



WESTAC Executive Appointment Notice

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VANCOUVER, BC – Hon. Steve Ashton, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation for the Government of Manitoba, is pleased to announce the appointment of Oksana Exell of Vancouver as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Western Transportation Advisory Council (WESTAC). Mr. Ashton is Chairman of the Board of WESTAC, which includes representation from the government of Canada and four western provinces.

"Ms. Exell's extensive leadership experience in both the public and private sectors, her background in collaborating with labour organizations and her demonstrated ability to work effectively with government and business prepares her well to work with the diverse stakeholders that make WESTAC the successful organization it is," said Mr. Ashton.

As President and CEO, Ms. Exell will provide overall strategic direction and guidance in the fulfillment of WESTAC's role as Canada's premier transportation forum. Said Ms. Exell: "By aligning objectives, fostering dialogue and encouraging collaboration, WESTAC will continue to advance Western Canada's supply chain competitiveness. I look forward to participating in the ongoing development of WESTAC's objectives in concert with our broad-based membership."

Ms. Exell joins WESTAC from the Asia Pacific Gateway Skills Table where she was founding principal and executive director. There, she created a regional partnership among business, labour and training institutions, focusing on labour market enhancement and innovation in transportation with the goal of facilitating development of Gateway infrastructure.

Ms. Exell received her BA from McGill University and Masters in Public Administration from the University of Victoria. She is a former president of the British Columbia Trade Development Corporation, a Crown corporation. During years of public service she also served as a member of the Royal Commission inquiring into workers' compensation in British Columbia.

Oksana Exell - [full bio](#)

About WESTAC

WESTAC is an influential, non-profit association of key transportation organizations, represented by leaders in business, labour as well as government. The WESTAC Forum provides a trusted, neutral ground and encourages a collaborative approach among competing interests. WESTAC is an important part of driving a more efficient, safe and competitive transportation system for Western Canada.

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