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## 14TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

### MEETING AGENDA

#### MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026 (Field Day)

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 9:00am          | Fairmont Hotel Vancouver                               |
| 9:30am          | Arrive at Grouse Mountain                              |
| 9:30-11:30am    | Grouse Mountain Gondola                                |
| 11:30am-12:00pm | Travel to Hotel  |
| 12:00-1:30 pm   | Lunch at Hotel & change                                |
| 1:30-2:00pm     | Walk to Vancouver Port                                 |
| 2:00-2:30 pm    | Load Boat/Check in at Port                             |
| 2:30-3:30 pm    | Boat Tour: Exports of ROW in ports                     |
| 3:30-5:00 pm    | Walk to Brewery/near hotel                             |
| 6:00-9:00 pm    | 50th Anniversary Welcome Reception (Columbia Ballroom) |

#### KEY CATEGORIES

- Ecology/Environmental
- Regulatory & Permitting
- Reclamation/Restoration
- Planning/Evaluation & Assessment
- Indigenous Engagement Inclusion
- Technology & Mitigation Strategies
- Vegetation Management
- Energy Transition

#### TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

|               |  |                   |
|---------------|--|-------------------|
| 7:30-8:30 am  | Breakfast / Exhibit Hall Open  | Columbia Ballroom |
| 8:30-8:45 am  | Welcome Message  | Pacific Ballroom  |
| 8:45-9:00 am  | Safety Message   | Pacific Ballroom  |
| 9:00-9:50 am  | Keynote: "21 Things you should know about Indigenous Self Government"<br>Speaker: Bob Joseph | Pacific Ballroom  |
| 9:50-10:00 am | Break  |                   |

| TIME           | ACTIVITY   | ROOM                   | ABSTRACT |
|----------------|--|------------------------|----------|
| 10:00-10:50 am | Morning Plenary Session—Rights of Way in Transition<br>Panel: A Changing Landscape Over 50 Years   | Pacific Ballroom       |          |
| 11:00-11:25 am | ● A Special Wetland, Eversource Energy's Atlantic White Cedar Mitigation Project; Melissa Kaplan   | Waddington (130)       | 15       |
|                | ● Beyond the Brochure: Advancing Indigenous Reconciliation on the Ground; Julie Greenwood  | Boardroom              | 46       |
|                | ● A Synopsis of the Variance (Change) Request Program of the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Voluntary Environmental Compliance Monitoring Program (ECMP); Anthony Dalbec | Vancouver Island (130) | 68       |
| 11:30-11:55 am | ● TBD  | Waddington (130)       | 74       |
|                | ● The Partnership Playbook: Trending Strategies for Community Collaboration; Leticia Solaun  | Boardroom              | 28       |
| 11:30-11:55 am | ● Roads to Everywhere: Meeting the Challenge of Assessing Induced Development; George Hegmann  | Vancouver Island (130) | 50       |

