

ALBERTA CHAMBER OF RESOURCES

**2024
ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

MARCH 5, 2024

EDMONTON CONVENTION CENTRE
9797 JASPER AVE., EDMONTON, AB

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Date

05/03/2024

Time

10:30AM to 3:45PM

Annual General Meeting

11:00AM to 11:55PM

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- Report on the fiscal 2023 year and to seek approval for the fiscal 2024 budget and appointment of the Auditors
- Election of Officers and Board of Directors for 2024/2025/2026
- Update on organization's current strategic plan and committee work
- Overview and Outlook for 2024

Lunch

11:55PM to 1:00PM

Innovation in a Challenging Labour Market – Panel Discussion

1:00PM to 1:45PM

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- [Paul Taylor](#), Director, Business Development, EnviroTech Fire Systems Inc.
- [Bonnie Smith](#), Chair, CLR-A and Vice President of Human Resources, NCSG Crane & Heavy Haul
- [Alicia Planincic](#), Economist & Manager of Policy, Business Council of Alberta
- [Laura Jo Gunter](#), President, NAIT

A Discussion with Young Canadians for Resources

1:45PM to 2:30PM

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Young Canadians for Resources (YCR) inspires young Canadians to advocate for and participate in Canada's natural resource sectors. A panel of YCR representatives will bring their unique perspectives of the resource sector, the future of natural resources, and share what young professionals are looking for entering the workforce.

Moderated by: [Lynn Exner](#), Chief Operating Officer, Canada Action Coalition

Coffee Break

2:30PM to 2:45PM

Coordination of Water Resources and Needs in Alberta – Panel Discussion

2:45PM to 3:45PM

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- [Kim Sturgess](#), Chief Executive Officer, WaterSMART Solutions Ltd.
- [Randall Barrett](#), Executive Director, Regulatory Assurance North Region of the Environment and Protected Areas Department
- [Tamara Miyanaga](#), Reeve, Municipal District of Taber
- [Jason Krips](#), President and Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Forest Products Association

SPEAKERS



GORDON GILES

President, Alberta Chamber of Resources

Gordon Giles is a registered professional forester with 30 years of government and private sector experience. His almost 20 years with the Alberta government saw intense (and prolonged) involvement in the largest Canada/US trade litigation case – the softwood lumber dispute and rewarding (but less controversial) experiences in forest product market development and product innovation. He furthered that experience with 4 years at Alberta Innovates, focused on applied research toward non-traditional forest product innovation and market development primarily in Asia, with significant efforts in the field of nanomaterials.

For the last 6 years, he has enjoyed a rewarding and challenging position at Alberta Pacific Forest Industries. His role as Director, Corporate Development tasks him and his team with identifying opportunities for diversification and expansion, and then developing relationships to analyze, develop and pursue those potential opportunities.

He has been a member of the Alberta Chamber of Resources' Executive Committee since 2019 and President for the last 2 years. He begins his 2-year role as Past President following this AGM.

SPEAKERS



RANDY GEISLINGER

Treasurer, Alberta Chamber of Resources

Mr. Geislinger joined CIBC in 2005 and is responsible for managing the credit relationships for a portfolio of large corporate clients in the Oil & Gas and Power & Utilities sectors. Mr. Geislinger has been involved in advising clients on financing solutions and has been involved in credit transactions for a number of clients in the energy industry.

Prior to joining CIBC, Mr. Geislinger worked in finance and treasury roles for investment grade corporates in Canada and the US.

Mr. Geislinger has also been an Executive Board Member and Treasurer of the Alberta Chamber of Resources since February 2010. This non-profit organization consists of member companies active in the Western Canadian resource industry committed to the sustainable development of Alberta's resources.

Mr. Geislinger holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of Calgary, an MBA from the Ivey Business School, Western University, and is a CFA charterholder.

