



SIMSA

Saskatchewan Industrial & Mining
Suppliers Association Inc

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Executive Director's Message

Premier Moe invited me to the First Minister's reception held on June 1st – the first such event held in Saskatchewan for over 40-years. At the event, with a well scripted plan, I was able to talk about our members and SIMSA itself with numerous political and industry figures. All heard of our desire to build major resources and industrial projects across Canada. We discussed the critical role SIMSA members play in building a strong Saskatchewan economy and pursue new opportunities. Canada can be a global energy superpower, and SIMSA members are on the front lines building and strengthening Saskatchewan's key industries like uranium, potash, oil and gas, and so many more. SIMSA will continue to advocate for our members interests as Canada invests in making our economy even stronger. All were also invited to return to Saskatchewan for follow-up meetings and shop tours.

Here is a quick recap:



Prime Minister Mark Carney

With the Right Honorable Prime Minister Mark Carney, I was able to share our desire to work with him to build Canada into an energy superpower, as well as see our potash, uranium, and oil and gas be

developed to their fullest potential. Carney and Premier Moe seem to be very aligned, and I have every reason to be optimistic that the new government will benefit SIMSA members. Follow-up initiatives were also discussed.



Minister Dominic LeBlanc

With the Minister of Canada-US Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs, and One-Canada – Dominic LeBlanc - I was able to discuss how SIMSA members can play a significant role in the new pan-Canadian economy. Minister LeBlanc may return to Saskatoon soon and visit some member facilities.



Minister Crystia Freeland

With the Minister of Transport and Internal Trade Crystia Freeland, I was able to discuss the new “First Mile” initiative and how members can work to move items across Canada. (Yes, that’s former Nutrien Chief Sustainability Officer and now CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce – Candace Laing – in the background.)

Not pictured is the Minister of Energy and Resources - Tim Hodgson - who I also spoke with, about his view to build our resource sector and how SIMSA will be an integral part.

I also spoke with several Premiers about our ability to assist other provinces with their mining, oil and gas, and nuclear initiatives. In short, all were invited to visit our members. They agreed that we need to work together to build the discussed projects, which are far too large for any one province to handle (keeping Saskatchewan suppliers first).



Premier Danielle Smith, Alberta



Premier Wab Kinew, Manitoba



Premier Doug Ford, Ontario



Premiers Susan Holt, New Brunswick; Francois Legault, Quebec; and John Hogan, Newfoundland

Conversations were also held with numerous Saskatchewan resource sector persons including; Tim Gitzel and Grant Isaac of Cameco, Lawrence Berthelet of Mosaic (who also took some photos for me – “thank you”), Karina Gistelinck of BHP, etc.

SIMSA held its 2025 AGM on May 14th in Saskatoon. This year’s AGM marked the transition of Ritu Malhotra as Board Chair, to Scott Bahr. SIMSA’s succession planning has Bobbylynn Stewart now as Vice

Chair (replacing Scott Bahr). SIMSA is very grateful for the work Ritu did as chair, especially in the areas of policies, processes, and strategic planning!

The four persons departing from our Board this year are;

- Ritu Malhotra, March Consulting – completing term as Chair and now must step-off the Board
- Adam Logue, JNE Welding – has spent 6-years on the Board and must now step-down
- Darrin Craig, Dyna Industrial – has spent 6-years on the Board and must now step-down
- Kohl Currie, Allan Construction – decided to not run again

The 6 elected Board persons were:

- Andrea Crittenden, Sixteen Safety
- Bryan MacFadden (incumbent), Engcomp Engineering
- Curtis Gursky, Fortis Engineering and Manufacturing
- Jim Wilson, Wil-Tech Industries
- Marc Collette (incumbent), Mine Supply Company
- Marland Ottenbreit, DynaIndustrial

With a 97% approval, the AGM also some changes to SIMSA's Bylaws. The revisions clarified that:

- The intent of having a broad representation of SIMSA's membership on its Board, by limiting Board Director positions to one per member-company or affiliate.
- That Members and Directors must abide by SIMSA's policies.
- That there can be up to three (3) Directors from the Open Member category, instead of a fixed number. This will depend on the votes secured by the Open Member nominees in comparison to Regular Member nominees. In short, the up to three (3) Director positions for Open Member candidates are "available", but not "guaranteed" as it is dependent on the member votes during election.

Following the formal AGM portion, David Doerksen, Senior Vice-President & Chief Marketing Officer at Cameco gave a keynote address. David gave an overview of where the nuclear power sector and thus uranium markets are heading – which was very positive – and then tied it to Saskatchewan and SIMSA members.



