

LOCAL TO GLOBAL

EASTERN ALBERTA TRADE CORRIDOR
FORUM

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April 8-10, 2026 Vegreville, Alberta

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The Local to Global Forum brings together everyone interested in driving economic development for Eastern Alberta Municipalities.

PLEASE JOIN US ON:

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm for a Welcoming Reception at the Vegreville Suites Hotel, 6539 AB-16A, Vegreville, Alberta

The Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor (EATC) - Local to Global Forum, Vegreville.

The Local to Global Forum is an annual regional economic development event with the core purpose of bringing together leaders and stakeholders to advance economic opportunities across Eastern Alberta. Joining us this year is the Honorable Shane Getson Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Corridors along with MLA Justin Wright discussing the value of corridors. Ports to Plains President Lauren Gardumo will also be joining us, and Nathan Cooper, Alberta's Senior Representative to the U.S. has been invited. Other presenters include Invest Alberta and Alberta Agriculture. Please see the working agenda for more details.

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Conference Location and Dates:

Vegreville Suites Hotel and Vegreville Social Center, Vegreville
Wednesday, April 8, 2026: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Welcoming Reception

Thursday, April 9, 2026: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm: Day 1 Proceedings

Friday, April 10, 2026: 7:30 am – Noon: Day 2 Proceedings

Conference Fees: REDA Member: \$375; Non REDA Member: \$475

Conference Registration: <https://goeastofedmonton.com/industry/local-to-global-forum-2026/>





April 8th, 9th, 10th, 2026 Agenda

Wednesday, April 8th Registration

6:00 – 9:00 pm Welcoming Networking Reception – Vegreville Suites Hotel

7:00 pm	Mayor Gerald Aalbers	<i>Lloydminster Chair - Alberta HUB</i>
	Mayor Tim MacPhee Reeve Roger Konieczny	<i>Town of Vegreville</i> <i>County of Minburn</i>
	Honorable Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk	<i>Parliamentary Secretary for Settlement Services and Ukrainian Evacuees.</i>
	Honorable Shane Getson	<i>Parliamentary Secretary Transportation Economic Corridors</i>

Thursday, April 9th

7:30 – 8:15 am Registration / Breakfast

8:30 am	Welcoming Remarks	<i>Mayor Gerald Aalbers Chair</i> <i>Mayor Tim MacPhee Town of Vegreville</i> <i>Reeve Roger Konieczny Minburn County</i>
	Opening Remarks	<i>Honorable Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary Settlement Services & Ukrainian Evacuees</i>
8:55 am	Opening Remarks	<i>Honorable Shane Getson – Parliamentary Secretary Economic Corridors</i>
9:15 am	Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor	<i>Bob Bezpalko - Executive Director, Alberta HUB</i> <i>THEN / NOW / FUTURE</i>
9:30 am	Ports to Plains Alliance	<i>President Lauren Gardumo</i>

10:00 – 10:15 am Refreshment Break

10:15 am	Alberta Cross-Border Policy (PNWER)	<i>Miles Wowk Alberta Representative</i> <i>Pacific Northwest Economic Region</i>
10:35 am	Economic Corridors Panel	<i>Mayor Aalbers, Chair Alberta Hub</i> <i>MLA Justin Wright, Honorable Shane Getson, MLA Garth Rowswell, Lauren Gardumo, Miles Wowk</i>
11:05 am	Alberta's Senior Representative U.S.	<i>Nathan Cooper (TBC)</i>
11:25 am	Invest Alberta	<i>Thomas Kargacin – Senior Advisor</i> <i>Manufacturing, Aerospace and Defense</i>
11:45 am	Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation	<i>Karen Wronko - Assistant Deputy Minister</i> <i>Trade, Investment and Food Safety Division</i>

12:00 – 1:10 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
1:15 pm	Servus Credit Union	<i>Charles St. Arnaud Chief Economist</i>
1:35 pm	Innotech Alberta	<i>Brianna Morris Director of Government Relations Alberta Innovates</i>
1:55 pm	Lakeland College	<i>Adam Waterman Lakeland College Board Chair</i>
2:15 pm	Invest Alberta	<i>Ian Large – Director, Regional Strategy & Market Intelligence</i>
3:10– 3:25 pm	Refreshment Break	
3:25 pm	MCSnet Connectivity	<i>Kevin Bernhard, Business Development Manager</i>
3:50 pm	Alberta Hub Skyways project	<i>Bob Bezpalko Alberta HUB Dan Juhblin Aerium Analytics</i>
4:15 pm	Exporting / Capacity	<i>Maneesh Kalra</i>
4:45 pm	End of Day 1	

Dinner on your own to Enjoy Vegreville Dining

Friday, April 10th Registration

7:30 – 8:15 am	Breakfast	
8:15 am	Alberta Nuclear Energy Engagement & Advisory Panelist	<i>Honorable Deron Bilous</i>
9:00 am	AESO Electricity Landscape	<i>Rich Flack, Customer Intake Specialist</i>
9:30 am	AltaLink	<i>Colin Harvey, RPF Municipal and Community Relations manager</i>
10:00 am	ATCO Electric	<i>Larry Shaben Senior Manager & Industry Relations</i>
10:15am	Fortis Alberta	<i>Dave Hunka Senior Manager Business Development</i>
10:10 – 10:30 am	Networking / Refreshment Break	
10:30 am	Nuclear Power Project	<i>Scott Kovatch Ec Dev. MD of Bonnyville Dustin Wilkes, CEO Nucleon Energy</i>
11:00 am	Town of Vegreville	<i>Mayor Tim MacPhee Jamieson Brown Economic Development Officer</i>
11:30 am	Tourism Global Perspective	<i>Kevin Kisilevich Go East of Edmonton</i>
11:45 pm	Regional Collaboration Marketing	<i>Mark Baxter, President Outlook Market Research</i>
12:00 pm	Closing Remarks – Chair Gerald Aalbers Northeast Alberta Information HUB Bag Lunch for the Drive home – Be Safe!	