

MEETING AGENDA



Environmental  
Concerns in  
Rights-of-Way  
Management®

14TH  
INTERNATIONAL  
SYMPOSIUM



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**MAY 11-14, 2026**

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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" 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 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	British Ballroom (130)	46
	● A look at any correlation between requests for additional temporary workspace and key influencing factors outside of project length on pipeline projects; 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	British Ballroom (130)	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity gains in ROW: Importance of Information based programs; MariClaire Rigby</li> </ul>	Waddington (130)	66
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporating local Inuit knowledge into caribou-road management strategies; Daniel W. Coulton</li> </ul>	British Ballroom (130)	47
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building Trust Through Partnership: Successful Environmental ROW Management in Hyper-Rural Communities</li> </ul>	Vancouver Island (130)	33
1:30-1:55 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comparing traditional ground survey methods to machine learning using UAVs to assess milkweed stem density and habitat composition in ROWs; Adam M. Baker</li> </ul>	Waddington (130)	58
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Successful Industry-First Nation Collaboration on the Coastal GasLink Pipeline; Ward Prystay</li> </ul>	British Ballroom (130)	35
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Northeast Utility Working Group: A Coalition for Conservation, Construction, and Right-of-way Maintenance; Benjamin J. Merritt</li> </ul>	Vancouver Island (130)	25
2:00-2:25 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easement Landowner Perceptions and Preferences for Integrated Vegetation Management; Gabriel Karns</li> </ul>	Waddington (130)	7
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CER's collaborative approach to verifying compliance to environmental requirements on pipeline construction projects: Inspection teams comprised of Inspection Officers &amp; Indigenous Monitors; Adele Houston</li> </ul>	British Ballroom (130)	75
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From the Working Face: Consulting Practitioners' Insights for Improving the Efficiency and Quality of Impact Assessment in Canada; Jason Smith</li> </ul>	Vancouver Island (130)	19
2:30-2:55 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy in the Balance: Implementing Mandated Infrastructure Upgrades Efficiently While Navigating Expanding Environmental Regulations; Ryan Scott</li> </ul>	Waddington (130)	16
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wildlife on the Grid: Exploring the Effectiveness of Utility Rights-of-Ways as Urban Wildlife Corridors in Northwest Indiana; Mark Johnston</li> </ul>	British Ballroom (130)	71
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How well is the Canadian pipeline approvals process working in the post Bill C-69 era?; James Power</li> </ul>	Vancouver Island (130)	56
2:55-3:15 pm	Break		
3:15-3:40 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From Risk to Asset: Nature-Positive Outcomes and Avoided Risks through Integrated Vegetation Management and Conservation Tools; Dan Salas</li> </ul>	Waddington (130)	29
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul>	British Ballroom (130)	73
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>California Must Adopt Biodiversity Net Gain to Protect Its Future; Robert Warwick</li> </ul>	Vancouver Island (130)	11
3:40-4:05 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single and side-by-side high voltage powerlines cause similar rates of fatal bird collisions in southern Québec, Canada, during fall migration; Amélie Drolet</li> </ul>	Waddington (130)	49
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	British Ballroom (130)	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	British Ballroom (130)	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	British Ballroom (130)	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	British Ballroom (130)	32
	HVDC Insulator Replacements—Controlling the Chaos of Regular Maintenance; Corey Schutzman	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	British Ballroom (130)	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	British Ballroom (130)	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>	British Ballroom (130)	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</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</li> </ul>	British Ballroom (130)	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>	British Ballroom (130)	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>	British Ballroom (130)	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</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>	British Ballroom(130)	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 Program and the Implementation of Geospatial Technology to Aid in Environmental Asset Management; Colin Piggot</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>	British Ballroom (130)	32

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	● 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	● 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
	TBD	British Ballroom (130)	
	● 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	● TBD	Waddington (130)	79
	● Opportunities for Ecological Improvements Through Multifunctional Transmission Corridor Design; Katie Morrice	British Ballroom (130)	69
	● Scalable, Efficient, and Enduring Solution for Managing and Analyzing Environmental Data; Venesa Whyte	Vancouver Island (130)	60
9:35–10:00 am	● Bat use of forested ROWs in the eastern United States; Donald Solick	Waddington (130)	70
	● Post Fire Hazardous Tree Removal and Subsequent Vegetation Analysis Reveals Biodiversity Net Gain in Napa Valley and Adjoining Areas; Anand Persad	British Ballroom (130)	63
	● 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		