SPEAKERS



PAUL TAYLOR

Governance Committee, Chair, Alberta Chamber of Resources

Paul Taylor serves as the Director of Business Development at Envirotech Fire Systems, where his visionary leadership and strategic foresight have significantly contributed to the company's success in the fire safety and environmental technology sectors. A dedicated member of the Alberta Chamber of Resources since 2004, Paul has shown an unwavering commitment to the organization and its objectives. His election as a Board Director in 2016, followed by his appointment as the Chair of the Governance Committee in 2022, highlight his pivotal role in shaping the direction and policies of the ACR.

Boasting over two decades of leadership experience, Paul has made substantial contributions to the mining industry, collaborating with leading equipment manufacturers to enhance efficiency and sustainability. He holds a Master's degree in Business from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh.

Residing in Edmonton with his family, Paul is a passionate advocate for effective governance. Self-described as a "governance geek," he has furthered his expertise through the Non-Profit Governance Program offered by the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) and Rotman. His commitment to governance excellence mirrors his dedication to fostering ethical, sustainable, and effective leadership within both corporate and non-profit sectors.

SPEAKERS



SCOTT HIERATH

Executive Director, Alberta Chamber of Resources

With over 20 years experience in business/project development, government/stakeholder relations and public policy development, Scott is uniquely positioned to provide knowledge and expertise in a wide range of sectors. Scott recently served as Senior Advisor to Hon. Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy. Prior to this, he was employed for 10 years in the oil and gas sector with Enbridge Inc. in various positions including Public, Government and Aboriginal Affairs, Green Energy and Gas Pipelines & Processing, of which included a two-year secondment term from Enbridge to Alberta Energy, where he assisted the Government of Alberta on the Oil Market Diversification Strategy. Prior to his tenure in the energy sector, Scott was employed in the agri-business/agri-food industry as a Commodities Broker and a position in grain merchant/crop protection services. Scott also served as a Research Officer with the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, and as South Director for the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta.

Scott graduated from Montana State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics, and the University of Phoenix with a MBA in Accounting.

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LUNCH MENU

SALAD

- *Baby mixed greens with mandarin segments, grape tomatoes and cucumber medallions with herb vinaigrette (Vegan, Gluten-Free)*
- *Roasted vegetable velouté with butterbeans and kale (Vegetarian, Gluten-Free)*

LUNCH BUFFET

- *Teriyaki glazed BBQ chicken with scallions and sesame seeds (Gluten free)*
- *Fried rice with kimchi*
- *Stir fried egg noodles (Vegetarian)*
- *Fire roasted Chinese broccoli and green beans with black bean sauce and chili peppers (Vegan, gluten free)*

DESSERT

- *Valrhona dark chocolate mousse with raspberry confit, devil's food sponge and chocolate ganache*
- *Fruit Salad*

COFFEE AND TEA

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SPEAKERS



BONNIE SMITH

*Vice President, Human Resources, NCSG Crane & Heavy Haul
Board Chair, CLR-A*

Bonnie is very dedicated to ensuring a work place culture that employees are excited to come to and treats them fairly and respectfully. She's passionate about people's well-being and success by creating an environment that is fun, challenging and above all, safe.

Bonnie's 30 year career in senior HR roles with international companies such as Praetorian Construction Management, Aluma Systems/Brand Energy, In-Bev (Labatt Breweries), TIC Canada, and Alberta Health Services, has given her a breadth of experience in Canada, the US and Peru. She has gained a reputation as a take-charge change manager able to build consensus to drive corporate initiatives, including dynamic transformations and culture shifts during critical periods of change.

Bonnie holds a Human Resources Management Diploma from MacEwan University. She earned an Executive Masters of Business Administration from the University of Alberta School of Business. In 2004, she became a Certified Human Resource Professional.

Bonnie serves at the Board Chair for Construction Labour Relations Alberta.

SPEAKERS



ALICIA PANINCIC

Economist & Manager of Policy

Alicia Panincic is the Economist & Manager of Policy at the Business Council of Alberta. She regularly provides insight and analysis on the Albertan and Canadian economy, public finances, labour markets, equity and social mobility, and public policy. She leads BCA's regular economic analysis and outlook publications and work, including The Snapshot, and advocates for policies to make Alberta a better place. She brings a broad range of previous experience including leading projects in market research at Nielsen and teaching economics and business to young adults. She holds a BA in economics from Miami University and an MA in economics education from the University of Georgia. Thanks to this background, she is passionate about bringing data to life, and providing a fresh perspective.

