

2015 State of the Federation Canadian Federalism and Infrastructure



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

*June 4-6, 2015
Donald Gordon Conference Centre
421 Union Street
Kingston, Ontario*

Thursday, June 4th

18:30 – 21:00

REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION

Friday, June 5th

08:00– 09:00

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

09:00 – 09:15

**Opening
Remarks:**

Welcoming words, John R. Allan, Institute of Intergovernmental Relations,
Queen's University

09:15 – 10:30

Session 1:

Infrastructure: History and Problems

Chair:

Jim Eldridge (Interim Deputy Minister, Federal-Provincial and International
Relations, Government of Manitoba)

Panellists:

Herb Emery (University of Calgary)
A Brief History of Infrastructure in Canada, 1870-2015

Chris McNally and (Canadian Construction Association)
The Canadian Infrastructure Report Card

10:30 – 10:45

BREAK

10:45 – 12:00

Session 2:

Infrastructure and Jurisdiction

Chair:

Craig McFadyen (Assistant Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Affairs, Cabinet
Office, Government of Ontario)

Panellists:

Enid Slack and Richard Bird (University of Toronto)
Financing Regional Public Transit in Ontario

Robin Boadway (Queen's University) and Harry Kitchen (Trent University),
A Fiscal-Federalism Framework for Financing Infrastructure

12:00 – 12:45

LUNCH

12:45 – 13:15

Keynote

Pamela Blais, (Metropole Consultants)
Distorted Infrastructure: The Role of (Mis)Pricing

13:30 – 14:45

Session 3:

Decision Processes for Infrastructure

Chair:

Yazmine Laroche (Associate Deputy Minister, Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, Canada)

Panellists:

Matti Siemiatycki (University of Toronto)
Infrastructure Decision Making and Cost Containment

Jacques Caron (Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor)
Infrastructure Investment Decision Process in Quebec

Grant Hopcroft (former London municipal councillor and official)
The Plight of Cities

14:45 – 15:00

BREAK

15:00 – 16:15

Session 4:

Innovations in Funding

Chair:

Karen Maxwell (Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Development, Employment and Infrastructure)

Panellists:

Kyle Hanniman (Queen's University)
The Political Economy of Public-Private Partnerships

Michael Fenn (Board Director, OMERS, and former Ontario Deputy Minister)
Recycling Public Assets: An Idea Whose Time Has Come?

Scott Clark (President of C.S, Clark Consulting and former federal Deputy Minister of Finance)
Time to get over our Deficit Phobia

16:15 – 16:30

BREAK

16:30

Kenneth MacGregor Lecture

Dr. José Gomez-Ibanez (Harvard University)
Public-Private Partnerships in Infrastructure: Some Lessons Learned

Reception to follow

18:30

Cash Bar

19:15

CONFERENCE DINNER

Saturday, June 6th

07:45 – 08:30

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

08:30 – 10:00

Session 5: *Infrastructure Investment and First Nations*

Chair: Josée Bergeron (Direction de la réflexion stratégique, SAIC, Quebec)

Panellists: Thomas J. Courchene (Queen’s University)
Aboriginal Nationals/Canadian Citizens: Toward a New Institutional and Governance Infrastructure for Canada’s First Nations

Greg Richard (Fiscal Realities Economists)
Aboriginal Resource Tax — Closing the Infrastructure Gap

10:00 – 10:15

BREAK

10:15 – 11:45

Session 6: *Comparative Experience*

Chair: Christian Leuprecht (Royal Military College and Queen’s University)

Panellists: Martin Horak (Western University), and Gabriel Eidelman
(University of Toronto)
Transportation Infrastructure: The U.S. Experience

Christopher Stoney (Carleton University)
*The Federal Role in Addressing Canada’s Infrastructure Crisis:
Lessons from the Australian Experience*

11:45 – Noon

Closing Remarks

Noon

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