	Location: 4 th Floor, Grand Ballroom
12:15 PM	(Sponsored by Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada)
	NOTE: This session is closed – Ministers and government delegates only.
10:45 – 10:50	Opening Remarks
10:45 – 10:50 AM	Minister Cullen will provide opening remarks
10:50 – 11:15	Discussion on Innovation Minister Carr will introduce topic and table the deliverables
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	Minister Gravelle (ON) to provide first intervention
11:15 – 11:40	Discussion on Junior Mining Sector
AM	Premier McLeod (NWT, Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment) will
	lead and table the Report





























	Minister Coady (NL, Minister of Natural Resources) to provide first intervention	
11:40 AM – 12:00 PM	 Discussion on Environmental Liability Minister Bennett (BC) will lead and table the deliverables Minister Hines (NS) to provide first intervention 	
12:00 – 12:10 PM	 Tasking and Next Steps Minister Carr will lead the discussion and agreement of tasking and preparation for EMMC 2017. 	
12:10 – 12:15 PM	 Conclusion Minister Cullen will provide closing remarks 	
12:15 – 12:45 PM	Closed Joint Energy and Mines Ministers' Meeting Location: 4 th Floor, Grand Ballroom NOTE: This session is closed – Ministers and government delegates only.	
12:15 – 12:20 PM	Opening Remarks/Presentation • Minister Cullen will provide opening remarks	
12:20 – 12:30 PM	 Report back on outcomes of panel discussion from preceding day David Kunuk, Director of Minerals and Petroleum Resources, Government of Nunavut, will report back to Ministers on the outcomes of the stakeholder/Indigenous panel discussion from the previous day. 	
12:30 – 12:35 PM	 Review of Communiqué and Backgrounders Minister Carr will propose approval of the communiqué and backgrounders for public release. 	
12:35 – 12:40 PM	Direction from Ministers on the EMMC model Minister Carr to moderate discussion.	
12:40 – 12:45 PM	Closing Remarks • Minister Cullen will provide closing remarks.	
12:45 – 1:00 PM	Official Ministers' Photograph Location: 4 th Floor, Grand Ballroom	
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Press Conference Location: 4th Floor, Grand Ballroom Minister Carr and Minister Cullen will take questions from media	
Delegate's Luncheon (Sponsored by Enbridge Pipelines Inc.)		
Lunch served from 12:30 - 1:45 PM		
	Location: 5th Floor, Selkirk Ballroom	





























For Immediate Release

Federal, Provincial and Territorial Energy and Mines Ministers Agree to Collaborate on Priorities for the Upcoming Year

August 23, 2016

Winnipeg

Public trust in the sustainable development of natural resources is essential to moving resource projects forward, creating jobs and regional economic development opportunities, and transitioning towards a low-carbon economy.

Canada's federal, provincial and territorial energy and mines ministers met this week in Winnipeg for the annual Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference. The conference theme — Enhancing Public Confidence in Canada's Natural Resource Sectors — underscored the need to ensure that economic growth and environmental stewardship go hand in hand.

The ministers agreed on the importance of strengthening public confidence in the natural resource sectors through enhanced community engagement, science and evidence-based decision-making, robust regulatory frameworks and improving environmental performance, including oversight and safety of Canada's pipeline safety regimes.

The ministers recognized that development of natural resources and related infrastructure must always be in compliance with the highest standards for public safety and environmental protection, which are the foundation of a clean growth economy. Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to bring Canada's natural resources to domestic and international markets as a key element in supporting long-term job creation and economic growth while strengthening access to energy.

Ministers had the opportunity to exchange perspectives with Indigenous peoples about some of the challenges and opportunities relating to energy and mineral development and regulation. Discussion was held about possible ways to improve engagement with Indigenous leaders around Energy and Mines Ministers' Conferences.

To support public confidence, ministers agreed to build on the work of the past year and develop a joint action plan that includes a common narrative and is based on the following principles:

- Foster relationships and partnerships through early and sustained engagement and collaboration;
- Improve the communication and transparency of data and regulatory processes;

- Balance community interests and mitigate environmental and health impacts through regulation and legislation; and,
- Support science and innovation to inform decisions and enhance environmental performance.

The ministers discussed the Government of Canada's comprehensive review of federal environmental and regulatory processes, including its plans to modernize the National Energy Board. Ministers committed to working together to ensure that provincial and territorial perspectives are reflected in the ongoing review of federal regulatory processes, including on issues of: safety and environmental protection, Indigenous and local community consultation, delivering economic benefits, minimizing duplication on project reviews, investor confidence, competitiveness and timeliness. The ministers also recognized that collaborative approaches to innovation and the development of clean technologies can encourage clean growth in the minerals and energy sectors across Canada.

