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AGENDA • MLC ANNUAL MEETING • JULY 27 - 30, 2025

SATURDAY, JULY 26

9:30 am - 6:00 pm	**Site Tour** Cenovus: Lloydminster
11 am - 6:00 pm	**Site Tour** Mosaic: Potash Mine

12:00-5:00 pm Registration and information desk

SUNDAY, JULY 27

8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Registration and information desk
9:00 – 11:15 am	**Concurrent MLC Policy Committee Sessions** *9:00 – 10:15 am | Joint session of Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee and Health & Human Services Committee* *9:00 – 11:00 am | Education and Workforce Committee* *9:00 – 11:00 am | Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee* *10:20 – 11:00 am | Health and Human Services Committee* *10:20 – 11:15 am | Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee*
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	**MLC Policy Committees' Lunch**
11:30 am - 2:30 pm	**MLC Executive Committee Meeting & Lunch**
1:30 - 4:30 pm	**Ag/Farm Tour**
2:30 - 4:30 pm	**Concurrent MLC Policy Committee Sessions** *2:30 – 3:45 pm | Joint session for Energy & Environment Committee and Midwest-Canada Relations Committee* *3:50 – 4:30 pm | Energy & Environment Committee* *3:50 – 4:30 pm | Midwest-Canada Relations Committee*
4:45 - 6:00 pm	**MLC Executive Committee and Newcomers Reception** (at the Sheraton)
5:00 - 6:00 pm	**BILLD Alumni Reception** (at the Sheraton)
6:30 - 9:30 pm	**Opening Night Reception at the Glen at Crossmount**

MONDAY, JULY 28

7:30 am - 5 pm	Registration and information desk
7:30 - 8:45 am	General Breakfast
7:30 - 8:45 am	**Table Topics or Learning Labs** (total of 3) ***Table Topic I -*** *Mental Health & Addiction* *Facilitator**:** Speaker Todd Goudy, Saskatchewan* ***Table Topic II -*** *Steve Webb – Global Institute for Food Security* *Facilitator: Minister Daryl Harrison, Saskatchewan* ***Learning Lab –*** *Building a Cross-Border Hydrogen Economy (Deloitte)*
7:30 - 8:45 am	**BILLD Steering Committee Business Meeting**
9:00 - 9:30 am	**Opening/Welcome** *HRCMP/Presentation of the Colors, National Anthems (Conrad Bigknife)* *Moment of silence for MN Rep. Melissa Hortman* ***Minister Lori Carr*** ***Mayor Cynthia Block*** ***George Lafond,*** *Muskeg Lake Cree Nation*
9:30 - 10:30 am	**Opening Keynote Session on Global Trade** ***Stephen J. Harper, former Prime Minister of Canada*** *Moderator:* ***Victor Thomas,*** *President & CEO, Canada-India Business Council*
10:45 - 11:45 am	**Plenary Session I: U.S.-Canada Trade Relations** *Panel discussion with mix of U.S. and Canadian thought leaders on North American trade* *Panelists:* ***Murad Al-Katib****, President & CEO, AGT Food and Ingredients Inc.* ***Reed Blakemore****, Director of Research and Programs, Atlantic Council Global Energy Center* ***Dan Ujczo****, Senior Counsel, Thompson Hine* *Moderator:* ***Candace Laing****, President & CEO, Canadian Ch1amber of Commerce*
11:45 am - 1:45 pm	**Luncheon & Featured Presentation** CSG National Report (speaker **Illinois Sen. Elgie Sims Jr.**) Brief remarks: ***Pete Hoekstra****, U.S. Ambassador to Canada* Fiction and the Politician: **Yann Martel**

2:00 - 3:00 pm **Concurrent Policy Sessions & Learning Lab Presentations**

Policy Session: Legal Immigration and the Workforce
Paige Kuntz*, North Dakota Office of Global Talent*
Minister Jim Reiter*, Saskatchewan Minister of Immigration/Career Training*

Policy Session: Improving Child Welfare
Chief Cadmus Delorme, *Cowessess First Nation*
Tleena Ives*, Senior Director of Indian Child and Family Well-Being, Casey Family Programs*

Learning Lab: *Leading a Sustainable Energy Future (*NextGen)

3:15 - 4:45 pm **Professional Development Session**
Critical Thinking: Developing Skills for Effective Decision-Making
Devon Clunis*, former Chief of Police, Winnipeg*

Fiscal Affairs Forum
Ben Eikey*, Manager, State Training and Development, Carl Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy, Wayne State University Law School*
Tara Clemett*, Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan*

4:45 - 5:45 pm **MLC Resolutions Committee Meeting**

6:00 - 9:00 pm **Family Night at the Western Development Museum**

TUESDAY, JULY 29

7:30 am - 4:30 pm Registration and information desk

7:30 - 8:45 am General Breakfast

7:30 - 8:45 am **Table Topics or Learning Labs**

Table Topic I - *Cryptocurrency & Blockchain*
Facilitator: MLA Barret Kropf, Saskatchewan

Table Topic II *– Early Childhood*
Facilitator: MLA Joan Pratchler, Saskatchewan

MLC Corrections & Public Safety Forum
Facilitators: Madeleine Dardeau and Loretta Sackey (CSG Justice Center)

Learning Lab – *Strategic Infrastructure (PSI & HMI)*

9:00 - 10:00 am **Plenary Session II: Fueling North America's Energy Future**
Welcome: ***Glen McCallum,*** *President, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan*
Panelists:
Tim Gitzel, *President and CEO, Cameco*
John Gorman, *President, Westinghouse Canada*
Scott Moe*, Premier of Saskatchewan*

Moderator: ***Paul Martin****, business journalist and media expert*

10:15 - 11:45 am	**Plenary Session III: Dialectic on Energy Policy** *Panelists:* ***Hal Kvisle**, Chairman of the Board, ARC Resources* ***Louise Miltich**, Executive Vice President, Great Plains Institute* *Moderator: **John Gormley,** Counsel, Seiferling Law (former MP, radio host)*
11:45 am - 2:30 pm	**Luncheon and MLC Business Session** BILLD Report (**Kansas Rep. Jarrod Ousley**) MLC Business Session (Minister Carr Presiding) **Nita Farahany**, Author/ Director of the Duke Initiative for Science & Society
2:45 - 3:45 pm	**Concurrent Policy Sessions & Learning Lab Presentations** ***Policy Session: Addressing Housing Challenges*** *Moderator: **Sen. Kathleen Kauth**, Nebraska* *Panelists:* ***Janneke Ratcliffe**, Vice President, Housing and Communities Division, Urban Institute* ***Theresa Goldstein**, and member, National Advisory Council of Canada's National Housing Council* ***Policy Session: AI and Education*** ***Carla Wade**, Consortium for State Networking* ***Paula MacDowell**, University of Saskatchewan* ***Learning Lab:** Flood Mitigation (American Flood Coalition)*
4:30 - 5:30 pm	**MLC 2025 Contributors' Reception** (at the Sheraton)
5:30 - 6:30 pm	**Minnesota 2026 Reception** (at the Sheraton)
7:00 - 10:30 pm	**State Dinner at Remai Modern**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

7:30 - 8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 1:30 pm	**Site Tour(s)** Innovation Tour at the University of Saskatchewan Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC)
9:00 - 10:00 am	**Roundtable Discussion:** ***Strengthening Midwest Trade Corridors*** *Facilitators: Speaker Todd Goudy and Alberta MLA Shane Getson*