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|----------------|---|------------------------|----------|
| 12:00-12:55 pm | Lunch / Exhibit Hall Open   | Columbia Ballroom      |          |
| 1:00-1:25 pm   | <span style="color: #996633;">●</span> Biodiversity gains in ROW: Importance of Information based programs; MariClaire Rigby and Anand Persad   | Waddington (130)       | 66       |
|                | <span style="color: #336699;">●</span> Incorporating local Inuit knowledge into caribou-road management strategies; Daniel W. Coulton   | Boardroom              | 47       |
|                | <span style="color: #FFFF00;">●</span> Building Trust Through Partnership: Successful Environmental ROW Management in Hyper-Rural Communities   | Vancouver Island (130) | 33       |
| 1:30-1:55 pm   | <span style="color: #996633;">●</span> Comparing traditional ground survey methods to machine learning using UAVs to assess milkweed stem density and habitat composition in ROWs; Adam M. Baker  | Waddington (130)       | 58       |
|                | <span style="color: #336699;">●</span> A Successful Industry-First Nation Collaboration on the Coastal GasLink Pipeline; Ward Prystay   | Boardroom              | 35       |
|                | <span style="color: #FFFF00;">●</span> The Northeast Utility Working Group: A Coalition for Conservation, Construction, and Right-of-way Maintenance; Benjamin J. Merritt   | Vancouver Island (130) | 25       |
| 2:00-2:25 pm   | <span style="color: #996633;">●</span> Easement Landowner Perceptions and Preferences for Integrated Vegetation Management; Gabriel Karns   | Waddington (130)       | 7        |
|                | <span style="color: #336699;">●</span> CER's collaborative approach to verifying compliance to environmental requirements on pipeline construction projects: Inspection teams comprised of Inspection Officers & Indigenous Monitors; Adele Houston | Boardroom              | 75       |
|                | <span style="color: #FFFF00;">●</span> From the Working Face: Consulting Practitioners' Insights for Improving the Efficiency and Quality of Impact Assessment in Canada; Jason Smith   | Vancouver Island (130) | 19       |
| 2:30-2:55 pm   | <span style="color: #996633;">●</span> Energy in the Balance: Implementing Mandated Infrastructure Upgrades Efficiently While Navigating Expanding Environmental Regulations; Ryan Scott  | Waddington (130)       | 16       |
|                | <span style="color: #996633;">●</span> Wildlife on the Grid: Exploring the Effectiveness of Utility Rights-of-Ways as Urban Wildlife Corridors in Northwest Indiana; Mark Johnston  | Boardroom              | 71       |
|                | <span style="color: #FFFF00;">●</span> How well is the Canadian pipeline approvals process working in the post Bill C-69 era?; James Power  | Vancouver Island (130) | 56       |
| 2:55-3:15 pm   | Break   |                        |          |
| 3:15-3:40 pm   | <span style="color: #996633;">●</span> From Risk to Asset: Nature-Positive Outcomes and Avoided Risks through Integrated Vegetation Management and Conservation Tools; Dan Salas  | Waddington (130)       | 29       |
|                | <span style="color: #996633;">●</span> TBD  | Boardroom              | 73       |
|                | <span style="color: #FFFF00;">●</span> California Must Adopt Biodiversity Net Gain to Protect Its Future; Robert Warwick  | Vancouver Island (130) | 11       |
| 3:40-4:05 pm   | <span style="color: #996633;">●</span> Single and side-by-side high voltage powerlines cause similar rates of fatal bird collisions in southern Québec, Canada, during fall migration; Amélie Drolet  | Waddington (130)       | 49       |
|                | <span style="color: #996633;">●</span> Plant and Animal Response to Powerline Right of Way Treatments: The Latest Research Findings from the Pennsylvania State Game Lands 33 (SGL33) Research Project; Hannah Cave Stout                           | Boardroom              | 45       |

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|              | Addressing the Challenges of Developing Transmission Line Infrastructure in Urban Areas: A Northern Virginia Perspective; Jon Berkin | Vancouver Island (130) | 78       |
| 4:10–4:35 pm | Native Plants, Biodiversity Gains using IVM in Relation to Adjacent Land Use: NYPA; Anand Persad                                     | Waddington (130)       | 22       |
|              | Getting Started on Nature Positive Strategies and Biodiversity Disclosure; Kristine Sare   | Boardroom              | 64       |
|              | Assessing the Impact of the Monarch CCAA: Five Years of Conservation Efforts; Megan Petraitis  | Vancouver Island (130) | 41       |
| 4:40–5:00 pm | Plenary/End of Day   | Columbia Ballroom      |          |

