

9th Annual National Energy Roundtable Conference

SOCO BALLROOM, DELTA HOTEL, 75 LOWER SIMCOE ST., TORONTO
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

MC **Jason Langrish**, President, The Energy Roundtable

7:45am **Registration and breakfast**

8:30am **Opening remarks**

8:35am **Keynote address**

9:00am **Panel discussion: Market renewal and transformation – will it deliver?**

Lost in the myriad of programmes, tax credits and production subsidies to advance the energy transition are discussions on market renewal, reform and transformation. At its core, market renewal and reform are fundamental to creating more efficient and dynamic markets to achieve the energy trilemma of reliability, affordability and sustainability. Reforms are happening across the country. The Market Renewal Program (MRP) in Ontario seeks to deliver lower cost, more efficient markets, while Alberta is proposing reforms to its electricity sector and an ambitious timeline for implementation. The Government of Québec is seeking to legalize direct electricity sales between private parties. The panel will discuss if market renewal and transformation initiatives will be sufficient to meet our energy needs.

9:40am **Panel discussion: Innovative energy infrastructure**

The energy infrastructure sector is uniquely positioned to leverage sustainable opportunities that can lower carbon emissions for the sector, its customers and the broader economy. From technological innovations such as carbon capture, renewable power, AI or efficiency improvements, companies are exploring a multitude of options while keeping their eyes on returns on capital. The appetite for sustainable energy options continues to increase and the sector is well positioned to widen its service offering toward low-carbon initiatives given the low cost of capital, existing infrastructure and development experience. The panel will discuss approaches to infrastructure investment to achieve net zero goals and trends for the sector.

10:20am **Networking break**

10:45am **Panel discussion: Business strategy in a time of policy uncertainty**

The Trudeau Liberal government's carbon tax may get rolled back or eliminated completely after the next election. Another climate policy, the CER – or Clean Electricity Regulations - which mandates a net zero grid by 2035 has also been controversial and may be in the cross hairs of the federal Conservative Party. In the US, Donald Trump and the Republican Party has made no secret of their dislike for the Inflation Reduction Act and its generous subsidies for energy transition investments in areas such as hydrogen and EVs. Should Trump win in November and the IRA is rolled back or eliminated, what would this mean for Canada's investments (and subsidies) for the EV supply chain in Canada? The panel will discuss how strategic decision making by business proceeds in a time of policy uncertainty and the systems and technologies that are likely to emerge regardless of the volatility.

11:30am **Canada's nuclear opportunity**

Canada is uniquely positioned to be a major player in a global nuclear energy renaissance. Whether it is reducing emissions by 2030 or reaching net zero by 2050, nuclear power will need to play a bigger role in the Canadian and global energy mix of the future. Refurbishments and new builds are either underway or have been announced. Several provinces are exploring bringing SMRs to their province. Last year, Canada and Romania signed a \$3-billion export development deal Tuesday that will see two new nuclear reactors built in the eastern European country. The panel will review these developments and discuss the implications for Canada's nuclear industry domestically and abroad.

12:10pm **Networking lunch with the Provincial Energy Minister discussion (at 1:00 pm)**

A discussion regarding energy trends, challenges, and opportunities from a provincial energy minister perspective.

1:45pm **Keynote address**

2:15pm **President & Chief Executive panel discussion**

A discussion regarding energy trends, challenges, and opportunities from a chief executive perspective, including the impact of investor demands on business models.

3:00pm **Networking break**

- 3:15pm** **Panel discussion: Energy and industrial competitiveness**
Canada and its trading partners are locked in an intense competition to draw high value manufacturing and services to their jurisdictions. These global investors typically have a mandate to source their energy and electricity inputs from non-emitting sources. Panelists will examine the role of energy market design, supporting infrastructure and technological innovations in creating a competitive, innovative ecosystem for industrial consumers and investments.
- 3:55pm** **Fireside chat: Indigenous ownership - the tide that lifts all boats?**
- 4:20pm** **Panel discussion: Canada as a global energy power**
For years Canada has sought to position itself as an energy superpower but has continually fell short. This is set to change in 2024. The \$35 billion Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion is finally done, increasing tidewater access for Canadian oil by almost 900,000 barrels a day. Up next is LNG Canada, a \$40 billion megaproject to export LNG off Canada's west coast and reset the landscape for Canada's oil and gas sector by opening the country's ability to export energy to the world. Nuclear is back. The Canadian government has agreed to provide C\$3bn in export finance to a Romanian nuclear energy company, in a deal backing the construction of two new CANDU reactors in the Eastern European country. While Canada has exported up to \$5 billion annually in electricity to the United States, in 2023 for the first time in eight years, Canada imported more electricity from the United States than it exported, as prolonged dry conditions reduced hydroelectric power generation. The panel will examine Canada's role on the global energy landscape and the opportunities to turn its energy wealth into a global asset.
- 5:00pm** **Close**
- 5:15pm** **Networking Reception in SOCO Ballroom foyer (ends at 7:00pm)**