

2011 TAC CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

September 11-14 ~ Edmonton, Alberta

COMPANIONS' PROGRAM



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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Saturday, Sept. 10	Sunday, Sept. 11	Monday, Sept. 12	Tuesday, Sept. 13	Wednesday, Sept. 14
14:00-15:30 Edmonton City Bus Tour	12:00-13:30 13:00-14:30 14:00-15:30 Edmonton City Bus Tour Offered throughout conference Self-guided Edmonton Walking Tour 17:30-19:30 Welcome Reception	08:00-16:00 Fort Edmonton Park – “BLAST FROM THE PAST” 18:15-22:00 Prairie Stars	09:00-17:00 Devonian Gardens – “A GREEN DAY EVENT”	09:00-17:00 West Edmonton Mall – “CITY WITHIN A CITY” 19:00-22:00 Annual Banquet



COMPANIONS' PROGRAM CHAIR

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- Siegrid Rempel
- Anna Ball
- Debbie Lamoureux
- Charlene Elward
- Stacey Peacock
- Cathie Snider

Guided Bus City Tours

Saturday, September 10 – 14:00

Sunday, September 11 – 12:00; 13:00 and 14:00

Starting Saturday, delegates and companions are invited to sign up for daily complimentary sight-seeing tours of Edmonton. The tours include many of Edmonton's most noted landmarks, including the historic Government House, the Royal Alberta Museum, St. Joseph's Basilica (Wayne Gretzky's wedding site) and the beautiful Muttart Conservatory pyramids.

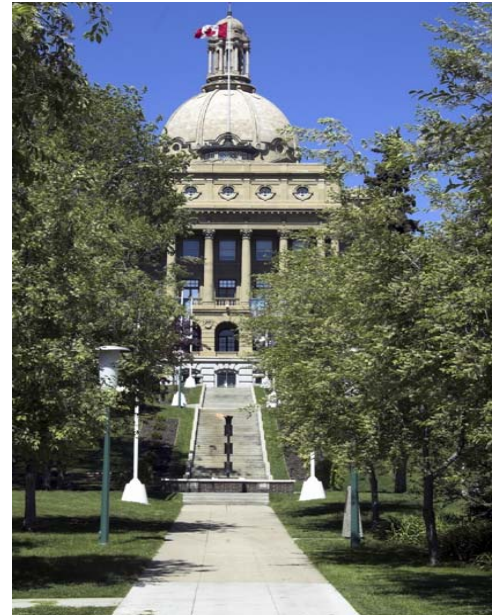
Buses leave from the Shaw Conference Centre Jasper Avenue main entrance. Estimated tour time is between 1.5 to 2 hours.



Self-Guided Walking Tours

Prefer exercise? Enjoy Edmonton's extensive network of walking and cycling trails at your leisure. From the Shaw Conference Centre, explore River Valley or walk across the footbridge over the scenic North Saskatchewan River. Catch a bus and journey into the past in historic Old Strathcona or shop for just about anything from ordinary to unique on Whyte Avenue.

Note: Tickets for the self-guided walking tours of Whyte Avenue / Old Strathcona and the River Valley will be available in the registration area for the duration of the conference (including Thursday morning).



Welcome Reception

Sunday, September 11 - 17:30 - 19:30

Hall A, Assembly Level, Shaw Conference Centre

Mingle with delegates and their companions before the conference gets into full swing!

The Welcome Reception is being held in the exhibition area so you can take a look at some of the latest transportation products and services on display.

Wine, beer and soft drinks, as well as hors d'oeuvres, will be served at this event. There will also be cash bars.

Many thanks to the Welcome Reception sponsors: GENIVAR, Alberta Traffic Supply Ltd., MMM Group Limited, Ontario Good Roads Association, Thurber Engineering Ltd. and Welton Parent Inc.



Fort Edmonton Park – “BLAST FROM THE PAST”

Monday, September 12 – 08:00 - 16:00

Canada’s largest living history museum, Fort Edmonton Park will be open exclusively for TAC conference companions. Start your day with a delicious continental breakfast at the Selkirk Hotel, restored to its original grandeur, and enjoy an ice-breaker based on a favored pastime with a modern new twist.

