

SPEAKERS FOR THE 2017 ALBERTA CLIMATE SUMMIT



Dan Balaban
President and CEO, Greengate Power

Dan is the Founder, President and CEO of Greengate Power Corporation, a leading Calgary based wind energy project developer. Greengate's vision is to be Canada's largest pure-play producer of clean energy. Prior to starting up Greengate, Dan was the Founder, President and CEO of Roughneck.ca Inc., a leading provider of software solutions to the Canadian oil & gas industry. He is a member of the boards of the Pembina Institute and the Independent Power Producers Society of Alberta. Dan is also a member of the Entrepreneurs' Organization and is a founding member of the Alberta Clean Electricity Coalition.



Desmond Bull
Councillor, Louis Bull Tribe of the Maskwacis Nation

Desmond G. Bull, elected councillor for the Louis Bull Tribe of the Maskwacis nation, began his second term in office in April 2016. As a first nation member, elected official, and an environmental steward, he researched and developed the initiative for the Maskwacis nation PV system. He was appointed to the Alberta Energy Efficiency Advisory Panel this past summer, and voted to the Alberta Solar Energy Society in December 2016. Desmond is currently working towards the completion of their next proposal for the rest of their public buildings with goals of creating a solar array to assist their membership with their electrical needs.



Mark Cameron
Executive Director, Canadians for Clean Prosperity

Originally from British Columbia, Mark Cameron lives in Ottawa and has worked in public policy roles in government, business and consulting for over 20 years. He has worked in several MPs and ministers offices, including working in the Office of the Prime Minister as Director of Policy and Research and Senior Policy Advisor from 2006 to 2009. He has also worked for Ontario Power Generation, BlackBerry, and as a consultant on energy and environmental issues. Mark has long been engaged in the environmental policy debate in Canada, and serves on the advisory board of the Pembina Institute and the steering committee of Sustainable Prosperity.



Diana Cartright

Climate Technology Centre & Network, Natural Resources Canada

Diana Cartwright is the Canadian liaison, or “National Designated Entity”, with the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN). A consultant and policy advisor since 1994, she has worked at Natural Resources Canada in the Energy and Environment Policy Division for almost three years, since returning from five years of teaching at the Dalian University of Finance and Economics in northeastern China. Prior to 2009, Diana worked on eco-labelling and water issues at Environment Canada, following her consultancy at the Delphi Group. There, among other projects, she managed The EXCEL Partnership, an interactive peer group of environmental business leaders in Canada.



Kate Chisholm

Senior Vice President, Legal and External Relations, Capital Power

Kate Chisholm has been the Senior Vice President, Legal and External Relations since July 2009 and played an instrumental role in Capital Power’s restructuring and Initial Public Offering that led to the company’s creation. Kate leads Capital Power’s legal, regulatory and compliance, environmental policy, government relations and external affairs teams. She has personally led significant and successful commercial negotiations, managed high stakes litigation and overseen important public policy influence strategies for Capital Power. Prior to Capital Power, Kate served as EPCOR’s Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary from 2004 to 2009.



Laura Chutny

Managing Partner, Process Ecology

Laura brings more than 27 years of experience in process engineering and chemical engineering research. Laura has a diverse experience in upstream and downstream oil & gas, chemical and polymer industries. She joined Process Ecology in 2008 where she specializes in air emissions estimation, reporting and reductions. Laura is a Chemical Engineer from the University of Alberta and holds an M.Eng. degree from the University of Delaware.

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Monica Curtis

Chief Executive Officer, Energy Efficiency Alberta

Monica Curtis was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Energy Efficiency Alberta in March 2017. As CEO, she is charged with leading the design and implementation of energy efficiency, energy conservation, and small scale renewable energy programs and services. Monica has designed, delivered, marketed, and measured energy efficiency programs since 1991. Her career in energy efficiency began with Edmonton Power (currently EPCOR) and SaskPower. Most recently, she served as the Executive Vice President Strategic Development and Energy Finance Solutions with WECC, a mission based nonprofit based in Madison, Wisconsin.



Mike Dixon

Chief Technology Officer, Canada WaterNEXT Innovations Inc.

Dr. Mike Dixon is a global expert in desalination and water treatment technology working across Australia, North America, the Middle East, the Caribbean, and Asia. Currently as Chief Technology Officer of WaterNEXT (Western Canada's water business accelerator), Mike's responsibilities include technology assessment and intake assessment. Mike is also a Senior Technical Advisor, and on the founding team, of MIT start-up Sandymount Technologies, a company innovating reducing transport costs in brewing. With a PhD in Chemical Engineering from Adelaide University and business training from Stanford University, he has more than 60 publications in international journals and books.