Her philosophy of economics can be summed up in two parts: 1) economics is not about money, it is about people and should therefore be centred on individuals and human behaviour. And 2) the world is constantly changing; it's on us to continually update our knowledge, challenge our logic, and learn new ways of thinking. As someone who found her way to the province later in life, her goal is to ensure that Alberta is a place for everyone to dream, grow, and thrive—a place we can all proudly call home.

SPEAKERS



LAURA JO GUNTER

President, NAIT

Laura Jo Gunter became the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) President and CEO in August 2020 – bringing with her a wealth of knowledge in post-secondary education and an entrepreneurial mindset.

Laura Jo leads The NAIT Effect, a visionary institutional strategic plan focused on impacts to create a prosperous Alberta and thriving Albertans. The NAIT Effect aims to deliver meaningful careers, vibrant communities, and globally competitive industries through transformative polytechnic education.

Before joining NAIT, Laura Jo was the President and CEO of Bow Valley College, where she led the creation of the “Open Doors - Open Mind” strategic plan and expanded the college’s brand through global partnerships. She also pioneered Pivot-Ed, an artificial intelligent (AI) driven adult education platform. In Ontario, she served as the Senior Vice-President Academic for Simon Fraser University and later served Vice-President of Programming, Special Projects, and Industry Partnerships for the Vancouver Film School.

Beyond Laura Jo’s career, she has contributed to various educational and community-based organizations. She is currently serving on the Board of uDigit Systems. She was also a member of the Skills for Jobs Task Force and is currently a member of the Alberta Post-Secondary Network. Formerly, she served as a board member for the Interactive Ontario, North York Regional Hospital, New Media BC, and TELUS Spark. Laura Jo also holds a Bachelor of Journalism from Carleton University and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Queen’s University.

SPEAKERS



LYNN EXNER

Chief Operating Officer, Canada Action Coalition

Lynn is the Chief Operating Officer at Canada Action, a national advocacy organization for Canadian natural resource development. She is also a board member of the Indigenous Resource Network, and Chief Advisor to Young Canadians for Resources.



WILLIAM DIAZ-BERTHIAUME

Public Relations & Social Media Manager, Young Canadians for Resources

William is a public relations professional and social media manager with Young Canadians for Resources. Growing up in Laval, and having lived in Ottawa and Calgary, William understands the importance of strategic and localized resource advocacy. William is completing a Bachelor's Degree at the University of Calgary, studying political science.



ABIGAIL DALGLEISH

Sustainability Coordinator, Young Canadians for Resources

Abi Dalglish is a recent Chemistry graduate and now acts as the Sustainability Coordinator for YCR. She has a focus in environmental chemistry and is passionate about how chemistry is practiced in the renewable and nonrenewable energy sectors.

SPEAKERS



HUNTER WIGELIUS

Media Coordinator, Young Canadians for Resources

Hunter Wigelius graduated from Algonquin College for business and now works as the Media Coordinator for YCR, He has a passion for the energy industry and how we can have balanced and positive conversations in relation to Canadian energy



TAMARA MIYANAGA

Reeve, Municipal District of Taber

Tamara Miyanaga is the Reeve of the Municipal District of Taber. The District is located in southern Alberta along the Canadian Premier Food Corridor which boasts seventy diverse crops and world class agri-food processing. The success is based on innovative agriculture practices, irrigation, environmental stability, and transportation supply chains.

Tamara and her husband, Mark are part of a family owned and operated mixed irrigated crop farm with a focus on potatoes.

SPEAKERS



P. KIM STURGESS

Chief Executive Officer, WaterSMART Solutions Ltd.

Kim is the founder and CEO of WaterSMART Solutions Ltd. and has successfully led the organization since its inception in 2005. She is also the Executive Director of the not-for-profit Alberta WaterPortal Society, which provides education on key water issues in Alberta and around the world.

