



# *Pacific NorthWest Economic Region*

# EVENT PROGRAM



## PNWER ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM

Regina, Saskatchewan  
November 4-7, 2009





## VISIT SASKATCHEWAN – ONE OF NORTH AMERICA'S STRONGEST ECONOMIES



Saskatchewan has been warmly welcomed into the PNWER family. We are now enjoying new opportunities to work more closely and more collaboratively with other Canadian and US jurisdictions. I was also pleased to learn that Michael Chisholm, MLA for Cutknife-Turtleford, has been elected PNWER's new Canadian Vice President.

Now it's time for Saskatchewan to return some of the warm hospitality we have experienced from former PNWER forum hosts. I invite all of you to attend the PNWER Legislative Academy and Economic Leadership Forum. The forum is being held November 4-7, 2009 in Regina, Saskatchewan, our capital city.

This forum is a tremendous opportunity to visit one of North America's strongest economies. Topics for discussion will include global competitiveness, responsible development of energy resources, agriculture and innovation.

I also invite you to use this event as an opportunity to visit some of Saskatchewan's world-class attractions and experience the warm welcome provided by down-to-earth people who call this province home.

I look forward to seeing you this November.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Brad Wall".

Brad Wall  
Premier of Saskatchewan

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## SPONSORS



# AGENDA

Economic Leadership Forum  
November 5-7, 2009  
Regina, Saskatchewan



## Wednesday, November 4

7:00 pm	Welcome reception hosted by the University of Regina featuring University President Dr. Vianne Timmons Saskatchewan Room
9:00 pm	Hospitality Suites

## Thursday, November 5

8:00 - 9:00 am	Breakfast Keynote featuring US Consul General Laura Lochman Regency Ballroom
9:15 am - 12:15 pm	<p><b>Technology, Innovation, and Economic Development</b> Saskatchewan Room</p> <p><b>The Pacific Northwest as a Giant Science Innovation Park, a 'Tool Box' for Growth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What structures do we need to catalyze the collaboration in the region? What would it look like?</li> <li>• Portfolio of innovation initiatives – What is going on now? How do we catalogue these, share them, and catalyze more of them?</li> <li>• What platforms allow flexibility to address needs?</li> <li>• Innovation is a distributed activity – there are nodes in a network across the region – but how do we strengthen both the nodes, and the network?</li> <li>• How do we encourage convergence through collaboration? Can we identify strengths and expertise, and areas of gaps, and work collaboratively to fill those gaps, even outside the region?</li> </ul> <p><b>Introductory Remarks</b> - <b>Hon. Rob Norris</b>, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour</p> <p><b>Facilitated Virtual Panel featuring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Andrew Walls</b>, Director, Ocean Sciences and Energy, BC Innovation Council</li> <li>- <b>Marian Hammond</b>, Oregon Innovation Council</li> <li>- <b>Andy Melnyk</b>, Technology Partnering &amp; Productivity, Innovation Saskatchewan</li> <li>- <b>Susan Gorges</b>, Executive Director of Springboard West</li> </ul>
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Luncheon featuring the Honourable Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan Regency Ballroom
2:00 - 5:00 pm	<p><b>Sustainable Economic Recovery</b> Saskatchewan Room</p> <p><b>Surviving, Reviving and Thriving – private sector advice on how to enable sustained economic recovery</b></p> <p>A group of business leaders will share their insight about what governments, the private sector, and organizations like PNWER can do to help drive economic recovery and build long term economic growth</p> <p>Moderator: <b>John Gormley</b>, Host - <b>John Gormley Live</b></p> <p><b>Introductory Remarks: Honourable Ken Cheveldayoff</b>, Minister of Enterprise</p> <p>Panelists: - <b>Doug Bloom</b>, President, Spectra Energy Transmission West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Cal Nichols</b>, Founder, Gasland Group</li> <li>- <b>Brian Hesje</b>, Chairman, Fountain Tire Ltd.</li> <li>- <b>Grant Kook</b>, President &amp; CEO, Westcap Mgt Ltd; Chairman of the Board for Sasktel</li> </ul>



# AGENDA

6:00 pm	Reception at RCMP Heritage Centre sponsored by the Regina Hotel Association (Buses depart from Hotel Lobby at 5:30 pm) 5907 Dewdney Avenue
9:00 pm	Hospitality Suites sponsored by APEGGA, APEGS, & APEG-BC Blue Lounge

