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           LUNCH