Tom Eckman

Senior Advisor, Northwest Power and Conservation Council

Tom Eckman is the former Director of the Power Division of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council and while retired, still serves as a Senior Advisor to the organization. Tom is a nationally recognized expert in integrated resource planning and energy efficiency with nearly 40 years of experience. Tom represents the Council in federal efficiency standards proceedings and negotiation. Mr. Eckman chaired the Council's Regional Technical Forum from its formation in 1999 through 2015. In 2015 the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance's recognized Mr. Eckman with its first Lifetime Achievement in Energy Efficiency Award, naming the award in his honor.

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Andres Filella
Métis Nation of Alberta

Andres Filella is a chemical engineering graduate with a background in education, environmental risk management, and energy and sustainability. Andres joined the Métis Nation of Alberta in early 2017, and is leading the MNA's Climate Change Action Plan. Currently, his team is exploring opportunities in energy efficiency and installing a solar project at MNA facilities. While Andres sees big challenges in the fight against climate change, he also believes there is room for indigenous communities and individuals to reap significant benefits such as reduced energy costs, new jobs and businesses, and environmental and health benefits.



Graham Gilchrist
Biological Carbon Canada

Graham Gilchrist is a professional agrologist with over 25 years of experience serving the needs of rural Alberta. Graham grew up near Writing-On-Stone and has roots in the ranching community of southern Alberta. He joined the Alberta civil service in 1988 and has served rural Alberta as a District Agriculturalist, Farm Management Specialist, and as the Province's Assistant Farmers' Advocate and Assistant Property Rights Advocate. Graham is now principal of Gilchrist Consulting. Graham recently received a three year appointment to Alberta's Municipal Government Board and also serves as the start-up CEO of the non-profit society Biological Carbon Canada.



Colleen Giroux-Schmidt
Senior Director, Governmental and Regulatory Affairs, Innergex
Renewable Energy Inc.

Colleen Giroux-Schmidt brings over a decade and a half of experience in Canadian resource development with an extensive knowledge of the renewable energy sector. At Innergex, her focus is on working with various stakeholders including all levels of government, First Nations, and communities to increase renewable energy opportunities to help the jurisdictions Innergex works in meet their climate change goals. Until recently, Colleen served as Chair of the Board of Directors for Clean Energy BC (CEBC), where she has helped support the growth of British Columbia's clean energy industry.

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Pamela Goertzen

Senior Director, Marketing and Stakeholder Relations, Summerhill

Pamela Goertzen has been developing and managing energy efficiency and social change programs in Alberta for the past 15 years. She recently joined Summerhill as the Senior Director of Marketing and Stakeholder Relations and has been directly involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of Energy Efficiency Alberta's Residential Retail Products Program. Pamela developed her energy efficiency and demand side management expertise while she was a Program Manager with Climate Change Central (C3), an Alberta based not-for-profit that delivered energy efficiency programs for the Province of Alberta and numerous municipalities and companies across the province.



Gary Hart

Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, AltaLink

For more than 30 years, Gary Hart has held a variety of senior positions in the energy industry across Canada, most recently as Managing Director for Berkshire Hathaway Energy Canada. Gary started his career with TransAlta and moved through a number of roles of increasing responsibility. As Director of Business Development for Western Canada, Gary developed two Alberta cogeneration projects before moving to Ontario, when he was VP of Operations, Eastern Canada for TransAlta Limited Partnership. Gary has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan.

Karen Haugen-Kozyra

President, Viresco Solutions

Karen Haugen-Kozyra has over 20 years of experience in agricultural greenhouse gas measurement and modeling and climate change/environmental policy development –spanning her tenure at the provincial Department of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD), Climate Change Central and now in the private sector. During her tenure at ARD, Karen was part of the cross-governmental team who developed Alberta's Bioenergy Policy Framework. In 2007, Karen was seconded to Climate Change Central. There, Karen led the implementation of the necessary market processes, infrastructure and tools needed to get the Alberta Carbon Offset Market off the ground.

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Jackson Hegland

Executive Director of the Methane Emissions Leadership Alliance

Jackson Hegland is the Executive Director of the Methane Emissions Leadership Alliance (MELA), an industry organization composed of methane reduction technology and service providers from throughout Canada and the U.S. He is also the president of Modern West Advisory, a consulting firm committed to working with corporations, government, and solution providers to build effective climate change mitigation strategies. Jackson previously spent nine years at ARC Resources building their climate change and sustainability strategies. He graduated from Princeton University with a degree in Environmental Economics.