## Friday, November 6

8:00 - 9:15 am	Breakfast Keynote featuring Wayne R. Brownlee, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Potash Corporation and Mayo Schmidt, Chief Executive, Viterra Inc. Regency Ballroom	
9:15 - 12:00 pm	<b>Energy, Environment, and the Economy</b> Oak Room	<b>Agriculture- Integrated Supply Chain</b> Blue Lounge
	<p>Chair: <b>Senator Lesil McGuire</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Senate Energy Bill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>US Senator Lisa Murkowski</b>, Alaska*</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Low Carbon Energy Innovation Strategies- What does it actually cost to reduce Carbon? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Rep. Jeff Morris</b>, Director, Energy Horizon Project</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Alberta's strategy for reducing Carbon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sandra Locke</b>, Executive Director, CCS Policy Development, Alberta Energy</li> <li>- <b>Rob Seeley</b>, Manager of Sustainable Development, Shell Canada</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CO2 Capture and Storage activities in SK <b>Dr. Malcolm Wilson</b>, Director of ITC and Director of Office of Energy and Environment, University of Regina</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">*via teleconference</p>	<p>Chair: <b>Alanna Koch</b>, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Saskatchewan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Remarks by <b>Alanna Koch</b></li> <li>• A Panel discussion looking at the integrated nature of the Canadian and US agriculture industries and addressing issues related to the operation of efficient and open borders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Brad Wildeman</b>, "President of Pound-Maker AgVentures Ltd. of Lanigan, SK and President of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association</li> <li>- <b>Dr. Sylvain Charlebois</b>, Acting Associate Director, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina</li> <li>- <b>Eric Benjaminson</b>, Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs, US Embassy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch Keynote featuring Ambassador Gary Doer, Canadian Ambassador to the U.S., hosted by the Government of Canada Regency Ballroom	
1:45pm – 4:30pm	<b>Border Issues &amp; Trade Policy</b> Blue Lounge	<b>Northern Pipeline Coordination Council (NPCC)</b> Library
	<p>Co-Chairs: <b>Don Alper</b>, Director, Border Policy Research Institute, WWU; <b>Len Mitzel</b>, MLA, Alberta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Border Solutions Council update on 2010 Olympic Preparedness - <b>Matt Morrison</b>, Executive Director, PNWER</li> <li>• Crafting a 10-year vision for the US-Canada Partnership- an integrated approach to the border and trading relationship</li> <li>• Discussion on Buy American and protectionism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Canadian Counsel General Peter Lloyd</b></li> <li>- <b>Eric Benjaminson</b>, Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs, US Embassy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Organizational Meeting of PNWER's NPCC to coordinate cross border logistics, workforce and key issues surrounding the Northern Pipeline</p> <p>Chair: Senator <b>Lesil McGuire</b>, Alaska</p> <p>Overview of pipeline workforce study - <b>Dave Coutts</b>, DC Connections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction on the background of NPCC formation and stakeholder feedback</li> <li>• Overview and discussion on the Charter and process for NPCC</li> <li>• NPCC focus and prioritization exercise establishing initial points of reference</li> <li>• Next steps including upcoming meetings, additional stakeholders, etc.</li> </ul>

# AGENDA

6:00 pm	Final Banquet and Legislative Academy Graduation Ceremony featuring Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Regina Inn, Kenossee Room - 1975 Broad Street
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9:00 pm	Hospitality Suites
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## Saturday, November 7

7:45 - 9:00 am	Breakfast Library Room
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8:30 am - 12:00 pm	PNWER Executive Committee Meeting (All Participants Welcome to attend) Blue Lounge
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9:00 am - 11:00 am	Policy Tour to Petroleum Technology Research Centre/International Test Centre at Univ. of Regina (Van will depart at 8:45 am from Hotel)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PTRC Presentation - <b>Steve Whittaker</b></li> <li>- Q &amp; A</li> <li>- University of Regina Presentation - <b>Malcom Wilson</b></li> <li>- ITC tour with <b>Malcom Wilson</b></li> </ul>	

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<p><b>Policy Tour to Moose Jaw Tunnels</b> (Van departs from Hotel at 12:00 pm)</p> <p>There are two unique underground experiences: "The Chicago Connection" explores Moose Jaw's role in the illegal liquor trade during the Prohibition era and, legend has it, even Al Capone was no stranger to the city. "Passage to Fortune" tells the story of Chinese immigrants to Canada in the late 19th Century. Both experiences feature guides in character, superb sets within the tunnel matrix, multimedia, animatronics and special effects. Lunch will be provided. Advance registration required.</p>
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6:00 - 9:00 pm	<p><b>Saskatchewan Roughriders vs. Calgary Stampeders CFL Game</b></p> <p>Tickets available for purchase on the online registration (Van departs at 5:15 pm from Hotel, Don't forget to dress warm!)</p>
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# KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIOS



**Hon. Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart**  
Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

Lieutenant Governor Gordon Barnhart is an acclaimed historian and recognized expert on the Canadian parliamentary process. Dr. Barnhart's extensive experience in government includes twenty years as Clerk of the Saskatchewan Legislature and five years as Clerk of the Canadian Senate. He has worked as a consultant to strengthen democratic governance in countries around the world. Dr. Barnhart obtained a Ph.D. in history at the University of Saskatchewan, where he taught political studies and served as University Secretary.



**Wayne R. Brownlee**  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Potash Corporation

Wayne R. Brownlee has been the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan Inc., since June 1, 1999, and serves as its Executive Vice President. He coordinated the privatization of PotashCorp in 1988, which transformed the company from a provincial Crown corporation to a publicly traded entity. In addition, Mr. Brownlee is a director for PhilomBios, an agricultural biotechnology company, and Great Western Brewing Company. Mr. Brownlee holds a Masters Degree in Science and Business Administration from the University of Saskatchewan.



**Ambassador Gary Doer**  
Canadian Ambassador to the U.S.

In October, 2009, Gary Doer assumed his responsibilities as Canada's 23rd representative to the United States of America. Prior to taking up his current position in Washington, Ambassador Doer served as Premier of Manitoba for ten years. During that time, he worked extensively with U.S. Governors to enhance Canada-U.S. cooperation on trade, agriculture, water protection, climate change and renewable energy. Ambassador Doer won three consecutive elections as Premier of Manitoba with successive increased majorities. In 2005, he was named by Business Week magazine as one of the top 20 international leaders on climate change. His government introduced balanced budgets during each of his ten years in office while reducing many taxes, including a plan to eliminate small business tax. As Premier, he led strategic investments in health care, education, and training and infrastructure. Ambassador Doer hails from Winnipeg. He is married with two daughters.

