



ALBERTA
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2023 RESOURCE FUTURES FORUM

June 21, 2023

SAIT, Calgary, AB

Agenda

JUNE 21, 2023

8:00AM TO 12:00PM

**SOUTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (SAIT)
MACDONALD HALL (HERITAGE HALL A),
1ST FLOOR, 1301-16 AVENUE NW,
CALGARY, AB**

8:00AM

INDUSTRY CONNECT

Enjoy breakfast, network and connect with your colleagues

9:00AM

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Gordon Giles, ACR President

9:10AM

SPEAKER SESSION

Kevin Birn, Global Head of Centre of Emissions Excellence
and Chief Analyst Canadian Oil Markets – S&P Global

- Commodity insights

9:50AM

SPEAKER SESSION

Mathew Steppan, Senior Strategy Advisor – Prairie Sky Strategy
Ben Thibault, Senior Strategy Advisor – Prairie Sky Strategy

- Political analysis post Alberta election

10:30AM

COFFEE & CONNECT BREAK

10:45AM

SPEAKER SESSION

Charles St-Arnaud, Chief Economist – Credit Union Central Alberta

- State of the Alberta economy

11:25AM

SPEAKER SESSION

Laurie Pushor, CEO – Alberta Energy Regulator

- AER update

11:45AM

CLOSING REMARKS

Partnerships

Connector Partner



Supporter Partner



Guest Speaker



Kevin Birn

**GLOBAL HEAD OF CENTRE OF
EMISSIONS EXCELLENCE
& CHIEF ANALYST
- CANADIAN OIL MARKETS,
S&P GLOBAL**

Kevin Birn is responsible for western Canadian oil market analysis, leading the Canadian Oil Sands Dialogue, and contributing to oil and

gas GHG emission accounting and estimation efforts at S&P Global Commodity Insights.

Kevin is Global Head of Centre of Emissions Excellence and Chief Analyst of Canadian Oil Markets at S&P Global Commodity Insights. He has authored numerous reports on GHG emissions through the hydrocarbon value chain and is a major contributor to GHG estimation strategy. As an established thought leader on the Canadian oil market, he serves as the chief analyst for the Canadian oil market within the crude oil market group. He is regularly called upon to brief senior industry and government officials on energy related GHG emissions and on the Canadian energy market. Kevin is currently a fellow at the Canadian Global Affairs Institute. Prior to joining S&P Global, Kevin was a Senior Economist with the Government of Canada and a Partner in a software firm.

Guest Speaker



Mathew Steppan

**SENIOR STRATEGY ADVISOR,
PRAIRIE SKY STRATEGY**

Mat Steppan has more than 20 years of experience in government, post-secondary and the non-profit sector. Over his career, Mat has established a successful record of building positive relationships with elected representatives, government officials, and their staff on both sides of the government relations table and across the political spectrum.

His ministry experience includes: Energy, Justice and Solicitor General, Municipal Affairs, Housing and Urban Affairs, Health, and Culture. This experience has taught him how policy decisions are tied to political leadership and how to adjust through political volatility to achieve results.

Mat is a member of the Canadian Society of Association Executives (CSAE) and earned the Certified Association Executive designation. Mat's non-profit experience includes navigating through budget constraints, advocating for policy and legislation changes and chairing committees.

Guest Speaker



Ben Thibault

**SENIOR STRATEGY ADVISOR,
PRAIRIE SKY STRATEGY**

Ben Thibault joined the team in 2021 as Senior Strategy Advisor where he will apply his expertise in renewable energy and environment, energy, climate and electricity policy to provide strategic policy analysis and

insights, government relations, and market intelligence advice to renewable energy and cleantech clients across Canada the US and overseas.

From 2016 to 2019, Ben served as a senior climate and electricity policy advisor to Alberta cabinet ministers and the Premier's Office. Ben also advised the Premier and cabinet ministers with respect to utilities regulations, governance issues and appointments.

Since 2019, Ben served as executive director of Solar Alberta — a non-profit devoted to public education around renewable energy. Ben recently co-authored an academic book chapter on Alberta's electricity transition, which awaits peer review and publication.

Guest Speaker



Charles St. Arnaud

**CHIEF ECONOMIST,
CREDIT UNION CENTRAL ALBERTA**

Charles St-Arnaud is an experienced FX Strategist and Economist with experience in sell-side, Central Banking and Government appointments. Charles combines expertise in macroeconomics, international economics, economic policy and financial markets with the ability to develop and disseminate innovative trade and investment strategies.

Guest Speaker



Laurie Pushor

**PRESIDENT AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
ALBERTA ENERGY REGULATOR**

Prior to joining the AER, Laurie Pushor served as Deputy Minister for the Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources from 2018 until 2020. He served as the Deputy Minister for the former Ministry of the Economy from 2014 to 2018, and served four years as Chief of Staff for several government departments in Saskatchewan, including Social Services, Energy, and Health.

Mr. Pushor's previous roles include Director of Recruitment and Admissions for the University of Saskatchewan. Prior to this, Mr. Pushor and his family spent three years in Nova Scotia where he played a similar role for St. Francis Xavier University.

In Edmonton, Mr. Pushor worked with the provincial government in a number of roles, including with the Ministry of Economic Development.

Mr. Pushor's private sector experience includes managing a consulting operation involved with marketing, public opinion research, and fundraising counsel.

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