Jamie Houssian

Principal, Elemental Energy

Jamie Houssian is responsible for discovering new business and investment opportunities and setting the strategic direction of Elemental Energy. Jamie has been in the renewable energy business since 2009 and has worked for Elemental Energy performing a variety of roles since 2010. Prior to that, he worked at Chrysalix Energy Venture Capital. His first career was in the film business, where he was President and Co-Founder of The Collective Films, an award-winning documentary and commercial film production company. Jamie has a MBA from the University of British Columbia and a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara.



Deborah Jaremko

Editor, JWN

Deborah Jaremko leads oilsands editorial content for JWN. She was the founding editor of Oilsands Review magazine in 2006 and continues to guide JWN's coverage of this key market space in the new Daily Oil Bulletin Oilsands Review, in addition to managing daily oil and gas news as editor of jwnenergy.com. Deborah is also founding editor of the Journal of the Canadian Heavy Oil Association and the Alberta government's Oil Sands Industry Quarterly Update. She joined JWN in 2003 following graduation from the Bachelor of Applied Communications in Journalism program at Mount Royal College.

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Dan Lafferty
Relight Solutions

Dan Lafferty started Relight Solutions in 2013 to accelerate the adoption of green technologies focusing on the benefits of energy efficiencies on an organization's bottom line. Relight has completed energy efficiency upgrades with 25 of Canada's largest companies and has offices in Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver. Before Relight, Dan has assisted two energy efficiency organizations grow to become market leaders. Dan is a board member of the Alberta Energy Efficiency Alliance, a member of the BC Hydro Power Smart Alliance Advisory Council, and an advisor with the Peter Thomson Centre for Venture Development.



Gianna Manes
President & CEO, ENMAX Corporation

Gianna Manes has nearly three decades of experience in the energy industry. She spent the first part of her career in the gas pipeline business in Houston, Texas before transitioning to the electricity industry. Gianna has experience in a number of electricity markets across the United States, Europe and Alberta. Before joining ENMAX, Gianna served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer for Duke Energy. Gianna earned a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering from Louisiana State University, a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Houston, and completed the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program.



George Marshall
Co-Founder, Climate Outreach

George Marshall and the organization he co-founded, Climate Outreach, are leading specialists in climate communications. His work spans the political spectrum and seeks to break down boundaries of culture, class and politics to find values and language we all share. He is a lead advisor to European governments and counts the World Bank, United Nations, World Wildlife Fund and all major British political parties among his clients. His book, Don't Even Think About It, is widely regarded as one of the most important books published on climate change communications.

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Heather Milton-Lightening
Indigenous Climate Action Network

Heather Milton-Lightening is a Treaty Four rights and title holder from Pasqua First Nation. Heather has over 20 years of organizing experience from building organizations to direct action in support of frontline community defense. Heather has travelled the world through participation in various United Nations arenas, World Social Forums, international social movement work, and as a Youth Advisor for UNEP. Heather currently resides in her home territory of Treaty Four where she is a Steering Committee member and resource person for the Indigenous Climate Action.



Glen Murray
Executive Director, Pembina Institute

Glen is the executive director of the Pembina Institute. Prior to joining the Institute, Glen was an Ontario cabinet minister, and oversaw several portfolios, including Environment and Climate Change. In his role as environment minister, Glen led the development and implementation of the cap-and-trade system, and extended producer responsibility in Ontario. His work was foundational to the creation of the Quebec-Ontario-California carbon market. Glen has held a number of leadership roles, including serving as mayor of Winnipeg from 1998-2004. He also served as chair of the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy, under Prime Ministers Harper and Martin.



Doug Ndegwa
Spartan Controls

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Chris Neme

Co-Founder and Principal of Energy Futures Group

Chris Neme is a Co-Founder and Principal of Energy Futures Group. He specializes in the design, implementation and evaluation of energy efficiency policies and programs. Over his 20+ years in the energy efficiency industry, Chris has worked for regulators, other government agencies, advocates and utilities in more than 30 different states, several Canadian provinces and several European countries. Chris has testified as an expert witness before regulatory commissions in the United States and Canada and provided policy and technical support to multi-year utility-stakeholder collaborative processes in various Midwestern, Mid-Atlantic, New England and Canadian states and provinces.



Shannon Phillips

MLA, Lethbridge-West and Minister of Environment and Parks

Shannon Phillips represents the southern Alberta riding of Lethbridge-West. Ms. Phillips is the Minister of Environment and Parks and the Minister Responsible for the Climate Change Office. Previously, she also served as the Minister for the Status of Women. Since taking office, Ms. Phillips has led the government's Climate Leadership Plan which is designed to diversify the economy, create new jobs and improve Alberta's health. Raised in Edmonton, Ms. Phillips graduated with honours from the University of Alberta with a Master of Arts Degree in political science.



