



ENERGY BUSINESS FORUM

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Keynote Speakers



Lord Conrad Black | Financier, Author and Columnist

Conrad Black is a financier and author and columnist in a large number of publications in Canada, the US, and the UK, including the National Post and National Review Online (New York). He is the author of biographies of Maurice Duplessis, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Richard M. Nixon, a strategic history of the United States (Flight of the Eagle), and Rise to Greatness, the History of Canada from the Vikings to the Present. His most recent book is a collection of his columns and essays titled Backward Glances, just published by Random House-McClelland & Stewart. He was the publisher of the London (UK) Telegraph newspapers and Spectator from 1987 to 2004, and controlled many other newspapers including the Chicago Sun-Times, the Jerusalem Post and the National Post, which he founded. He is honorary chairman of Conrad Black Capital Corporation and has been a member of the British House of Lords as Lord Black of Crossharbour since 2001, and is a Knight of the Holy See.



Sonya Savage | Alberta's Energy Minister, MLA for Calgary North-West

Minister Savage was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on April 16, 2019, as the MLA for Calgary-North West. A life-long Albertan, Savage has been a strong voice championing pipelines for years. Earning a Master of Laws in Environment and Energy, she practiced law for 13 years before taking a job as an advocate for the oil and gas industry. After working 9 years at Enbridge, she accepted a role as the Sr. Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs at the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA) in 2015. She has handled the pipeline industry's large policy files, including regulatory reform, Indigenous reconciliation, legal, environment and climate change. Sonya Savage was appointed as Alberta's Energy Minister on April 30, 2019. Relying on her extensive background in the industry, and spending the last 12 years fighting for pipelines and the energy sector, Savage will continue her work to promote and develop Alberta's oil and gas wealth and deliver on getting pipelines built.



Panel Speakers



Farhan Al-Farhan P. Eng., M.Eng. | Country Manager & Director, KUFPEC Canada Inc. [Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company]

Farhan Al-Farhan was appointed Country Manager of KUFPEC Canada Inc. on December 1, 2018. Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (“KUFPEC”), the international upstream subsidiary of State-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (“KPC”).

Prior to his appointment at KUFPEC Canada Inc., Farhan Al-Farhan was the Team Leader – Asset Management at the KUFPEC Head Office. Farhan Al-Farhan was stationed in the Norway Area Office based in Stavanger during 2014-2016, where he gained extensive operational experience in the UK and the Norwegian Continental shelves.

In KUFPEC, Farhan Al-Farhan has had worldwide experience in countries such as but not limited to Norway (Offshore), U.K., Australia (LNG), Kuwait, PNZ, Pakistan, Egypt, Yemen (Basement Reservoirs), and Canada (Unconventional).

Prior to KUFPEC, Farhan Al-Farhan worked in Schlumberger Oilfield Eastern Limited (2006-2012), and specifically in the Data & Consulting Services departments holding various technical, training, and leadership roles which lead to working on a variety of projects and fields from around the world.

Farhan Al-Farhan holds a Bachelors and Masters of Science in Petroleum & Natural Gas Engineering from Penn State University. Farhan Al-Farhan has authored and co-authored numerous technical papers presented to SPE and JPSE



Mark Fitzgerald, P.Eng., MBA | President & Chief Executive Officer, Petronas Energy Canada Ltd.

Mark was appointed President and CEO in November 2016. Previously he held the role of Senior Vice President, Production & Development. He has more than 29 years of experience in the oil and gas industry, and has held senior executive roles in production, development, operations, strategy and corporate development. His background includes time with large, integrated producers across North America as well as the junior oil and gas sector in western Canada. Mark is on the Board of Directors at the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service (STARS). He is also a founding Board member for Classroom Champions, and previously sat on the Board for the

Edge School Foundation, a unique learning community where students can pursue academic excellence while striving to reach their full athletic potential.



Dr. Lesley Rigg | Dean and Professor, Faculty of Science, University of Calgary

Dr. Lesley Rigg is an internationally recognized scholar with over 25 years of experience working in postsecondary education.