The ministers also publicly released the major projects summary report, which indicates that 421 major natural resource projects are planned or under construction over the next ten years, representing \$691 billion in potential investment.

Energy

With regard to energy, ministers affirmed that strengthening collaboration between governments will be critical to ensuring that Canada's energy sectors remain globally competitive and to supporting the transition to a low-carbon economy. In this regard, ministers committed to the following:

- In the area of energy efficiency, ministers agreed to a framework and action plan on energy efficiency standards for appliances and equipment, which can lower energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Canada;
- On electricity and strategic infrastructure, ministers agreed to explore
 collaboration on new and enhanced inter-jurisdictional electricity transmission
 interties, smart electricity grids and charging or refuelling stations for alternativefuel vehicles, which can be a key tool in supporting clean growth, opening up
 new markets and reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- On technology and innovation, ministers welcomed the work of the innovation clusters on distributed power generation and shale resources, and noted that these clusters are an effective mechanism for collaboration that can encourage federal, provincial and territorial governments and other stakeholders to leverage each other's expertise and resources. Ministers also agreed to explore collaboration opportunities in clean technology; and
- On international energy cooperation, ministers discussed how collaborative efforts across governments will support commitments made at the recent North

American Leaders' Summit, including the North American target for clean power, ambitious goals to integrate our transportation networks, increased cross-border transmission of clean energy and enhanced resiliency of the North American electricity grid. Ministers committed to enhance partnership and collaboration on international energy issues to open new markets and position Canada as a global energy leader. Ministers also committed to explore mechanisms and opportunities for provinces and territories to collaborate in international fora, joint missions and discussions on energy, including Mission Innovation.

Provincial and territorial ministers also welcomed the collaboration of the federal government in the implementation of the Canadian Energy Strategy on specific initiatives in the areas of energy efficiency, energy technology and innovation, and energy delivery. This collaboration includes a commitment to reduce diesel use in Indigenous, remote and off-grid communities, and to convene a Pan-Canadian Summit to identify options to improve access to diesel alternatives. Consistent with the Vancouver Declaration, Canadian Energy Strategy work will also contribute to the development of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change.

Mineral Development

The ministers reaffirmed the fundamental importance of Canada's exploration, mining and mineral processing industry to our economy, our financial sector and to our remote and indigenous communities. Maintaining and enhancing Canada's attractiveness as a global mining and exploration destination are critical to the health of our economy and to the ongoing development of our country.

Recognizing the importance of Canada's junior exploration and mining sector in identifying and developing the next generation of economic mineral deposits, the ministers committed to seeking out opportunities for collaboration to enhance mineral geoscience programs across jurisdictions and to expanding the availability of public geoscience data to help facilitate grassroots exploration by the junior mining sector.

Canada's federal, provincial and territorial mines ministers emphasized the importance of promoting stable, coordinated and supportive regulatory regimes governing our nation's abundant resources and the importance of extensive and reliable networks of infrastructure.

Ministers recognized the need to build on Canada's reputation as a global leader in environmental performance and worker health safety standards. Ministers committed to continue identifying new and innovative methods for managing environmental liability and to developing a consistent and transparent methodology for calculating mine reclamation security, including the total amount of liability that exists.

The ministers also encouraged industry leaders to promote innovation and enhance opportunities for the development, deployment and commercialization of green mining

technology to continue improving the environmental performance and competitiveness of Canadian mining companies and ensure healthy ecosystems for future generations.

The Mining Sector Performance Report was also tabled for release at the ministers' meeting. This report is produced every three years and tracks progress with a set of economic, social and environmental indicators and helps to identify areas for collaborative efforts.

Looking ahead

These actions, taken by federal, provincial and territorial governments, will promote Canada's role as a global supplier of natural resources while ensuring long-term economic prosperity for all Canadians.

The ministers will meet again in August 2017 in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, for the next Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference.

Quotes

"The natural resource sectors are an important source of jobs and benefits to the middle class. We will continue to work with various levels of government, Indigenous groups, industry and other stakeholders to ensure that Canada's resource sectors remain sustainable, globally competitive and sources of jobs and economic growth, now and into the future."

Jim Carr Canada's Minister of Natural Resources

"Innovative partnerships between governments, Indigenous communities, industry and other stakeholders are critical as we move toward the creation of a sustainable and prosperous energy and mines sector in Canada. This week's meetings allowed energy and mines ministers from every region of our country to share how they are pursuing our common goals of strengthened communities, diversified economies and enhanced quality of life for all Canadians."

Cliff Cullen

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