



13th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATORS FORUM (ILF)

Wednesday, June 26 - Friday, June 28, 2013

The Inn at the Forks

75 Forks Market Road

Winnipeg, MB R3C 0A2

Agenda

----- Wednesday, June 26th -----

Pre-Meeting Tour - **CentrePort**

1:30 p.m. Pre-Meeting Tour – CentrePort Canada, Inc.

[Bus Departs from the Inn at the Forks at 1:30 p.m. and returns at 4:00 p.m.](#)

Diane Gray, President and CEO of CentrePort Canada Inc.

ILF Steering Committee Meeting - **Inn at the Forks**

4:30 p.m. International Legislators Forum Steering Committee Meeting

Opening Reception - **Manitoba Hydro Headquarters**

6:30 p.m. Opening Reception – Manitoba Hydro (Headquarters Building)

[Bus departs from the Inn at the Forks at 6:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.](#)

Welcome – MB Steering Committee Members/Hosts and MB Hydro

- Manitoba Primer **Greg Salinger**
- Honourable **Peter Bjornson** (MLA-MB)
- **Dennis Smook** (MLA-MB)
- **Ken Adams**, Senior Vice-President/Power Supply, Manitoba Hydro

Tours, Networking and Socialization

[Bus returns to the Inn at the Forks at 8:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.](#)

----- Thursday, June 27th -----

Breakfast - **Inn at the Forks**

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

Special Guest/Spouses Program – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

[Bus departs from the Inn at the Forks at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.](#)

Plenary Sessions - **Inn at the Forks**

8:00 a.m. Opening – 2013 Legislators Forum

Welcome – MB Steering Committee Hosts

- Honourable **Peter Bjornson** (MLA-MB)
- **Dennis Smook** (MLA-MB)

Introductions

Meeting Process and Ground Rules

Agenda and Materials

Cross-Jurisdictional Interests - Presentations and Discussions

8:45 a.m. "The International Legislators Forum 101" – Background and History

Dr. Friesen will discuss the Legislators Forum, its history and accomplishments, and the governmental differences between the partner jurisdictions. It is intended to inform newer delegates regarding the Forum's history and work over the years and to remind longer-term delegates of the Forum's efforts and accomplishments.

Presentation:

"Never a Final Word: A History of Change in the Four Jurisdictions of the Red River Basin"

Dr. **Gerald Friesen**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Manitoba

Discussion:

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. "Cross-Border Trade - Agriculture" – Opportunities and Challenges

Mr. Traxinger and Mr. Dickson will offer their perspectives on current and proposed farm policies of their respective countries including updates and information on the Country of Origin Labeling regulations.

Presentations:

"US Federal Farm Bill and Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)"

Mike Traxinger, Legislative Director, South Dakota Farmers Union

"Canadian Farm Policy and COOL"

Andrew Dickson, General Manager, Manitoba Pork Council

Discussion:

11:45 a.m. Break

Luncheon - [Inn at the Forks](#)

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Welcome

Luncheon Address - **Paul Robson**, CEO, Canad Inns

Plenary Sessions (continued) - [Inn at the Forks](#)

Water Issues - Presentations and Discussions

1:15 p.m. "Water Availability" - Facts and Data

Mr. Ewens and Dr. Thorleifson will provide a foundational (facts and data) overview of the climate and supply information regarding the Red River Basin.

Presentations:

"Climate Change: Drought and Floods, the Future is Now"

Mark Ewens, Data Acquisition Program Manager, National Weather Services,
Grand Forks, ND

"Water Supplies and Sources"

Harvey Thorleifson, Ph.D., Director, Minnesota Geological Survey

Discussion:

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. “Water Availability” – Approaches, Alternatives and Options

Mr. Yohe, Dr. McDougal and Mr. Lanning will offer information and ideas regarding the current laws and regulations concerning water appropriation; current activities; and potential, long-term, basin-wide approaches.

Presentations:

“Water Apportionment - Jurisdictional Approaches”

Lance Yohe, Executive Director, Red River Basin Commission

“Water Soft Paths: An Innovative Community Approach to Managing Water Availability”

Rhonda McDougal, Ph.D., Director, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship

“Existing and Future Options for Collaboration on Water Apportionment”

Morrie Lanning

Discussion:

4:30 p.m. Break

Reception and Dinner – Jane’s – Red River Community College

Bus departs from the Inn at the Forks at 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Reception (Group Photo)

6:30 p.m. Welcome and Program

The Honourable **Peter Bjornson** (MLA-MB)

Remarks:

Timothy L. Cipullo - Consul & Principal Officer, U.S. Consulate, Winnipeg

Recognitions:

- MLA **Mavis Taillieu** (MB)
- Representative **Morrie Lanning** (MN)
- Senator/Representative **Paul Dennert** (SD)

7:15 p.m. Dinner

8:15 p.m. Tour and Networking - Enjoy!!

Bus Returns to Inn at the Forks at 9:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

----- Friday, June 28th -----

Legislators Breakfast - Inn at the Forks

7:00 a.m. Legislators (Only) Breakfast (Note: Breakfast will be provided to presenters, sponsors and staff in a separate location)

Plenary Sessions (continued) - Inn at the Forks

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Comments

Energy Issues- Presentations and Discussions

8:40 a.m. “Electricity – The Regional Picture “ – Compatibility and Challenges

Mr. Wojczynski and Representative Beard will present a regional overview of the electrical energy picture (generation, supply, and transmission) and a review of the current regulatory structure (compatibility and challenges).

Presentations:

“Hydro Development and the US Midwest – Manitoba Electricity Trade”

Ed Wojczynski, Division Manager, Manitoba Hydro

“Electricity: The Regional Picture: A Policy Maker’s Perspective”

Representative **Michael Beard (R/MN)**

Discussion:

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. “Energy Booms” – Impact, Management, and Best Practices

A look at the impacts of energy booms from the community perspective including the innovative approaches being developed and utilized to address the challenges in a collaborative manner, on a county-by-county level by the Vision West North Dakota project.

Presentation:

“Vision West North Dakota”

Mark Resner, Vision West ND Consortium Chair

Discussion:

From the Floor

11:15 a.m. Recommendations and Conclusions

12:15 p.m. Closing Comments and Box Lunches

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

- **2014 in Minnesota** (June 25-27, 2014)
Steering Committee Meeting (September 14, 2013 – Fargo. ND)

Safe travels and thank you, everyone!!