Lesley is a forest ecologist, earning a bachelor's degree in geography and environmental studies from York University in Toronto, a master's degree in geography from the University of Colorado and a doctorate degree in geography and environmental studies from the University of Melbourne in Australia.

Before coming to the University of Calgary in 2015, she was vice-president for research and innovation partnerships at Northern Illinois University (NIU). During her time at NIU, Lesley had been Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Affairs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Professor in the Department of Geography, a faculty associate in the Department of Biological Sciences and an active faculty associate in Women's Studies.

A running theme in her research and teaching has been inclusivity. At NIU she won awards for both teaching and the promotion of women on campus.

Currently, Lesley sits on Boards for Trout Unlimited Canada and the international Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences as a director. She is the first Dean from a Canadian post-secondary institution to serve in that capacity. The Council serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among deans representing liberal arts and sciences at a policy-making level.

Earlier this year, Lesley was recognized as SHEInnovator by SHEInnovates Alberta, the first Canadian chapter of the UN Women's Global Innovation Coalition for Change.

In taking on her second term as dean for the Faculty of Science, she is excited to see where the Faculty of Science will grow under her leadership.



Joy Romero | VP Technology & Innovation- Canadian Natural Resources Limited & Chair of the Clean Resource Innovation Network (CRIN)

Joy Romero, P.Eng, MBA PM, ICD.D, FCAE Vice President Technology & Innovation, Canadian Natural Resources Limited. Joy has worked in steel, iron ore, coal and oil and gas. She joined Canadian Natural in 2001 to develop the Horizon Oil Sands Project. She has served as a School Trustee, Chair of the Governing Council of Athabasca University, and advisor to several NSERC chairs. Joy is currently Chair of the Clean Resource Innovation Network and Vice Chair of the Petroleum Technology Alliance of Canada as well as past Board Chair of Canada's Oil Sands Alliance. She is a member of the Business Leaders Advisory Council for Athabasca University and the Faculty of Science Dean's Circle for the University of Calgary. Joy is an inductee of the Canadian Petroleum Hall of Fame and a past member of the Science, Technology & Innovation Council for Canada.



Susannah Pierce | Director External Relations, LNG Canada

Susannah Pierce is Director of Corporate Affairs, LNG Canada – A joint venture of Shell, Petronas, Mitsubishi, PetroChina and Kogas. Susannah joined LNG Canada in 2013 and over 6 years has been responsible for the project's federal and provincial regulatory approvals, indigenous relations and negotiations, government relations, media relations, community consultation and communications. Her leadership underpinned LNG Canada's Final Investment Decision in October 2018, the largest private sector investment in Canadian history.

Prior to her role in LNG Canada, Susannah held several high-level senior management positions within Shell as well as Director, Government Affairs for TransCanada Pipelines based in Washington, DC and New York City.

Susannah serves on the Board of Directors of the following non-profit organizations: The Vancouver Police Foundation, The BCBC Board of Governors, The Fraser Institute and The Canadian Global Affairs Institute. Susannah lives in Vancouver with her two children, Robert and Gabriela.



Mac Van Wielingen | Founder and Partner, Arc Financial

Mac Van Wielingen has been called “Calgary’s corporate radical” for his progressive thinking and unique grasp of corporate leadership, strategy and governance. Mac’s knowledge and expertise is the product of over 35 years in the financial and energy sectors. He is a Founder, Director (1989 - 2018), and Partner (Present) of ARC Financial Corp. ARC Financial is the largest private equity investment management company in Canada focused on the energy sector with approximately \$6 billion of capital under management. He joined the Alberta Investment Management Corporation (AIMCo) as an original director in 2007 and was the Chair of the Board (2014-2017). AIMCo manages over \$100 billion on behalf of The Province of Alberta. Mac is also a founding partner of the Creative Destructive Lab (CDL), and the Vice Chair and founding member of the Business Council of Alberta (BCA).

Mac is the Founder and former Chair (1996-2016) of ARC Resources Ltd., a leading Canadian oil and gas company with a current market capitalization of approximately \$5 billion. In 2015 and 2016, while Mac was Chairman of the Board, ARC Resources was ranked #1 in Brendan Wood International’s Shareholder Confidence Index in the Energy and Power Group, and was selected as the TopGun Board of the Year. ARC Resources remains recognized as a top Board, ranking among the top 1% of 1400 companies surveyed globally by Brendan Wood International in 2017.