Head back to the hotel by trolley – or walk if you like – for a tantalizing lunch in an elegant café setting. There will be plenty of time to visit the train station gift shop or stroll among British-inspired buildings from the 1800’s and early 1900’s including unique shops and barns, a post office station and a church.



Alberta’s Prairie Stars

Monday, September 12 – 18:15-22:00

Art Gallery of Alberta, 2 Sir Winston Churchill Square

Bailey the Buffalo’s hoof prints will guide you to a wonderful evening of networking and entertainment.

At Monday night’s Prairie Stars Event, we’ll invigorate your imagination with true Edmonton flair. You’ll indulge in fine local cuisine while enjoying live entertainment and exhibits at the award winning Art Gallery of Alberta, designed by the internationally renowned Randall Stout Architects.

The gallery’s first floor will enchant your senses with the sassy musical stylings of Albertan Jeff Sawalha and his Big Band. Climb up to the Northern Lights staircase to enjoy some authentic dishes inspired by Alberta’s Northern peoples.

As you reach the tented rooftop of the gallery, you’ll be welcomed by Innisfail, Alberta native and rising country music star, Denver Daines. Before you head over to the Francis Winspear Centre for Music, make your way to the lower level to experience the vibrancy and warmth of Alberta’s culturally diverse small towns. Try your hand at roping a bison with our veteran cowboys. Tempt your pallet with an international-inspired menu, including Ukrainian, Asian and Indian dishes.

Wonderful street performers and historical interpreters will guide you on the short stroll to the Francis Winspear Centre for Music. Enjoy a showcase of Alberta’s best young singers and dancers, while savouring dessert and coffee at one of the finest performance spaces in North America.



Photo : Jimmy Jeong



Featured entertainers will include Juno® award winner and Edmonton native Quanteisha Benjamin; The Keister Family Fiddlers from Chestermere, Alberta; the world touring Volya Ukrainian Dance Ensemble of Edmonton and many others.

Devonian Gardens – “A GREEN DAY EVENT”

Tuesday, September 13 - 09:00 - 17:00

You're headed southwest to the University of Alberta's Devonian Botanic Garden.

Set in beautiful natural surroundings, the Devonian Botanic Garden offers gardening enthusiasts and nature-lovers of all ages 80 acres of display gardens and 110 additional acres of natural and ecological areas.

Must-see attractions include guided tram and walking tours, a butterfly house, the Kurimoto Japanese Garden, a sensory and healing garden and so much more. Lunch will be served in the Pine Pavilion.



West Edmonton Mall – “CITY WITHIN A CITY”

Wednesday, September 14 - 09:00 - 17:00

Start your day with a hardy brunch at the lavish Fantasyland Hotel.

Attention Shoppers! West Edmonton Mall, affectionately known as WEM, has more than 800 stores and services. It would take three 24-hour days just to visit each one for only five minutes!

Inspired by the traditional urban bazaars of Persia, this world-class destination's stores, attractions and services combine to form the most comprehensive retail, hospitality and entertainment complex on earth.

At 5.3 million square feet, the mall is the size of a small city and enjoys an average yearly visitation of approximately 28.4 million people, making West Edmonton Mall the province's number-one tourist attraction.



ANNUAL BANQUET

Wednesday, September 14 - 19:00 - 22:00

Hall D, Assembly Level, Shaw Conference Centre

(Cash bars will be open from 18:00 to 19:00 in the Hall D Foyer, Pedway Level, Shaw Conference Centre)

Chair: *Honourable Luke Ouellette*, Minister of Transportation of Alberta and 2011 TAC Conference Chair

Enjoy stunning views of Edmonton's river valley, a sumptuous dinner and dance the night away with two-time Canadian Country Music Awards "Rising Star" nominee, Brett Kissel. Another one of Alberta's great talents!

The 2011 recipients of TAC's Canadian Transportation Awards Program – Transportation Person of the Year and Awards of Excellence, Achievement and Academic Merit – will also be announced.

Delegate draws, including those organized in connection with speedy registration, online registration and the exhibition, will take place during the evening.

The major sponsors of this event will be recognized during the course of the evening.