

# Speaker bios

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## 2020 Annual General Meeting



### **Mayor Naheed Nenshi**

Naheed Nenshi, A'paistootsiipsii, was sworn in as Calgary's 36th mayor on October 25, 2010 and was re-elected in 2013 and 2017.

Prior to being elected, Mayor Nenshi was with McKinsey and Company, later forming his own business to help public, private and non-profit organizations grow. He designed policy for the Government of Alberta, helped create a Canadian strategy for The Gap, Banana Republic and Old Navy, and worked with the United Nations to determine how business can help the poorest people on the planet. He then entered academia, where he was Canada's first tenured professor in the field of nonprofit management, at Mount Royal University's Bissett School of Business.



### **Honourable Doug Schweitzer** **Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation, Government of Alberta**

Minister Schweitzer was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on April 16, 2019, as the MLA for Calgary-Elbow.

A dedicated husband, father of two young girls and a long-serving community volunteer, Schweitzer has a strong record of public service, including previously raising funds for military families and serving as Vice Chair of the Calgary Drug Treatment Court. He is passionate about restoring Alberta's promise - an Alberta in which, no matter where you came from, if you worked hard, you could succeed.

Schweitzer was a partner at a leading Alberta law firm as a restructuring and bankruptcy lawyer. This experience gave him a first-hand view of the staggering impacts of failed policies that have led to job losses, economic stagnation and a loss of hope.

Doug Schweitzer was appointed as Alberta's Minister of Justice and Attorney General on April 30, 2019. He was appointed Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation (formerly Economic Development, Trade and Tourism) on August 25, 2020.



**Hounorable Ric McIver**  
**Minister of Transportation, Government of Alberta**

Minister McIver was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on April 23, 2012 as the MLA for Calgary-Hays. He was re-elected on May 5, 2015, and again on April 16, 2019. Previously, McIver has served Albertans as Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure, and Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour.

A proud husband and father, McIver served three terms on Calgary's City Council, bringing his experience as a business owner and family man to offer a common-sense, fiscally-responsible viewpoint to Council.

Outside his roles in elected politics, Ric has been passionate about helping Calgarians and Albertans by listening, learning and taking sensible actions. He served on the Police Commission and as chair of the Calgary Housing Company while on Council and is a 12-year volunteer with the Calgary Stampede and supports a variety of charitable causes. His wife Christine is the founder and CEO of the Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta.

Ric McIver was appointed as Alberta's Transportation Minister on April 30, 2019. McIver is uniquely positioned, having previously served in this role, during which time he negotiated the agreement with the Tsuu T'ina Nation on the completion of the southwest portion of Calgary's Ring Road. He will bring his experience to his portfolio as he works to get Alberta back on track and return it to a place of opportunity for all our children and grandchildren.



**Matthew Hebert**  
**Executive Director, Transportation Policy,**  
**Transportation, Government of Alberta**

Matthew has spent the last 15 years working in Alberta's public sector and is currently Executive Director, Transportation Policy, Alberta Transportation. This role provides leadership and oversight of the department's policy development and intergovernmental relations functions. He is also responsible for the Springbank Off-stream Reservoir Project.

Previously, he worked at Alberta Health in executive director roles in health workforce partnerships and policy coordination. His first role in the Alberta Public Service in 2013 was as Chief of Staff to the Deputy Minister of Health. He began his career in the Alberta Legislature in 2005 working in research and legislative support roles to a number of Members of the Legislative Assembly. From 2007 to 2013, Matthew served in a variety of staff roles to the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports and later to the Minister of Health.



**Carcey Hincz**  
**Executive Director Environmental Knowledge and Prediction**  
**Branch Resource Stewardship Division, Alberta Environment and**  
**Parks, Government of Alberta**

Carcey Hincz has been with Alberta's public service for over 20 years leading teams stewarding Alberta's natural resources in collaboration with municipalities, industry, Indigenous communities, and other stakeholders. Carcey is currently the Executive Director of the Environmental Knowledge and Prediction Branch at Alberta Environment and Parks in Edmonton, leading a diverse team of dedicated professionals responsible for the acquisition, validation, integration and mobilization of foundational environmental data and knowledge.

Carcey enjoys providing strategic guidance to the important work of the branch which enables Alberta to actively manage within our environmental limits and contributes to the health, safety, economic and social well-being of Albertans by disseminating high quality, integrated data and predictive analyses supporting regulatory decision-making, policy development, environmental stewardship, emergency management, and community resilience.



**Frank Frigo**  
**River Engineering Group, City of Calgary**

Frank Frigo is a Water Resources Engineer specializing in hydrology, river hydraulics, morphology, flood and erosion protection, water control structures design and drainage analyses. Since 2008, Frank has worked with the City of Calgary's Water Resources business unit, leading hydraulic modeling, flood protection, river flood preparedness planning and response, watershed monitoring, bank restoration, drainage and water supply initiatives.

## **Additional experts on Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir project**



**Matt Wood**  
**Stantec Consulting Ltd, River Engineering Group, City of Calgary**

Fis a hydrotechnical and civil engineer who provides river engineering assessment and design services in Canada. Matt has led projects for both public and private sectors and is experienced in working with a wide variety of clients, boards, councils, the general public and regulatory agencies to address: river related infrastructure; flood risk mapping and mitigation; in-stream construction; natural systems restoration; regulatory approvals, and environmental planning and policy items.



**Dave Brescia**  
**Stantec Consulting Ltd.**

Dave Brescia is a senior regulatory and environmental advisor and has extensive experience with the management and direction of regulatory applications and environmental impact assessments for submission to federal and provincial regulators. Dave has experience with all phases of project development from preliminary planning to reclamation and closure and has been engaged in all phases of the regulatory process from application scoping and preparation through to post-filing support and hearings.



**Wayne Speller**  
**Golder Associates Inc.**

Wayne Speller is a Principal at Golder Associates Ltd. and an environmental engineer with 21 years' environmental consulting experience. Wayne's specialty is regulatory permitting and impact assessments, as such he has led or participated in over 30 federal and/or provincial environmental assessments in Canada. Wayne's extensive experience has an emphasis on infrastructure and energy projects in Alberta.

Wayne has been acting as the regulatory lead on the Springbank project since July 2019. Wayne provides strategic direction and oversees the management of environmental and regulatory issues, liaises with provincial and federal regulatory agencies, provides strategic advice and technical review on regulatory filings, and provides input on the Indigenous consultation and stakeholder engagement strategies.

Wayne completed a MEng and BSc in environmental engineering at the University of Guelph. He is a registered professional engineer in Alberta and a certified Project Management Professional.

## **Additional experts on Bow River Reservoir Options and flood mapping**

**Andrew Wilson**  
**Director, Watershed Resilience and**  
**Transboundary Water, AEP**

**Bryce Haimila**  
**Flood Hazard Manager, AEP**

**Denise Auriat**  
**Senior Manager, Community Resilience, AEP**

**Micaela Gerling**  
**Grant Coordinator, AEP**

**Peter Onyshko**  
**Flood Hazard Specialist, AEP**