In 2012, Mac co-founded the Canadian Centre for Advanced Leadership (CCAL) at the Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary, where he continues to serve as Chair of the External Advisory Group. His lifelong passion for learning and sharing keeps him actively involved in speaking engagements, writing pursuits and community events, with the goal of advancing positive change among directors and business leaders.

Currently, he is founder and Chairman of Viewpoint Group, a private family-owned group of companies which includes Viewpoint Foundation through which the Van Wielingen family have invested in over 100 charitable organization since 2001, and Viewpoint Investment Partners, an investment management company offering a foundational global investment alternative for private wealth owners and institutional investors. Viewpoint Group also includes a research center, Viewpoint Research Partners, established in 2010 to explore the challenges around long-term business success, and the reconceptualization of the role of the board in business leadership.



Robert Louie | Westbank First Nation

Robert Louie, LL.B, OC, Hon. Dr LL.B is the former Chief (24 years) of the Westbank First Nation (which is Self Governing), and has served on numerous Boards, Companies and Special Appointments with Government and private industry for over 30 years. He has extensive experience in real estate development and finance matters and has focused primarily on working for First Nations on land matters throughout Canada.

Robert is the Chairman of the First Nations Lands Advisory Board (28 years) and has been instrumental in getting First Nations into incremental self governance. Robert is also the Chairman/Director of Peace Hills Trust, which is the largest aboriginal financial institution in Canada. Robert is the Indigenous advisor representing Canada on the World Indigenous Business Forum and networks with other leaders promoting Indigenous economic development and world trade. Robert sits as a Board Member with the BC Achievement Foundation and is on the Executive Committee. Robert is a Founding Director and is a shareholder in the Public Company – Decisive Dividends (DE) on TSX Venture and is also the Indigenous Managing Director for Dunhill Group of Companies which is involved in

construction and energy power projects. Most recently, Robert is a Founding Partner in Indigenous World Finance LLP and is Chairman and Director of Indigenous Bloom Corp.

Robert is a former practicing lawyer who specialized in native law and was a summer Law Instructor at the University of Saskatchewan. He is also a former elected member of the B.C. First Nations Summit Task Group and was involved in B.C. Treaty negotiations representing First Nations.

Some of the other numerous boards and special appointments Robert has been active in include: Board of Governor member with UBC; President's Advisory Council member with UBC-Okanagan; Board Director on the National Aboriginal Economic Development Board; President of First Nations Finance Authority Inc.; Board Director with All Nations Trust Co; one of a nine member Premier's Advisory Council with the Premier of B.C.; Board Director on the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce; Board Director and founding member with the Kelowna United Native Friendship Society.

Robert has been the recipient of many awards and distinguished presentations including: Officer of the Order of Canada; Honorary Doctor of Laws from the Justice Institute of B.C.; Lifetime B.C. Achievement Award Aboriginal Business; Distinguished Alumni Business Administration, Okanagan College; Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal; Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership from Aboriginal Financial Officers Association & Xerox Canada; Business Person of the Year, Westbank Chamber of Commerce; President's Award, Westbank Chamber of Commerce; Recipient of Commemorative Medal for 125th Anniversary of Canada; B.C. Academic Scholarship Award.

Robert is the owner/proprietor of Indigenous World Winery, Indigenous World Spirits and Kelowna West Manufactured Home Park.



Dave Tuccaro | Entrepreneur, President/CEO - Tuccaro Group of Companies

Dave is a member of the Mikisew Cree First Nation in Fort Chipewyan and is the president and CEO of seven successful companies.

Dave’s personal commitment and the purpose of these companies is to “Create opportunities for aboriginal people at every level of education and every level of employment.”

The foundation for these businesses began in the OilSands region of Fort McMurray a quarter century ago. Although Dave’s businesses are now spread throughout Western Canada, Neegan Development Corporation Ltd., NTS Ltd., Tuc’s Contracting, WPS Ltd., Re-stock and Tuccaro Property Services

form the core of Dave’s businesses and are based out of the Fort McMurray area.