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIOS

## US Consul General Laura Lochman

Consul General of the United States of America for Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories

Laura Lochman arrived in Calgary June 22 to take up her post as Consul General for Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories for a three-year term. Consul General Laura Lochman is a career American diplomat with over 20 years of experience in policy analysis and implementation. She has served in various overseas assignments with the Department of State, including as Deputy Economic Counselor and Chief of the Trade and Investment Unit at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and Deputy Economic Counselor and Environment, Science and Technology Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Madrid. In Washington, Laura served in the State Department's Office of Cuban Affairs, the Bureau of South Asian Affairs, and in the Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science.



## Mayo Schmidt

Viterra President and CEO

Mayo Schmidt is President and Chief Executive Officer and director of Viterra Inc.. Not only a business leader, but four-time Ironman triathlete, Mr. Schmidt is an active participant in business and industry organizations and events. He is a member of the C.D. Howe Institute, and a contributor to Harvard University's Private and Public, Scientific, Academic and Consumer Food Policy Group (PAPSAC). He is the Vice Chair of The Conference Board of Canada, and a member of the Executive and Audit Committees; he is also a member of The Conference Board Inc., USA. In 2009, Mr. Schmidt was honoured with Chief Executive of the Year by Canadian Business Magazine. Mr. Schmidt earned his Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from Washburn University in 1980.



## Hon. Brad Wall

Premier of Saskatchewan

Premier Wall was first elected to the Legislature as the MLA for Swift Current in 1999. He was re-elected in 2003, became Leader of the Saskatchewan Party in March of 2004, and was elected Premier of Saskatchewan in the November 2007 provincial election. Premier Wall has been active in his own community in service work and on a number of boards spanning local events, economic development, and health care recruitment and retention. He was also a founding board member of the Southwest Centre for Entrepreneurial Development. He earned an honours degree in Public Administration and an advanced certificate in Political Studies from the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. He also earned the Investment Funds Institute of Canada certificate.





# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



## *Pacific NorthWest Economic Region*



Sen. Lesil McGuire  
PNWER President 2009-2010

Welcome to the Second PNWER Legislative Leadership Academy and the first PNWER meeting ever held in Saskatchewan! We are excited to be in the capital while the Legislature is in session, and to be able to have a chance to hold part of our Legislative Academy in the Saskatchewan Chamber. I am proud to welcome you to one of the most dynamic economies in North America, and with today's economic challenges, I look forward to learning how they have become the number one province in all of Canada in job creation!

It is even more important in this challenging economy that we learn from each other what is working, and how we can collaborate to get our economies back on track. I commend you for making the choice to come to Regina, and I promise you that these next three days will be filled with important dialogue on the issues which matter most to our region, and I am confident that you will come away with some solutions that you can apply to the benefit of your own jurisdiction.

I encourage you to reach out and meet your colleagues from neighboring jurisdictions. This is an exceptional opportunity, unlike any other I know of, to build relationships across our borders that will enhance our collective ability to represent our region, and to build lasting solutions for the betterment of all our citizens.

Over the next three days we will improve our understanding of each other's political systems, address major issues in agriculture, energy and environment, trade and transportation, innovation, and look at collaboration on the economic future of our region. I thank you for your leadership, and I look forward to working with you to maximize the value this organization brings to each of us.

Sincerely,

Senator Lesil McGuire  
PNWER President 2009-2010  
Alaska State Senator

# DELEGATE COUNCIL

## PNWER Leadership 2009-2010



State Sen. Lesil McGuire  
President  
Alaska



Hon. Mel Knight  
Vice President  
Alberta



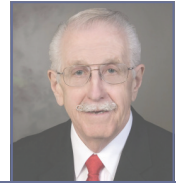
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Vice President  
Oregon



Michael Chisholm, MLA  
Vice President  
Saskatchewan



John van Dongen, MLA  
Imm. Past President  
British Columbia



State Rep. George Eskridge  
Past President  
Idaho

### Executive Committee\*

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Alaska

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Alberta

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State Rep. Mike Schaufier  
Oregon

#### Vice President, Canada

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#### Hon. Barry Penner

British Columbia

#### State Rep. Max Black

Idaho

#### David Coutts, MLA (Ret.)

Alberta

#### State Sen. Alan Bluechel

Washington (Ret.)

#### Private Sector Representatives

Neil Windsor, APEGGA  
Canada Co-Chair

#### Jan Romerdahl, US Bank

US Co-Chair

#### Don Dalik

Fasken Martineau & DuMoulin, LLP  
BC Private Sector Chair

#### Executive Director

Matt Morrison

\*Partial List

### Delegate Council

#### Alaska

Governor Sean Parnell  
Sen. Fred Dyson  
Sen. Charlie Huggins  
**Sen. Lesil McGuire**  
Sen. Tom Wagoner  
Rep. John Coghill  
Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
Rep. Lindsey Holmes

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Premier Ed Stelmach  
Alana DeLong, MLA  
Kyle Fawcett, MLA  
**Hon. Mel Knight**  
Richard Marz, MLA  
Len Mitzel, MLA

