



Honourable Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan set to Attend Second Annual East Coast Energy Conference

Exclusive insights from North American energy thought leaders to examine sector issues, challenges and opportunities June 14-15, 2016

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Saint John, NB, the Saint John Region Chamber is thrilled to announce that Premier Brad Wall of Saskatchewan will be delivering a keynote address in the port city.

The East Coast Energy Connection (ECEC) conference, taking place in Saint John from June 14-15, has emerged as one of the leading cross-border energy events. Connecting leaders and stakeholders in the energy sector from across Canada and the United States, the second annual event will be hosted by the Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce.

Premier Wall's platform has held a long-time focus on the oil and gas industry. His participation in the conference is highly anticipated, bringing with it years of positive leadership and proven experience that will provide attendees with valuable insight into the energy sector, economic development, and their link to prosperity.

"Saskatchewan has emphasized the importance in developing the energy and resource sector and the long-term sustainability it can provide," says David Duplisea, CEO of Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce. "We truly look forward to the key learnings Premier Wall can provide to continue to grow our energy sector."

Since being elected in 2007, representing the constituency of Swift Current, Premier Wall has become a passionate advocate for his province. His determination for economic growth, youth retention, healthcare and quality of life have earned continuous national praise.

Premier Wall is a strong defender of Saskatchewan's trade, specifically in the area of energy and agriculture. Saskatchewan has a vested interest in the cross-country Energy East pipeline, and the people working within the energy sector throughout the province.

"It is so pleasing to see East Coast Energy Connection grow and continue to attract such high calibre speakers. Each voice sparks inspiring discussion on growing our energy opportunities on the East Coast," says Claire Ryan, Saint John Region Chamber board member and ECEC chair.

Additional confirmed speakers and participants to date include: Right Honourable Gary Doer, Co-chair of the Canada Institute Advisory Board at the Wilson Centre, Former Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America & Former Premier of Manitoba; Ian Whitcomb, President, Irving Oil; Honourable Perrin Beatty, President & CEO, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce; Annette Verschuren, CEO, NRStor

Inc; John Soini, President, TransCanada Energy East; Gaéton Caron, Executive Fellow, University of Calgary, School of Public Policy; Matt Koch, Vice President, US Chamber of Commerce; Finn Poschmann, CEO, Atlantic Provinces Economic Council (APEC); Chris Huskilson, CEO, Emera Inc.; Alex Ferguson, VP, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP); Gaëtan Thomas, CEO, NB Power; Gary Smith, CEO, Newfoundland Power; Pierre Mullin, Global Head, Siemens Digital Grid; Charles Martin, Director, Edmundston Energy; Greg Crisp, General Manager, Business Development, Spectra Energy; Ray Ritcey, CEO, Maritimes Energy Association; Dr. Dhirendra Shukla, Chair, UNB Technology Management & Entrepreneurship Program; Ed McGinley, CEO, TechImpact; and Patrick Woodcock, Director of Energy, State of Maine.

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ECEC planning committee includes Atlantica Centre for Energy, Emera New Brunswick, Department of Energy and Mines, Irving Oil, Port Saint John, Enterprise Saint John, Saint John Industrial Parks, CAA (Atlantic), EY, Owens MacFayden, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP), NATIONAL Public Relations, Shred Guard and UNB Saint John College.

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