Dave is very active in the aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities. Dave is also the founder of the Northeastern Aboriginal Business Association, which features over 100-member companies with combined revenues of over \$1 billion. A member of the National Task Force on Oil Sands Strategies and the National Aboriginal Financing Task Force, Dave also served as Chair of the Aboriginal Business Canada Market Expansion Group. He has sat on the Board of the Regional Health Authority as well as the Alberta Chamber of Resources. As Board Chair of Indspire, an Indigenous-led registered charity that invests in the education of Indigenous people, Dave is helping to set strategic direction for the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards and deepen the organization’s support of K-12 education and Indigenous teachers across Canada.

In 2013 Dave was named Resource Person of the Year by ACR President David Middleton. The award recognizes leaders who exemplify the best of Alberta, who stand apart as having furthered the orderly and responsible development of the province's resources in a particularly significant and lasting manner, and who serve as a model and inspiration so that others might work as hard and to such high standards of excellence as to help preserve the reputation and enable the full potential of Alberta's resource industry. Dave is the 30th person to receive the prestigious award since it was created in 1977.

In recognition for Dave’s hard work and commitment to education across the country, he’s received 2 honorary doctorates. On June 11, 2016 an honorary Doctor of Laws was conferred on Dave from Athabasca University in recognition of his business leadership and his dedication to enriching the lives of indigenous people. In November 2017 Dave received an Honourary Doctorate in Technology from the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

In November 2017 the Oilsands Banquet presented Dave with their newly formed Builders of Wood Buffalo Award.



Chief Wallace Fox | Onion Lake First Nation

Chief Wallace Fox was first elected into politics at 21 years of age then elected as chief at 25; his leadership reined over 30 yrs. He presented at the United Nations, on behalf of Treaty 6 people's both in Geneva and New York, on numerous occasions.

While in office he gained experience in business, and governance, strived to create economic, financial independence for OLCN, while practicing Cree traditional ceremonies (Teachings from wise traditional knowledge keepers). He traveled on economic trade missions to many countries, including, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Germany, and England. He developed first gas coop in North America, utilizing our natural gas. He negotiated 200 million dollar SAGD with Black Pearl. He worked for Nevada Agency & Trust in the USA in 2000. He sat on the board for the Center of Excellence, Saskatchewan.

He has extensive experience with Provincial and Federal Government processes, and has established a large network of First Nations, Government and Business contacts within North America. He worked on and won on the Bill C27 court case, where the Federal Government took Onion Lake Cree nation to Federal court. He is the past Chairman for Indian Resource Council, which has 134 representatives from producing oil & gas FNs from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario

Moderators



Céline Gerson | President, Schlumberger Canada

Céline Gerson brings over 20 years' experience in the energy industry with both entrepreneurial companies and Fortune 500 organizations. She is recognized for her focus on crafting and implementing disruptive strategies and for her unique blend of international business, global P&L management, legal and deep knowledge of trade and logistics experience.

She is also passionate about mentoring startup companies with cutting edge technologies for the energy industry.

She was appointed as President of Schlumberger Canada Ltd in January 2018 where she is responsible for the oversight and strategic growth of all Schlumberger product lines. Ms. Gerson joined Schlumberger via the acquisition of Cameron International where she most recently held the position of Vice President of Measurement Systems in which she assumed full P&L responsibility to drive growth for the global business that designs and manufactures leading edge measurement, quality, and control instrumentation and systems for the energy, nuclear and military applications.

Earlier in her career, Céline also held the position of VP and Chief Compliance Officer for Cameron International and NATCO Group, global roles reporting to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors where she transformed the company's compliance culture by



creating and driving the first worldwide “Compliance Awareness Week” program recognized as “best in class.” She also advised on strategic and tactical action plans to address emerging external and internal critical risks, including cyber security.