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

| 7:30–8:30 am   | Breakfast / Exhibit Hall Open   | Columbia Ballroom      |          |
|----------------|---|------------------------|----------|
| 8:30–8:55 am   | Welcome Message   | Pacific Ballroom       |          |
| TIME           | ACTIVITY  | ROOM                   | ABSTRACT |
| 9:00–9:25 am   | Using drone and satellite imagery to assess the quality of pollinator habitat on rights-of-way; Ashley Bennett  | Pacific Ballroom       | 62       |
|                | Redefining UVM in Urban Environments; Kathryn Manende; Kathryn Manende and Deven Morrill  | Boardroom              | 13       |
|                | Unparalleled constraints and complexities—the Buffalo Plains Windfarm; Andy Edeburn   | Vancouver Island (130) | 18       |
| 9:30–9:55 am   | Saving Snails: Novel ROW Mitigation for an Endangered Invertebrate; Nick Parayko  | Pacific Ballroom       | 14       |
|                | Assessing Agricultural Land Reclamation Following the Trans Mountain Expansion Project: Findings from Year One of Post-Construction Environmental Monitoring; Amy Sigsworth | Boardroom              | 32       |
|                | HVDC Insulator Replacements—Controlling the Chaos of Regular Maintenance; Corey Schutzman; Corey Schutzman, Jessica Farrell, and Kristopher Wilkes                          | Vancouver Island (130) | 17       |
| 9:55–10:10 am  | Break   |                        |          |
| 10:15–11:00 am | Morning Plenary Co-Benefits of Nature-Based Solutions   | Pacific Ballroom       |          |
| 11:05–11:25 am | Quantifying Natural Recovery in Forested Areas; Brittany Flemming   | Waddington (130)       | 77       |
|                | An assessment of non-herbicidal oils used in IVM control methods on ROW Session; John Goodfellow  | Boardroom              | 9        |
|                | Proactive Environmental Offsets Reduce Time Lags and Regulatory Risk; Dave Sare   | Vancouver Island (130) | 53       |
| 11:35–11:55 am | Threatened and Endangered Species Compliance in a Time of Regulatory Uncertainty; Andrea Sampson  | Waddington (130)       | 76       |
|                | Legacy soil impacts across Ohio pipeline ROWs. What are they and how might they impact integrated vegetation management?; M. Scott Demyan                                   | Boardroom              | 57       |
|                | Celebrating 15 Years of the Utility Arborist Research Fund: Findings and Future Possibilities; Paul Putman  | Vancouver Island (130) | 24       |

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| 12:00-12:55 pm | Lunch / Exhibit Hall Open   | Columbia Ballroom      |          |
| 1:00-1:25 pm   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Roads Versus Right-Of-Ways: Comparing Bat Acoustic Data From Two Land Use Types; Steve Johnson</li> </ul>  | Waddington (130)       | 40       |
|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Measure Vegetation Management Program Progress &amp; Enhance Decision-Making with Machine Learning; Travis Rogers</li> </ul>   | Boardroom              | 67       |
|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Exploring AI Solutions for Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment of Linear Infrastructure: Tools, Challenges, and Best Practices; Matt Mosher</li> </ul>                 | Vancouver Island (130) | 30       |
| 1:30-1:55 pm   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Environmental Planning and Response During an Underground Transmission Line Installation in Sensitive Environments; Andrew Orthober; Andrew Orthober and Kyle Ayers</li> </ul> | Waddington (130)       | 54       |
|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Integrating Advanced Technologies and Data-Driven Strategies for Enhanced Utility Vegetation Management; Robert Vanderhoof and Dylan Walsh</li> </ul>                          | Boardroom              | 48       |
|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Digital Solutions for Erosion and Sediment Control: A Coastal Gas Link Pipeline Project; Kristen Foreman</li> </ul>  | Vancouver Island (130) | 34       |
| 2:00-2:25 pm   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sampling for Clubroot: Are False Negatives Compromising Crop Biosecurity on Linear Infrastructure Projects?; Brent Saulnier</li> </ul>   | Waddington (130)       | 55       |
|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The effect of construction mats on right-of-way plant community composition and pollinators; Ashley Bennett</li> </ul>   | Boardroom              | 12       |
|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A Guide to Implementing Site-Level Biodiversity No Net Loss and Net Gain Approaches in the Oil &amp; Gas Industry; Kristine Sare</li> </ul>                                    | Vancouver Island (130) | 65       |
| 2:30-2:55 pm   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Everyone's a winner: designing out archaeological impacts and project risks on a linear megaproject in Germany; Brigitte Stefanie Buss</li> </ul>                              | Waddington (130)       | 21       |
|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● TBD</li> </ul>   | Boardroom              | 61       |
|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rights-of-Way and Snake Populations in Southern Alberta: Lessons from a Long-Term Mark-Recapture Study; Laura Southcott and Adam Martinson</li> </ul>                          | Vancouver Island (130) | 20       |
| 2:55-3:15 pm   | Break   |                        |          |
| 3:15-3:40 pm   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stuck Between a Rock and a Rare Plant: Balancing Natural Resources and Growing Energy Consumption; Ryan Scott</li> </ul>   | Waddington (130)       | 59       |
|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vegetation Management for Species-At-Risk on Operational Pipeline Rights-of-Way; Stephanie Grossman</li> </ul>   | Boardroom              | 72       |
|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shredded Wood Material for Rights of Way Stabilization, A Case Study—Georgia Transmission Corporation; Lauren Atteberry</li> </ul>   | Vancouver Island (130) | 6        |
| 3:40-4:05 pm   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SunZia Plant Salvage: Managing Environmental Assets in the Heart of the Sonoran Desert; Colin Pigott</li> </ul>  | Waddington (130)       | 36       |
|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grid Reliability Meets Biodiversity: Lessons from Europe's Ecological Corridor Management ApproachSession; Janis Bauto</li> </ul>  | Boardroom              | 32       |

