



An update from the West's think tank

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Martha Hall Findlay takes over as President and CEO



Meet Martha: successful businessperson, lawyer and thought leader. She joined the Foundation as President and CEO on Sept. 1.

Her insights on critical issues such as pipelines, international trade, foreign investment, energy and the environment, economics and supply management have framed the national debate. And, as she says, what is good for the West is good for all of Canada. Read more about her accomplishments [here](#). You can also read her introductory message by [clicking here](#).

Event will open the door

to building trust on energy

A day-long conference in Ottawa will bring together leaders from public, private, academic, Indigenous and NGO sectors to explore what is driving conflicts over energy development and what can be done about it.



The Canada West Foundation has teamed up with the University of Ottawa for this Oct. 6 event. Read more and register to attend [here](#).

Our work is making a difference to the West

Together, we are working to make life in the West even better than it already is. Our public policy research gets results because it gets to heart of what matters to people. In the year's second quarter, our work caught the attention of policy-makers, media and the public.

- We produced five research reports: [Power Up: The hydro option](#); [The TPP: the West wants in](#); [Look Out: Toward a climate strategy that reduces global emissions](#); [A Smoother Track for Exports](#); [Fair Enough: Assessing community confidence in energy authorities](#).
- Our total readership reached 26.8 million.
- We wrote op-eds published across the West and the country that were read by more than 700,000 people.

You can find more detail in our [Q2 visibility report \(pdf\)](#).

Tell us what you think on private health care

The British Columbia trial over the right to access private health care could have far reaching implications for Canada's health care system. What do you think? **Should Canadians be allowed to buy medically necessary treatment in private surgery centres?** [Take our poll](#).

Results from previous poll: **Has NAFTA been good or bad for the West?** Yes: 80%; No 20%.

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