As the CEO of several technology based companies over her career, Kim has extensive experience in technology start-ups and technology management, as well as in oil and gas, pipelines, and industrial products and services. In addition to serving on the boards of her own companies, she has served on the boards of CCI Thermal Technologies, the Alberta Chamber of Resources, the Alberta Land Institute, the Alberta Water Council, the Calgary Airport Authority, the Council of Canadian Academies, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the National Research Council, APEGA, the Alberta Economic Development Authority, and Queen's University. She also served as President of the Canadian Academy of Engineering.

Kim graduated from Queen's University with a degree in Engineering Physics, and from Western University with a Master of Business Administration. In 2016, Kim received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from Queen's University, and in 2018 she received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Calgary.

In 2007, she was named as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women, and in 2012 she was named Business Woman of the Year in Calgary by Consumers Choice Awards. In 2015 she was awarded the SCI Canada Medal and was recognized by the Alberta Science and Technology Foundation for her Outstanding Contribution to the Alberta Science and Technology Community.

Kim has been recognized with the YWCA Women of Distinction award, the Global Woman of Vision award, the Distinguished Service Award and the Alumni Achievement Award from Queen's University, the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal and the Alberta Centennial Medal. In 2015, she was awarded the Order of Canada for her outstanding achievements, dedication to community, and service to the nation.

Kim continues to build on her lifelong passion for water to make water management a priority for corporations, interest groups and policy makers at home in Alberta, in Canada and in the world.

SPEAKERS



RANDALL BARRETT

*Executive Director, Regulatory Assurance, North Region,
Environment and Protected Areas Department*

Randall Barrett is the Executive Director of the Regulatory Assurance North Region of the Environment and Protected Areas Department. He is responsible for direction of approvals and compliance programs for environmental and water legislation for Northern Alberta. His region covers the Peace, Upper and Lower Athabasca and half of the North Saskatchewan Land Use Framework boundaries. His region is responsible for regulating water and environmental approvals for agriculture, diverse petro-chemical, power plants, other non-energy industrial development complexes, municipal drinking water and waste-water, and waste management facilities including the Designated Industrial Zone in Edmonton Capital Region and the Fort Saskatchewan area.

He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics from the University of Calgary and a Diploma in Meteorology from the University of Alberta. He has worked in the environmental field for over thirty years.

Randall joined the government of Alberta in 1993. During his career with the Government, he has worked on a number of air quality issues and oil sands development issues both as content expert and as an environmental manager. He has represented his Department on a variety of air management and policy related projects. He has led the air quality reviews of several regulatory Environmental Impact Assessment reports for major oil sands mines, up-graders and oil sands in situ proposals. He also represented Alberta Environment at hearings of the Energy Resource Conservation Board (now Alberta Energy Regulator), and Natural Resources Conservation Board, and Alberta Environmental Appeals Board. He assisted with the development of multi-stakeholder air shed monitoring programs including the Fort Air Partnership and the Lakeland and Industry Community Association, and the Cumulative Environmental Management Association.

SPEAKERS



JASON KRIPS

President and Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Forest Products Association

Jason Krips was hired as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Alberta Forest Products Association (AFPA), effective April 14, 2020. AFPA is the voice of Alberta's forest industry, representing companies manufacturing lumber, panelboard, pulp and paper, and secondary manufactured wood products in Alberta. Alberta's forest products industry and the AFPA work together to develop public awareness of the industry, fostering a greater understanding of the economic, environmental, and social values of Alberta's forests. As President & CEO, Jason is accountable to the AFPA Board of Directors for providing leadership and vision to all aspects of the AFPA and is responsible for achieving strategic, financial, policy, and operating objectives of the AFPA.

Previous roles for Jason include:

- Deputy Minister of Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism
- Deputy Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
- Deputy Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development
- Assistant Deputy Minister of International Relations at Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations; and
- Assistant Deputy Minister of Industry and Market Development at Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development.

A lawyer by profession with a focus in agriculture and land use, Jason has a strong and diverse background in the areas of issues management, leadership, stakeholder consultations, personnel management and team building. Jason is an avid runner, with his preferred distance being a half marathon.

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