#### British Columbia

Premier Gordon Campbell  
**Hon. Naomi Yamamoto**

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Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter  
Sen. John Goedde  
Sen. Kate Kelly  
Sen. Monty Pearce  
Sen. Elliot Werk  
**Rep. George Eskridge**  
Rep. Mary Lou Shepherd  
Rep. Elaine Smith  
Rep. John "Bert" Stevenson

#### Montana

Governor Brian Schweitzer  
**Sen. Kim Gillan**  
Sen. Ryan Zinke  
Rep. Gerald Bennett  
Rep. Wanda Grinde

#### Northwest Territories

Premier Floyd Roland  
**Hon. Bob McLeod**

#### Oregon

Governor Ted Kulongoski  
Sen. Fred Girod  
Sen. Rod Monroe  
Sen. David Nelson  
Sen. Doug Whitsett  
Rep. Paul Holvey  
**Rep. Mike Schaufier**

#### Saskatchewan

Premier Brad Wall  
**Michael Chisholm, MLA**  
Hon. Bill Boyd

#### Washington

Governor Chris Gregoire  
Sen. Paull Shin  
**Rep. Glenn Anderson**  
Rep. Maralyn Chase  
Rep. Bruce Chandler  
Rep. Bob Hasegawa

#### Yukon

Premier Dennis Fentie  
Glen Hart, MLA  
**Hon. Jim Kenyon**  
Steve Nordick, MLA

**Bold = PNWER Officers/  
State & Provincial Leads**

### Private Sector Council

**Canada Co-Chair:** Neil Windsor, APEGGA — **US Co-Chair:** Jan Romerdahl, US Bank

#### Alaska

Bruce Carr, Alaska Railroad  
Ken Freeman, ExxonMobil  
Paul Quesnel, BP

#### Alberta

Neil Windsor, APEGGA  
Greg Moffatt, TransCanada Pipelines  
Tim Boston, EPCOR  
Duane Lyons, AltaLink

#### British Columbia

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Sarah McCullough, Spectra Energy Transmission  
Jock Finlayson, Business Council of BC

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Neil Colwell, Avista  
Evan Hayes, Idaho Grain Producers  
Gary Fuhrman, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation

#### Montana

Haley Beaudry, Columbia Falls Aluminum Co.

#### Oregon

Scott Farris, TransCanada Pipelines  
James Baumgartner, Black Helderline, LLP  
Tom Lowles, Key Bank

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William Kidd, BP  
Jerry Cochran, Microsoft  
Bill Struyk, Johnson and Johnson  
Ken Johnson, Puget Sound Energy

#### Yukon

Don Pumphrey, NorthwesTel

# PNWER OVERVIEW

## What is PNWER?

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The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is a regional U.S.-Canadian forum dedicated to encouraging global economic competitiveness and preserving our world-class natural environment. PNWER is recognized by both the United States and Canada as the “model” for regional and binational cooperation because of its proven success. PNWER is a respected voice and resource for our region, and provides the public and private sectors a cross-border forum for unfiltered dialogue that capitalizes upon the synergies between business leaders and elected officials who work to advance the region’s global competitiveness.



Prime Minister Stephen Harper meets with PNWER Leadership

## Public/Private Sector Leadership

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PNWER delivers results on regional issues through action plans developed by more than fourteen working groups corresponding to the region’s key priorities. Each working group is cochaired by an industry leader and legislator. Founded in 1991, PNWER is the only statutory, non-partisan, non-profit, binational, public/private partnership in North America. PNWER is the forum for collaborative binational planning involving both the public and private sectors and offers leadership at the state/provincial level in Salem, Olympia, Boise, Helena, Juneau, Edmonton, Victoria, Regina and Whitehorse, and at the national level in Washington, D.C. and Ottawa.



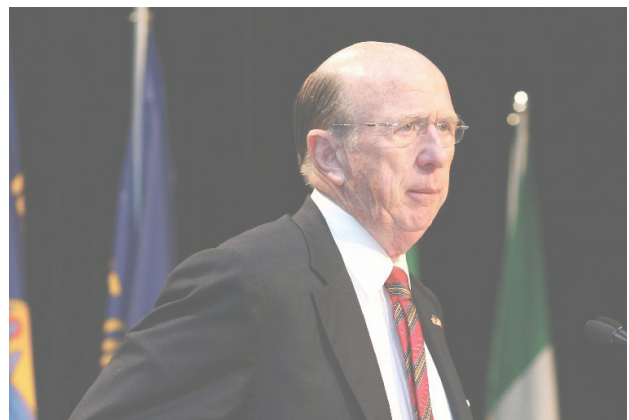
“PNWER is doing nothing less than thinking about the future of this region... showing leadership to the rest of the continent.”

**Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia**

## The Region’s Future

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With over 20 million people and over US \$700 billion in gross regional product, the US Pacific Northwest (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington) and Western Canada (Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and Yukon) is one of fastest growing regions of North America. We are China and East Asia’s gateway to North America, the host of the 2010 Winter Olympics and the site of several major infrastructure projects and business opportunities. Now more than ever, the Pacific Northwest needs a binational, regional advocate that works with both the public and private sectors.



“There’s no organization more important than PNWER to foster [and] nurture this relationship [between the US and Canada].”