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|              | <span style="color: #C8A234;">●</span> SunZia Transmission – Streamlining Success in Migratory Bird Treaty Act Compliance on a Large Linear Project; Lori Jones  | Vancouver Island (130) | 38       |
| 4:10–4:35 pm | <span style="color: #C8A234;">●</span> What Gets Measured Gets Done: Driving Environmental Compliance Through Meaningful Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). A Case Study from the Trans Mountain Expansion Project; Sean Britt | Waddington (130)       | 26       |
|              | <span style="color: #808080;">●</span> Satellite-Based Corridor Monitoring for Construction and Vegetation Management; Julie Haskell and Brad Novecosky  | Boardroom              | 42       |
|              | <span style="color: #C8A234;">●</span> Toward a better management of forest roads in Québec; Philippe Jolin-Morin  | Vancouver Island (130) | 51       |
| 4:40–5:00 pm | End of Day - Recap & Goodbye   | Pacific Ballroom       |          |

## THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

|                |  |                        |    |
|----------------|--|------------------------|----|
| 7:30–9:00 am   | Breakfast / Exhibit Hall Open  | Columbia Ballroom      |    |
| 9:00–9:30 am   | <span style="color: #804040;">●</span> Right of Way Planning: A Canadian Perspective: Integrating Engagement; Craig Neufeld and Niki Palle (Planning and Evaluation Assessment)              | Waddington (130)       | 92 |
|                | <span style="color: #808080;">●</span> Opportunities for Ecological Improvements Through Multifunctional Transmission Corridor Design; Katie Morrice   | Boardroom              | 69 |
|                | <span style="color: #C8A234;">●</span> Scalable, Efficient, and Enduring Solution for Managing and Analyzing Environmental Data; Venesa Whyte  | Vancouver Island (130) | 60 |
| 9:35–10:00 am  | <span style="color: #C8A234;">●</span> Bat use of forested ROWs in the eastern United States; Donald Solick  | Waddington (130)       | 70 |
|                | <span style="color: #808080;">●</span> Post Fire Hazardous Tree Removal and Subsequent Vegetation Analysis Reveals Biodiversity Net Gain in Napa Valley and Adjoining Areas; Anand Persad    | Boardroom              | 63 |
|                | <span style="color: #C8A234;">●</span> Mapping monarch seasonal breeding patterns in eastern North America to inform mowing strategies for roadsides and other rights-of-ways; Vincent Fyson | Vancouver Island (130) | 39 |
| 10:05–11:00 am | Transition in Use of Technology; Selecting the Right Tool for the Right  | Pacific Ballroom       |    |
| 11:00–11:30 am | Final Goodbye  | Pacific Ballroom       |    |
| 12:00 pm       | Box Lunches  |                        |    |