Gerson holds a Bachelor’s Degree from the European University in Brussels; a Juris Doctor from the University of Houston and is licensed to practice law in Texas, as well as a Harvard Business School Alumni. She is also a certified mediator and speaks four languages. She has served on numerous boards of non-profit organizations and currently sits on the boards of Energy Safety Canada, the Petroleum Technology Alliance Canada (PTAC) and the Canadian Society for Unconventional Resources (CSUR). She is a member of the Schulich Industry Advisory Council at the University of Calgary and the Director of Marketing for the 69th Canadian Energy Executive Association. She is actively involved with promoting and mentoring women and is an Advisory Board member of Schlumberger’s Connect Women Network. She regularly speaks at conferences around the world.



Gordon Pettigrew | Governor of Energy Innovation, Canadian Energy Executive Association

Gordon Pettigrew is an experienced executive who has lead high growth service businesses the aviation, power generation and oil and gas industries. Passionate about the interface of business and innovation, Gordon has provided advisory and consulting services to start ups and large multinationals.



Michael Binnion | President, CEO, Questerre Energy

Michael Binnion is the President and CEO and founding shareholder of Questerre Energy, established in November 2000. Questerre is a public oil and gas production company with operations in Alberta, Quebec, Saskatchewan and Jordan. He has been a leader in the campaign for hydrocarbons in Quebec as Chairman of the Quebec Oil & Gas Association.

Mr. Binnion is a seasoned entrepreneur with a history of starting, financing and managing companies and not-for-profits. He has extensive experience as a board member for several high-tech companies in Canada. Additionally, he is the Executive Director of Rupert's Crossing Ltd., a private merchant banking firm.

He is also Chairman of both High Arctic Energy Services and the Manning Foundation. Most recently he founded the Modern Miracle Network, an organization of Canadians wanting adult conversations including the benefits and not just the impacts of energy use.

A fifth-generation Albertan born in Calgary, Mr. Binnion is not only passionate about entrepreneurship but also a community-minded individual concerned with the prospects for future generations of Canadians. He is the founder and chairman of the Lesley Binnion Foundation for Disabled Sports, helping hundreds of kids and families make the extraordinary achievement of learning to ski a reality.

Mr. Binnion has published a peer reviewed geological paper in Marine and Petroleum Geology as well as two climate policy papers in Policy Options.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce with a major in Finance from the University of Alberta and is a Fellow of the Chartered Accountants of Alberta.



Stephen Buffalo | President & CEO, Indian Resource Council of Canada

Mr. Buffalo is a proud member of the Samson Cree Nation. He graduated secondary school from Athol Murray College at Notre Dame, Saskatchewan. Mr. Buffalo holds a B.A. from Medicine Hat College and B.M. from University of Lethbridge. He worked for Peace Hills Trust for 15 years, most recently as the Regional Manager for Southern Alberta. Mr. Buffalo sits on a numerous boards including being the first ever Indigenous Governor for the Canadian Energy Executive Association, Samson Management 2009 Ltd., University of Calgary ReDevelop Initiative, St. Mary's University, Calgary, and is the Vice President of the Notre Dame Hounds, National Alumni. Mr. Buffalo is traditionally and culturally connected. He is an avid golfer and enjoys dedicating his free time to coaching hockey.

Award Tributes

Rafi Tahmazian | Senior Portfolio Manager & Director

Rafi G. Tahmazian has more than 28 years of oil & gas, energy banking and investment management experience. He is currently a Director and Senior Portfolio Manager with Canoe Financial. Prior to Canoe, Rafi spent 13 years at First Energy Capital, a leading investment dealer that focuses on the energy industry. He left the firm in 2008 as Vice Chairman and Managing Director. He is currently on the board of directors for Artis Exploration Ltd, Aureus Energy Services Inc., and Well Ventures Corp.

Rafi graduated from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.

Rafi manages the Canoe Energy Portfolio Class, Canoe Energy Income Portfolio Class, and the Canoe Energy Alpha Fund.

Chris Potter | Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Peters & Co. Limited

Education: B. Comm., University of Calgary, 1994; Chartered Financial Analyst, 1999.

Experience: In the investment banking business with Peters & Co. Limited since 1994.

Past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation (and a current Board member since 2008); Named one of "Alberta's 50 Most Influential People for 2014"; A 2007 recipient of Canada's