**Former US Ambassador to Canada, David Wilkins**



# MAJOR PROGRAM INITIATIVES

PNWER has 17 individual Working Groups, including efforts in:

## Homeland Security & Disaster Resilience

Since 9/11, PNWER has brought together hundreds of public and private sector leaders in a series of infrastructure interdependencies exercises called Blue Cascades designed to make this region more disaster resilient. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada and the US Department of Homeland Security have recognized PNWER for its leadership role in this effort. In 2006 PNWER launched the Center for Regional Disaster Resilience. PNWER is currently overseeing projects involving pandemic preparedness and dam and levee resilience. For more information please go to: [www.regionalresilience.org](http://www.regionalresilience.org)

## Energy

PNWER has been tasked by the US Department of Energy to develop a binational Pacific NW Energy Planning Council. Industry representatives, provincial energy ministers and legislative energy committee chairmen, come together to address key issues in energy planning across jurisdictional and national boundaries, with an emphasis on multi-jurisdictional siting and permitting. PNWER is also facilitating further development of smart energy technologies, currently a US \$2 billion industry.



## 2010 Winter Olympics/Tourism

PNWER has established a 2010 Coordinating Council to develop a regional business plan to market the Pacific Northwest to the world, facilitate business opportunities and promote the region as a destination before, during and after the Games. PNWER is also working with partners to increase public understanding of border-crossing requirement and establishing a 2010 Sustainability Showcase.

## Border Coordination Council

In 2008, PNWER launched the Border Coordination Council made up of public and private stakeholders committed to reducing border costs and strengthening security. The council's goals include: Provide consistent input on regional priorities from governments, stakeholders and border communities in the Pacific Northwest; Help shape border security policy and implementation strategies; Connect the federal governments in a systematic way with local impacts of border decisions.



## Workforce Development

Over the next ten years, the region will attract over US \$250 billion in investment capital for some of the world's largest projects, including the Mackenzie Valley and Alaska Natural Gas Pipelines, the Alberta Oil Sands and the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. Taking advantage of these major economic development opportunities will require a great deal of binational cooperation and coordination. PNWER has established a Workforce Development Task Force to ensure that we have the resources and skilled workforce to turn opportunities into true economic prosperity.



## Cross Border Livestock Health Conference

The Cross Border Livestock Health Conference brings together pacific northwest US states and western Canadian provincial government representatives, animal health experts as well as federal government and industry from both countries. The main goal of the conference is to help facilitate enhanced cross border cooperation and encourage the exchange of information between jurisdictions on animal health issues.

The 2nd conference was held in Boise, Idaho in July 2009 during the PNWER Annual Summit. The conference included a day and a half of presentations and discussions on priority beef and dairy animal health issues, including: Traceability, Animal diseases (Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Blue Tongue and Anaplasmosis); and Animal welfare. The next conference will be held in Calgary in July 2010. For more info see [www.cblhconference.com](http://www.cblhconference.com)



# ACTION ITEMS

These 2009 Action Items were developed at the PNWER Annual Summit in Boise, Idaho

## AGRICULTURE

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Work to develop a regional roundtable discussion with state/provincial industry & government stakeholders and principal federal officials to communicate the regional economic implications of specific federal Agriculture policy.

The Agriculture working groups should address the following issues in 2010:

- Water management and supply
- Carbon foodprint
- Energy and transportation
- The balance between environment and economic growth.

## HEALTH CARE

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Hold a meeting of health evidence centres and key decision makers in association with the 2010 Calgary PNWER meeting to identify opportunities for:

- Joint identification of priorities for evidence review
- Mechanisms for cooperating and using shared capacity at academic centres in the region
- Sharing approaches to engage with the public and industry in technology assessment processes.
- A potential launch of Health evidence network for PNWER region.
- Promotion of self care and decision support aids for consumers [Including Health Link Info Line]

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- PNWER will use the Health Care working group website and newsletter to identify reliable evidence

based resources for comparing international health systems.

- A slide kit of international comparative health statistics on an annual basis will be prepared for use by PNWER decision-makers. (Institute of Health Economics)

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The MoU for the PNW Border Health Alliance is being circulated for sign-off and becomes effective when executed by two or more jurisdictions. To date the MOU has been signed by Idaho, Oregon and Washington and is presently on its way to British Columbia and will proceed to all jurisdictions. PNWER encourages all jurisdictions to sign the MOU in 2009.

## AGRICULTURE – CROSS-BORDER LIVESTOCK HEALTH CONFERENCE

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Work with officials from the Canadian and US governments to encourage the acceptance of electronic documentation and endorsement for the import/export of live animals and products within and between the two countries.

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Investigate and report progress on harmonization of livestock trucker training programs in Canada and the US. Investigate proposed and instituted changes to livestock transportation in Canada and the US and obtain the OIE report/direction regarding livestock transportation in Canada and the US

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Urge the USDA to expedite the rule making process to restore access for Canadian sheep and goats, and work with the federal officials from Canada and the United States to achieve this goal.

# ACTION ITEMS

Make the cross border Livestock Health conference an annual event at the PNWER Annual Summit. Work with the 2010 host committee to begin to plan next year's event.

## BORDER ISSUES

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Develop a two track process for moving forward

Track 1: Future vision of a border that goes beyond security/trade trade off. Vision should incorporate principles of what a well governed 21st century border should look like.

