



Second Annual East Coast Energy Connection Conference Boasts International Roster of Energy Leaders in Port City

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

April 21, 2016 – Saint John, NB, The East Coast Energy Connection (ECEC), taking place in the Port City from June 14-15th, has emerged as one of the region's leading cross-border energy events. Connecting leaders and stakeholders in the energy sector from throughout Atlantic Canada and the North Eastern United States, the second annual event will be hosted by the Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Port Days.

"We are building on the success and connections made from last year," says David Duplisea, CEO of the Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce. "With our unique combination of energy assets including refining, generation, storage, distribution and transmission infrastructure, Saint John is the perfect place to connect energy leaders from throughout the region."

Port Saint John and the Saint John Regional Chamber have teamed up to present keynote speaker Gary Doer, former Canadian Ambassador to the US and current Co-Chair of the Canada Institute Advisory Board at the Wilson Center in Washington. The Canada Institute Advisory Board is a leadership group that will guide both the Institute and North America on key matters facing the Canada-US relationship.

Perrin Beatty, President & Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce will also be a keynote at the ECEC conference.

Port Days kicks off the event followed by ECEC which will continue the dialogue by driving important conversations about the energy future. "Given the continued globalization of the

energy sector and having access to a seaport gives our region an incredible competitive advantage." says Jim Quinn, CEO, Port Saint John. "It's only fitting that the Port and the Chamber work together and continue the dialogue around energy trends, and our region's role in the changing energy landscape."

Focusing on three central themes, the conference has created a unique forum for energy leaders and learners to connect, share their ideas and continue important conversations about the region's energy future. This year's themes are Energy & the Environment, Global Energy Markets, and Energy & Business, with each track asking interesting questions about the challenges and choices being faced today by the energy sector.

"The East Coast Energy Connection is an amazing example of the collaboration possible here on North America's East Coast," says Claire Ryan, Saint John Regional Chamber board member and ECEC chair.

“We’re thrilled to once again provide this opportunity for key leaders to come together and tackle the challenges and choices that face the energy sector in 2016 and beyond.”

Additional confirmed speakers and participants to date include: Annette Verschuren, CEO NRStore; Matt Koch, VP US Chamber of Commerce; Finn Poschman, CEO APEC; Chris Huskison, CEO Emera; Gaetan Thomas, CEO NBPower; Charles Martin, Director Edmundston Energy; Greg Crisp, General Manager, Business Development Spectra Energy; Ray Ritcey, CEO Maritimes Energy Association; Dr. Dhirendra Shukla, Dr. J. Herbert Smith/ACOA Chair, Technology Management & Entrepreneurship Program; and Ed McGinley, CEO Techimpact.

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The Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce is a nationally accredited business organization dedicated to fostering an economic climate that enhances growth, prosperity, and an improved quality of life in the community. With close to 1000 businesses, representing interests of 37,000 people, the chamber is a dynamic advocate and the principal voice for the business community of Greater Saint John/ It offers a variety of programs, activities, services, and networking opportunities designed to enhance the business prospects of members and the overall business climate of the area.

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