



## AGENDA

[Best Western Plus Mirage Hotel & Resort](#) (click for link)  
9616 Highway 58 N, High Level, Alberta  
T0H 1Z0 Canada

Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
8:00AM – 5:00PM  
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- 8:00AM    REDI / PREDA – Concurrent Annual General Meetings – Members Only**
- 8:30AM    Registration Opens / Networking
- 9:00AM    Welcome / Greetings – Federal, Provincial, Municipal Leaders of the REDI Region  
Purpose of the North to Alaska Symposium  
Carolyn Kolebaba – Chair, Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau
- Oh Canada! – The Building of a Nation**
- 10:00AM    Our Commodities – What? How Much? Who are the buyers? How do we transport?  
**Industry Panel - Production, Exports, Transport**  
Oil&Gas, Forestry, and Agriculture are the economic drivers of Northern Alberta.  
Representing the major stakeholders in each industry, a collection of presenters will educate the audience on how much is produced, where the products come from, who their buyers are, and how they transport their products.
- 11:30AM    (Lunch) **The Impact of Politics on Commodity Movement**  
**Glen Hodgson - Senior Fellow - Conference Board of Canada – Confirmed!**  
NAFTA. Keystone. Northern Gateway. Railway Rights. Tariffs. Trade Missions.  
Collectively the power of policy, politics, and international relations can make or break efforts to sell, move products, and negotiate business relationships. This presentation will identify the barriers and opportunities that emerge.
- 12:30PM    **A Vision for the North – The Multi-Purpose Railway**  
**Matt Vickers - Generating for Seven Generations Railway Corp. (G7G) – Confirmed!**  
The original railroads were nation building; this one will be nation changing!  
Mr. Vickers will present the viability of an extended Alaskan railway to “unlock the bottleneck for transporting Canadian oil, minerals and other commodities to offshore markets”.  
**Aboriginal Leadership Panel – Confirmed!**  
G7G has diligently communicated with the leadership of Canadian First Nations and Alaskan Tribes along the proposed railway route. Members of the Aboriginal Alliance Shareholders will provide their perspective of the project.





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- 2:00PM      Refreshment Break – Suggested Conversation: How Can We Make It Happen?
  
- 2:30PM      **The Port of Valdez – Open for Business!**  
**Jeremy Talbott – Ports & Harbor Director- Confirmed!**  
 Valdez, Alaska is an ice-free port with the best access to Alaska's interior as well as to the United States Pacific Northwest, Northern Canada, and Pacific Rim trade routes. It is the southern terminus of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline (TAPS). Supertankers navigate the deep, ice-free waters of Valdez Arm each day, handling more than 1.5 million barrels of crude oil. The City of Valdez is open for business and very keen on creating opportunities to work with Northern Alberta!
  
- 3:15PM      **Transportation in Alaska**  
**Hon. Marc Luiken – Commissioner to Alaska Governor Bill Walker – Confirmed!**  
 Marc Luiken serves as the Commissioner for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. Under his direction, the department is responsible for the planning, design and construction, as well as the maintenance and operation of Alaska's transportation system, public buildings and facilities.
  
- 4:00PM      **Key Note Speaker - Bringing Great Visions to Reality**  
**The Hon. Preston Manning - Founder of the Reform Party of Canada – Confirmed!**  
 Preston Manning tirelessly championed the cause of democratic and political reform throughout his impressive career as one of Canada's great visionaries. His presentation provides a dynamic and substantive discussion of both current issues and an outlook for the future, all imbued with a surprising dose of humor that you might not expect from a politician. A reformer at heart, Mr. Manning is right at home challenging the status quo and conventional thinking.
  
- 4:45PM      Symposium Wrap-up - Next Steps  
 Lisa Wardley – Chair – Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI)  
 Elaine Garrow – Chair – Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA)  
 Carolyn Kolebaba – Chair, Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau (NTAB)