Track 2: Practical steps

- Reestablish regional border council to provide regular input to US/Canadian officials
- Recommend to reform/abolish nuisance regulations (e.g. APHIS, Lacey Act)
- Work to simplify and clarify rules for business travel (e.g. Laptops)
- Recommend staff improvements e.g. Proper booth management during peak times

## INVASIVE SPECIES

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West Coast Governor's Agreement on Ocean Health Spartina Eradication Plan & Quagga Zebra Mussel Action Plan (QZAP): PNWER support for federal funding for these plans to obtain greater knowledge about them throughout the entire region.

Change the name of the committee to the 'Bio Security Committee'. Would promote greater interest. \*Up to the Executive Committee

Develop inspection protocols and procedures to allow reciprocity for inspection of boats

Need to engage the Bonneville Power Administration in the Invasive Species working group, we need to emphasize the direct impact to the invasive species in regards to Salmon and the introduction of Quagga mussels in the Columbia reach.

Contact the Western Governors association to get awareness in bordering states including Ohio, Nevada, and California...

Compile a list of Legislators that are active on invasive species issues

PNWER Letter to Executive Board for approval (committee emphasizes urgency to send the letter) to Secretary Salazar and Minister of Fisheries asking for 1).Enhanced enforcement of boat inspection 2) Improved state plans for managing invasive aquatic species. Encourage member legislators to send a similar letter

Begin to work on an economic analysis of the cost of an invasive species invasion in each PNWER state and province.

Support research on management of aquatic invasive species.

## INNOVATION

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PNWER encourages the regional University presidents to continue to utilize the annual summit as a forum to meet and discuss regional issues.

# ACTION ITEMS

## HOMELAND SECURITY/REGIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE

PNWER should explore with DHS and DOE the possibility of developing a course modeled on PNWER's Energy Legislative Institute to provide legislators with information on homeland security and disaster resilience.

Explore the development of an initiative to increase understanding of cross-border regional infrastructure interdependencies that can impact response/recovery and restoration associated with large-scale disasters.

## TOURISM

- PNWER will forward information regarding a regional 2010 Olympics partnership opportunity to member States.

- Develop an pilot partnership, and funding, with the Bi-national Tourism Alliance and PNWER to work on one or two projects of mutual interest

## TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The US and Canada are the largest trading partners in the world. PNWER celebrates this and promotes free trade as it will strengthen the economies of both nations

- PNWER endorses the congressional letter and encourages US PNWER members to write to their congressional delegation supporting the intent of this letter.

- PNWER encourages resistance to protectionist measures and retaliatory action because they are not good for the United States and Canada.

- PNWER encourages local/state/provincial/municipal governments to adopt open procurement policies within our region and between our two countries.

- PNWER staff will clarify, and distribute information, about the opportunity for PNWER to be a partner on US Stimulus funding grants.

## TRANSPORTATION

- PNWER extends its appreciation to the government of Canada and Cabinet for waving of a customs fee for the second Amtrak Cascades service to Vancouver. The new service scheduled to begin in August and continued through the Winter Olympics in will directly connect British Columbia and Oregon in the same

- PNWER and the Cascadia Center for Regional Development have formed an ad hoc advisory group of tourism, transportation and environmental leaders along the Cascades corridor to work directly with WSDOT, Amtrak and the Ministry of Transportation to help market the train to a wide regional and international audience through partnerships with the private sector. The goal is to ensure that the "pilot project" for the fee waiver is a success and the service will continue permanently without additional costs.

- The Transportation Working Group will also work with Border Working Group and the Olympics

# ACTION ITEMS

2010/Tourism Working Group to ensure that cost recovery issues for all modes of transportation are addressed by the proposed Border Coordination Council.

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PNWER Believes that restoration of intercity passenger rail service between Seattle and Denver could promote:

- o Economic Development and increased tourism to the recreation sites along the Columbia River and Rocky Mountain regions promoted by PNWER partners
- o Accessibility to rural areas that have seen reductions in intercity bus and air service
- o Promotion of Freight mobility and market access for farm products through joint investments in tracks for passenger and freight
- o Community safety through new federal and Class One RR investments in "Positive Train Control" GPS-based safety systems designed to prevent collisions and derailments
- o Reductions in greenhouse gas emissions through efficient intercity travel linked to regional local transit connections

PNWER Acknowledges a congressionally mandated feasibility study will be released in August 2009. The Working Group will consider the results of the study in regard to cost-effectiveness of service, ridership and opportunities for new operational business models using public private partnerships. In the meantime, PNWER will continue to gather information concerning community support

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PNWER supports renewed funding support for the Shikwuk Project in the successor legislation to the SAFETEA-LU to complete the following work

- o Rehabilitation from the effects of melting permafrost between Destruction Bay and the U.S.-Canada border near Beaver Creek
- o Rehabilitate the remaining 68 miles of the Haines Road
- o Rehabilitate 67 miles south of Destruction Bay

## WATER POLICY

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PNWER should explore the possibility of hosting a Columbia river treaty symposium for legislators and stakeholders to begin a dialogue to understand the issues and priorities of jurisdictions and stakeholders.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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Continue the development of a Northern Pipeline Coordinating Council, including information gathering on potential partners, scoping and members. The goal will be to hold an initial meeting at the 2009 Winter meeting

## ENERGY I

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PNWER should form Northern Pipeline Coordination Council – develop structure and scope for Winter Meeting

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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Distribute the Best Practices identified by the working group to the PNWER Member jurisdictions as recommendations for development and deployment.



