



An update from the West's think tank

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Co-operate to curb global emissions, report urges

How can resource-dependent provinces in the West act decisively to reduce emissions while maintaining a competitive advantage? The Foundation's latest report takes on this issue.



[Look Out: Toward a climate strategy that reduces global emissions](#) was co-authored by Trevor McLeod, Director of the Centre for Natural Resources Policy, and Policy Analyst Shafak Sajid. It looks at how the West can work toward a common carbon price while protecting the trade competitiveness of the economies of western provinces. The numbers in the report show that the West is at risk of being disproportionately affected by carbon reduction strategies. It urges the four western premiers to "bury the hatchet" and work on a greenhouse gas reduction strategy that leads to actual emission reductions, rather than simply shifting them to other parts of the world.

Annual Report shines a light on our work

At the Canada West Foundation, what's important to us is doing work that's important to you. At the heart of our research is the determination to take on the issues that make a difference in the lives of westerners – employees, governments, producers, indigenous people, industry, taxpayers, exporters, employers and more.



We tell that story in [our 2015 Annual Report and encourage you to take a look.](#)

BIG discount for *Onward* change event

The Canada West Foundation has partnered with the Calgary Chamber for a June 23 day-long event in Calgary focusing on how area business can adapt to the breathtaking pace of change.

The conference features a team of bright thinkers to help businesses evolve and accelerate to capitalize on these changes. Keynote is New York Times bestselling author Peter Diamandis. You can see the full lineup [here](#).

You can use our exclusive Canada West Foundation code to get a **60% discount** on the day. When you register, just [use the promotion code CWFRIEND](#). See you there.

Winnipeg trade event draws business leaders

Change and adaptation was also a big theme at the 2016 Centrallia business symposium in Winnipeg. Greater sharing of trade resources in the West means the provinces can build on their competitive advantage, Carlo Dade, Director of the Centre for Trade & Investment Policy, told attendees. The Canada West Foundation, in partnership with the World Trade Centre Winnipeg, organized and chaired a series of presentations and discussions at the event, which was attended by more than 600 businesses from throughout western Canada and overseas.



An innovation at this event was to present opportunities in trade blocs instead of individual countries. Sessions organized by Canada West Foundation included North America and NAFTA, the Pacific Alliance and South America's Mercosur. Each session included presentations by an expert on the trade bloc and a business operating in the bloc.

Family dinner a highlight of visit to Regina



It's been three years since the Canada West Foundation "family" assembled in Regina for a dinner and policy discussions, and we picked a big week to do it in. The night of our dinner, May 16, the province unveiled its renewed legislative dome. The next day, the re-elected government delivered its throne speech and our board held its semi-annual meeting.

The family dinner brought together about 50 guests for public policy discussions and to pay tribute to retired board member Bob Linner and to Dylan Jones, who has just ended his term as President & CEO. The event got top marks in a post-event survey, with all respondents rating it as either "excellent" or "good". Almost everyone said it was "very likely" they would attend a future Foundation event.

New faces join the Canada West Foundation board

Two accomplished community volunteers were recently appointed to our board of directors. Nancy Hopkins is a Partner in McDougall Gauley LLP in Saskatoon, SK. The other appointee is Susan Lewis, who recently retired after 30 years as President & CEO of United Way Winnipeg. Both have served on numerous community and professional boards and add even more bench strength to our governing body. You can read more about [Nancy here](#), and more on [Susan here](#).

The Foundation has also bid adieu to Dylan Jones, who served as President & CEO for four years. The Foundation's Vice-President Colleen Collins is now Interim CEO as the search for a new chief executive is underway. Dylan moves on to his new federal role as Deputy Minister for Western Economic Development.

Poll: Is a carbon tax the most effective way to curb emissions?

Take our [one-click poll here](#)

[Last month](#), we asked you if Manitoba should join the New West Partnership. The majority of you agree – it's time for Manitoba to join the agreement, and that's exactly what's happening, [as you can read here](#).

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