



WCR&HCA Infrastructure Forum 2011
An Invitation

The **Western Canada Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association (WCR&HCA)** invites you to its annual **Infrastructure Forum**, taking place commencing at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at the **St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort, Dana Point, South Laguna Beach, California**, during the March 19-23, 2011 WCR&HCA Conference.

The **WCR&HCA Infrastructure Forum** is *the* place to benefit from presentations with follow up question and answer sessions on topics of national, regional and international significance.

We begin the *Forum* with **National Perspective and Overview** presentations from the Canadian Construction Association (CCA). **Dee Miller**, Chair of the CCA will provide an overview of the CCA's activities, challenges and priorities.

The National Gold Seal Program and the value it provides the construction industry will be the topic addresses by **John Schubert, M.B.A., P. G.S.C.**, Chair of the National Gold Seal Committee.

Rounding out the national reports will be **Bill Ferreira, B.A.**, CCA Director Government Relations who will overview the activities and achievement of the Civil Infrastructure Council.

Perspectives on Sustainably Funding Canada's Municipal Infrastructure is the focus of the second half of the *Forum*. Moderated by **Chris Lorenc, B.A., LL.B.**, President of the MHCA & WCR&HCA, the panel will address the subject under the following general topic areas:

- *"Financing, Funding and Delivery of Urban Infrastructure"* - **Dr. Roger Gibbins**, President & CEO, Canada West Foundation (CWF) - (20-25 minutes). Prior to assuming the leadership of the CWF in 1998, Roger was a professor of political science at the University of Calgary, where he started his academic career in 1973 and served as department head from 1987 to 1996. Roger has authored, co-authored or edited 22 books and more than 140 articles and book chapters, most dealing with western Canadian themes and issues.
- *"Roles, responsibilities of Government in funding municipal infrastructure"* – **Dr. Enid Slack**, University of Toronto - (20-25 minutes). Dr. Enid Slack is one of Canada's foremost experts in municipal finance having worked in this field for in excess of 25 years. She is nationally and internationally respected for her research in these and related areas of municipal finance.
- *"Funding Municipalities - municipal perspectives"* – **Michael Buda**, Director of Policy and Research at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) - (20-25 minutes). Mr. Buda joined FCM 6 years ago as the New Deal for Cities and Communities was launched in Budget 2005, after several years of dialogue and debate over the role municipalities play in meeting national priorities. He has worked since then at making the cities and communities agenda real and transformative for municipalities, other orders of government and citizens and businesses. Mike believes that working through and with FCM's vast network of almost 2000 member municipalities and stakeholders, is the best way to achieve our collective interest in strengthening local government.
- *'Sustained funding considerations – an industry perspective'* – **Michael Atkinson**, President of the Canadian Construction Association (CCA) – (20-25 minutes). Michael Atkinson has been President of the Canadian Construction Association (CCA) since March of 1993. He is a member of the Construction Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association, the Law Society of Upper

Canada, the International Builders' Exchange Executives, the Industrial Security Advisory Board, the Joint Federal Government-Industry Real Property Advisory Council, and the Canadian Society of Association Executives.

- Question & Answer (5-20 minutes)

WCR&HCA and Provincial Reports

The WCR&HCA speaks to national policy, and its four roadbuilder & heavy construction association members address provincial and industry relevant areas of interest. Learn more about western Canada from their individual reports distributed as part of your convention material on their respective activities.

The Opportunity

Listen to subject matter experts and engage them both during the program and informally after. Learn what your industry associations are doing to grow our nation!

Attend the ***WCR&HCA Infrastructure Forum 2011!***

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RWalls', written in a cursive style.

Roger Walls, Chair,
Western Canada Roadbuilders &
Heavy Construction Association (WCR&HCA)