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# PNWER PHOTOS FROM 2009



Boise 2009 Annual Summit Host Committee Members



PNWER Delegates with Montana Gov. Schweitzer



NWT Premier Floyd Roland with PNWER Delegates in Yellow Knife



Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall with PNWER Delegates



Idaho Gov. Butch Otter with BC Minister Naomi Yamamoto and Past PNWER President John van Dongen at the Boise Summit



PNWER Delegates meet with Canadian Minister of Indian Affairs & Northern Development Chuck Strahl



# 2009 PNWER PHOTOS



The Alberta delegation at the Boise Summit in July



Congressman Rick Larsen addresses participants during the PNWER Border Challenges meeting at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington DC. (also in photo, PNWER President Lesil McGuire and Canadian Minister Gary Lunn



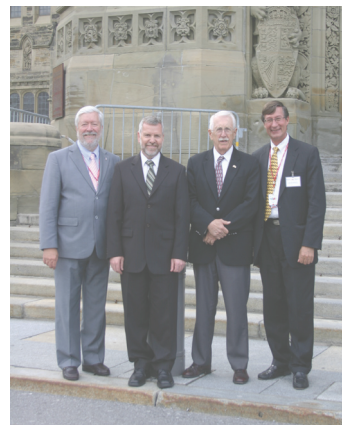
Past PNWER President John van Dongen with Canadian Minister of Natural Resources, Lisa Raitt



PNWER Delegates meet with Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer during recent visit to Helena.



Current and Past PNWER Presidents meet with Canadian Minister Gary Lunn in Ottawa



PNWER Officers in Ottawa



# ECONOMIC FACTS ABOUT SASKATCHEWAN



Saskatchewan is a leader amongst provinces for economic growth, having led the nation in the 2008 year and is on track to be in the front of the provinces for the 2009 and 2010 year. On average, the major private sector forecasters expect Saskatchewan will have the second highest growth rate in Canada in 2009 and 2010. For 2010, the major forecasters are expecting positive growth of 2.6%, on average, for Saskatchewan, slightly above the 2.3% national average.



Unlike many regions of Canada and the world, investment in Saskatchewan has not stopped in spite of the economic downturn. In 2008, capital investment in Saskatchewan increased by 19.8%, to \$14.0B, compared to 2007, with a projected increase of 1.0%, to a record level of \$14.2B in 2009. In the third quarter of 2009, investment in non-residential construction in Saskatchewan totalled \$391.2M, up by 27.6%, compared to \$306.6M in the third quarter of 2008. In the first nine months of 2009 investment in non-residential construction in Saskatchewan totalled \$1.1B, an increase of 29.1%, compared to the same period in 2008. This was the second-highest percentage increase among the provinces.



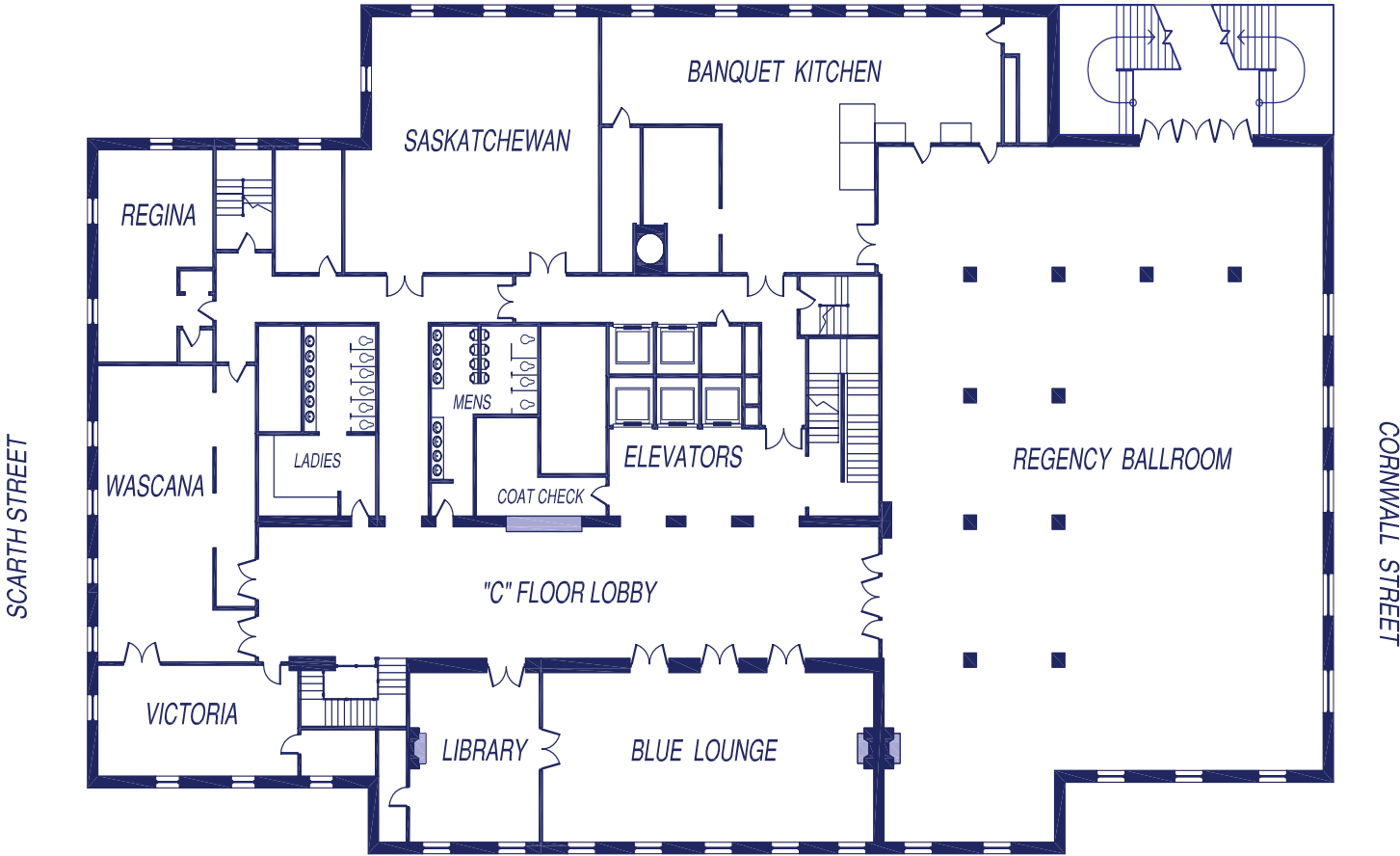
According to the second annual “Communities in Bloom: Canada’s Top Entrepreneurial Cities” list compiled by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), which was released recently, Saskatoon was number one of the most entrepreneurial cities in Canada. Out of the 96 Canadian cities in the study, of the top 10, five were from Saskatchewan.

