



The Association of Canadian Port Authorities Annual Conference

September 17-19, 2024 | Port Alberni, BC

Program subject to change without notice.

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Event Registration Opens

Best Western Barclay Hotel Lobby
4277 Stamp Ave, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7X8

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Welcome Reception

West Coast River Lodge
7379 Rincon Rd, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 9E9

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

7:00 am - 3:00 pm

Event Registration

Alberni Hall Foyer
3727 Roger St, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 8J4

7:30 am - 8:45 am

Breakfast

Alberni Hall – Session Room

9:00 am - 9:30 am

Opening

Alberni Hall – Session Room

Master of Ceremonies: **Daniel-Robert Gooch**, President and CEO, Association of Canadian Port Authorities

- First Nations Blessing: **Ken Watts** (Tseshahht) and **Brandy Lauder** (Hupacasath)
- **Zoran Knezevic**, President and CEO Port Alberni Port Authority
- **Ian Hamilton**, Chair of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities and President and CEO of the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority



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9:30 am – 10:15 am

Global Ports and Marine Outlook

Alberni Hall – Session Room

- **Jody Kositsky**, Senior Director, Economic Analysis and Policy, InterVistas

10:15 am – 10:45 am

Sponsored Break and Trade Show

Alberni Hall

10:45 am – 11:45 am

Keynote to be announced

Alberni Hall – Session Room

11:45 am – 12:00 pm

Medal of Merit Ceremony

Alberni Hall – Session Room

12:00 – 12:45 pm

Lunch

Alberni Hall

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm

Break

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

The Federal Government Outlook for Supply Chains, Marine Policy and Infrastructure Support

Alberni Hall – Session Room

This year sees big developments for Canada’s supply chains, with the National Supply Chain Office operational, and the expected launch of a National Supply Chain Strategy coming on the heels of legislated reform for Canada’s port authorities. How are things going and what can we expect in 2025 and beyond for supply chains, marine policy and building the infrastructure of the future?

Moderator:

Ian Hamilton, President and CEO, Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority

Panelists:

- **Robert Dick**, Assistant Deputy Minister, National Supply Chain Office
- **Jennifer Lutfallah**, Vice-President, Canada Border Services Agency
- Additional panelists to be announced

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm

Sponsored Break and Trade Show

Alberni Hall

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

Canada's Ports Enabling Maritime Clusters

Alberni Hall – Session Room

Aquaculture, forestry, cruising – these are all important coastal sectors of Canada's economy, and a focus for Canadian economic growth. This session will focus on key players in maritime clusters and how ports have enabled this.

Moderator:

Zoran Knezevic, President and CEO, Port Alberni Port Authority

Panelists:

- **Peter Xotta**, CEO, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
- **JP Haste**, President, Nova Harvest Ltd.
- **Tony Kennedy**, President, Canadian Maritime Engineering (CME) Ltd.
- **Kevin Sommerville**, VP Operations, SAN Group

3:45 pm - 5:00 pm

Shuttle service to hotels

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Port Tour

6:00 pm – 9 pm

Cultural Reception and Dinner

McLean Mill

5633 Smith Rd, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 8Z1

Thursday, September 19, 2024

7:00 am - 11:30 am

Event Registration

Alberni Hall – Session Room

3727 Roger St, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 8J4

7:30 am – 8:45 am

Breakfast

Alberni Hall

9:00 am – 9:45 am

Keynote from a Global Port Leader

Alberni Hall – Session Room

9:45 am – 10:15 am

Sponsored Break and Trade Show

Alberni Hall

10:15 am – 11:15 am

Ports and Community Engagement

Alberni Hall – Session Room

There is a symbiotic relationship between ports, their communities and the businesses that operate with and through them. How they interact can raise or lower their health and wealth. This session will feature a discussion by key players of how this interaction occurs and evolves.

Moderator:

Bruce Williams, CEO, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce

Panelists:

- **Jason Park**, Senior Vice President, Cruise Lines International Association
- **Captain Josh Temple**, Executive Director, Coastal Restoration Society
- **Jolleen Dick**, CEO, Valley Chamber of Commerce
- **Lisa Spitale**, Chief Administrative Officer, City of New Westminster

11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Lunch

Alberni Hall

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm

Break

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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We are all Connected

Alberni Hall – Session Room

Marine shipping is a complex and connected business, where the business decisions of one element will drive the decisions of another element. Infrastructure must match vessels and fuel needs while operations must consider impacts now and into the future. This session brings together the elements of shipping to discuss how they are working together, the changes they are facing and what the future could or should hold.

Moderator:

Robert Lewis-Manning, President and CEO, Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

Panelists:

- **Frank Butzelaar**, Chief Operating Officer, Washington Companies
- **DP World** (to be announced)
- **John Jack**, Indigenous representative, Huu-Ay-Aht
- Additional panelist to be announced

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Sponsored Break and Trade Show

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2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Human Capital in Canada’s Marine Sector

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Across the Canadian economy, access to skilled labour is a growing concern. Canada’s marine sector is not immune to the challenge. What are industry and government doing to address the challenge, and what else is needed?

Moderator: To be announced

Panelists:

- **Eric Gilmore**, IAMPE, Director of Business Development, International Association of Maritime and Port Executive (on port certification program)
- **Marc Mes**, Director General, Fleet and Maritime Service Canadian Coast Guard
- **Julia Fields**, Executive Director, Canadian Marine Career Foundation

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Closing Ceremony

Alberni Hall – Session Room

5:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Closing Celebration

Rim Rock Casino

4890 Cherry Creek Rd, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 8E9