Jean-Sébastien (J-S) Rioux

University of Calgary, School of Public Policy

J-S Rioux holds a Ph.D. in political science and joined the School of Public Policy (University of Calgary) in September 2012. Among other courses, he is the co-founder of the Calgary-Québec Summer School on the Geopolitics of Energy and Natural Resources, an annual national graduate-level course offered with Université Laval in Québec City focussing on the important energy, environment, and natural resource policy issues of the day. From 2006 to 2008, he was the late Jim Prentice's Chief of Staff in Ottawa during the first Harper government.

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Matt Rogers
Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company

Matt Rogers is a Senior Partner in McKinsey & Company's San Francisco location. He focuses on the role technology and innovation play in restructuring markets, especially in oil, gas, power, and other energy and industrial companies. Matt has spent more than 25 years serving energy and clients globally. He currently leads the firm's oil and gas practice in the Americas. He has written and spoken extensively on oil, gas, power, and resource markets around the world. Currently his work focuses on North American unconventional resources, restructuring US power markets, and how technology is reshaping operational efficiency in oil, gas, and power.



David Runnalls
Board President, Pembina Institute

David Runnalls is a Distinguished Fellow of IISD and of the Centre for International Governance Innovation. He is also acting director of Sustainable Prosperity and visiting professor of Geography at the University of Ottawa. He served as President of IISD for 11 years before stepping down in 2010. He is a member of the Advisory Council for Export Development Canada; a member of the Council for Sustainable Development Technology Canada; and a member of the Committee for the Business Network for Sustainability. He also serves on the Shell Sustainability Report External Review Committee.



Gillian Steward
Journalist, Toronto Star

Gillian Steward is a Calgary-based journalist who has been writing about Alberta since Peter Lougheed was premier. She currently writes a regular column for the Toronto Star and teaches journalism at Mount Royal University. She was the managing editor at The Calgary Herald from 1987 to 1990, and the publisher/editor of Alberta Views Magazine 2006/2007. Ms. Steward was the 2014/15 Atkinson Fellow in Public Policy, an annual fellowship awarded to a journalist by the Atkinson Foundation. With the fellowship she researched the public policy drivers of oil sands development in Alberta for a series of articles published in the Toronto Star.

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Danielle Smith

former MLA, Calgary radio host, NewsTalk 770

As a University of Calgary graduate with degrees in Economics and English, Danielle has had a lifelong interest in Alberta public policy and finding the right balance between free enterprise and individual rights, and the role of government. Danielle's public policy experience began with an internship at the Fraser Institute. She was also elected as a trustee for the Calgary board of education and served as director of the Alberta Property Rights Initiative, and the Canadian Property Rights Research Institute. Most recently she was a Member of the Legislative Assembly for Highwood, leader of the Official Opposition, and leader of the Wildrose Party.



Samantha Smith

Director, Just Transition Centre

Sam Smith is the director of the Just Transition Centre, working for zero carbon, zero poverty and a just transition for workers, jobs, and communities. The Centre is a new initiative established by the International Trade Union Confederation, the European Trade Union Confederation, and partners. Previously Sam was the global climate and energy leader for WWF, the world's largest conservation organization. She headed up WWF's global team in the negotiation of the 2015 Paris Agreement. Sam has also held senior roles within the New Energy division of Statoil in Norway, leading teams on carbon trading and managing project finance and government relations.



Henri Tessier

Operations Manager, Calscan Solutions

Henri Tessier is the Operations Manager for Calscan Solutions. Calscan is an innovative Alberta-based instrumentation and control company serving the oil and gas industry. They have developed products to reliably measure and reduce air emissions, including a vent gas meter that can measure and digitally log vented gas from pneumatic devices, surface casing vents and compressor seals; plus a solar electric system that offers zero emission technology for replacing pneumatic control devices that vent methane gas into the atmosphere at well sites.

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Nia Williams

Senior Energy Reporter, Reuters

Nia Williams is a senior energy reporter with Reuters in Calgary and covers all aspects of the Canadian crude market, with particular focus on the oil sands. She writes stories on energy producers, their projects, pipelines and politics, environmental issues and Canadian crude pricing. Her reporting on the energy sector has taken her across western Canada and she works closely with Reuters colleagues across North America, Europe and Asia to build a global perspective on commodity flows. Before moving to Calgary four years ago she was an FX reporter with Reuters in London.



Ethan Zindler

Head of Americas and Policy, Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF)

Ethan Zindler is Head of Americas and Policy at Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF), the definitive source of insight, data and news on the transformation of the energy sector. Based in Washington, Zindler serves as BNEF's primary spokesperson in North America, and has testified multiple times on clean energy issues before Congressional committees, and the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Zindler is a Senior Associate (Non-Resident) at the Center for Strategic & International Studies Energy and National Security Program. He holds an MBA from Columbia Business School and a BA from Georgetown University.