(Source: Enterprise Saskatchewan)

# HOTEL & CITY MAP

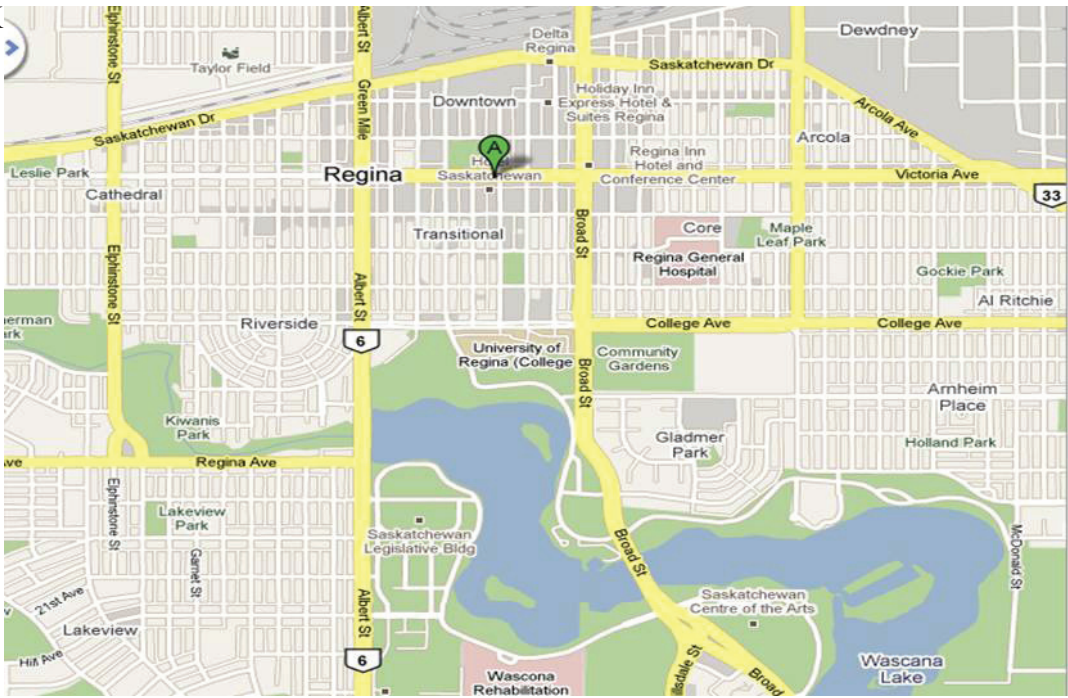
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PARLIAMENT VIEW



PARK VIEW (VICTORIA AVENUE)

Map of Regina, SK



# NOTES

# INFORMATION ON 2010 SUMMIT



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## Message from Honourable Ed Stelmach Premier of Alberta

I am pleased to invite you to attend next year's Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) Annual Summit in Calgary, Alberta from July 17-20, 2010.

The PNWER Annual Summit is a productive forum for promoting collaboration among its regional partners. Next year's meeting promises to be an exciting gathering of legislators, business leaders and policy experts. It will be an opportunity to explore key issues such as energy, environment and the related topics of climate change, agriculture and trade.

Energy will be particularly appropriate as Alberta is the energy capital of Canada, and a key energy supplier for North America. We look forward to offering site visits including a visit to the oil sands in Fort McMurray to demonstrate firsthand how this world-scale resource is being developed in an environmentally responsible way.

While with us, you can experience the world famous Calgary Stampede, take a short drive to Banff National Park in the spectacular Canadian Rockies or visit the world-renowned Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology in the nearby Alberta badlands.

I know you will enjoy the energy, culture and vitality of Calgary, and I look forward to seeing you at the 2010 PNWER Annual Summit.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ed Stelmach'.

Ed Stelmach

*July 16, 2009*



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# INFORMATION ON 2010 SUMMIT

## SAVE THE DATE 2010 PNWER Annual Summit Calgary, Alberta July 16-20, 2010



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