David Doerksen addressing SIMSA members at AGM

Member's News

[SRC is Exploring the Benefits and Applications of Microreactors in Saskatchewan](#)

[EB Horsman & Son Celebrates 125 Years with Strong Roots in Saskatchewan](#)

[NSGC Annual Make-A-Wish BBQ](#)

Advocacy

With the federal cabinet appointments being complete, and prior to the First Ministers' meeting, SIMSA began a dialogue with Prime Minister Mark Carney; Tim Hodgson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources; Francois Champagne, Minister of Finance; and Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change. SIMSA's goal is to build a functioning line of communication into Ottawa to share our thoughts and needs, *and thus drive policy favourable to our sectors and investment in our province.*

Eric Anderson has discussed Prompt Payment with Ministers Reiter and Harrison, as well as NDP leader Carla Beck and Aleana Young. He also discussed federal government relations with Premier Moe, as well as SMR and large nuclear builds with Minister Harrison.

Eric Anderson delivered a keynote address at the International Minerals Innovation Institute's AGM (IMII) on May 15th – an audience of major producers, government, and educators. He called for the development of larger venture capital investments in Saskatchewan to support innovation, after presenting the logic behind the request.



Nuclear

On May 7th and 8th SIMSA helped arrange a set of tours in conjunction with GE Vernova for the purpose of nuclear supply chain development. There was a focus on Mechanical (Fabricators/Manufacturers), and Electrical/Balance of Plant scope companies.



Day 1 included a breakfast and roundtable, where GE Vernova provided an overview of how to become a nuclear supplier, how to work with GE Vernova, and the current plans for supply chain development in Saskatchewan. The breakfast was attended by the tour companies, SaskPower, and Saskatchewan Crown Investment Corporation.

Day 2 began with a 7:00 AM breakfast with the SIMSA Board, with a discussion focused on localization.

Companies were shortlisted via a few criteria:

- Have selected “Interested in Nuclear” in the SIMSA database
- Have manufacturing/fabrication shops in Saskatoon (time limited, so no travel outside of the city).

The shortlist was then sent to GE Vernova, who selected the following 14 companies to tour:

Brandt Group of Companies
DynalIndustrial
Evolution Electrical Products Inc.
Graham Construction
Industrial Machine & Mfg. Inc.
Delco Automation
JNE Welding LP
Maxquip Inc.
Northern Strands Group of Companies
Nutana Machine Ltd.
STC Industrial Contracting LP
Team Power Solutions
Venables Machine Works Ltd.
Prairie Machine

GE Vernova Attendees

1. GEH – Lisa McBride, Country Leader, GEH SMR Canada
2. GEH – Kim Perry, EVP, Sourcing & Manufacturing
3. GEH – Kevin Erskine, Project Director, SaskPower Project
4. GEH – Husain Kapasi, Project Manager, SaskPower Project
5. GEH – Tim Check, Manager, BWRX-300 Global Supply Chain Strategist
6. GEH – Carmen Alonso, VP Quality Management, BWRX-300

SaskPower/CIC Attendees

1. SaskPower – Rhea Brown, EVP, Customer Experience & Procurement
2. SaskPower – Corrie Atkinson, Manager, Nuclear Commercial
3. SaskPower – Connor Wright, Manager, Supplier Relationship Management
4. CIC – Brett Paquin

Sector News

Something is definitely in the works with Nutrien's potash plans, as they are looking to dramatically increase their potash port facilities – which means more production.

Canada's Nutrien plans major Pacific Northwest terminal to boost potash exports

<https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/canadas-nutrien-plans-major-pacific-northwest-terminal-boost-potash-exports-2025-05-28/>

May 28 (Reuters) - Fertilizer producer Nutrien said on Wednesday it was planning a major terminal at a Pacific Northwest port and is currently exploring sites in the United States and Canada.

"Nutrien is reviewing options to increase West Coast port capacity as part of our long-term strategy to strengthen supply chain resilience and support rising global demand for potash," the company said in a statement.

The Canada-based company is seeking a deep-water port with rail infrastructure capable of handling bulk potash exports for fast-growing Indo-Pacific markets, including China, India and Japan.

New Members

New member to SIMSA from the month of May were:

- [Custom Accounting & Tax Services](#)
- [United Rentals Tool Solutions](#)
- [Essence Recruitment](#)
- [HD Advanced Technologies Inc.](#)

Upcoming Events

Register for Upcoming Events [HERE](#)

- **Saskatchewan Mining Week Lunch with Orano's Louis-Pierre Gagnon – June 5, 2025**
As part of Saskatchewan Mining Week, SIMSA is pleased to be hosting a lunch with Orano Canada's Louis-Pierre Gagnon, Director of Mining. Louis' presentation is "SABRE: Mining at McClean Lake"
- **Lunch & Learn: Financial Transformation to Improve Your Cost Control and Efficiency by Custom Accounting & Tax Services – June 10, 2025**
At this virtual event, learn from Custom Accounting & Tax Services, as they discuss their Virtual/Fractional CFO services (Performance Management) and how it can benefit your business.
- **The Power of Visual Data: Business Storytelling Made Clear – June 17, 2025**
In a world overloaded with information, the ability to cut through the noise has never been more important. This session explores how infographics and data visualization can transform complex information into clear and compelling narratives.
- **Protecture Plan Anniversary - SIMSA's Member Benefit Plan – June 18, 2025**
Join us for complimentary breakfast and learn about SIMSA's benefit plan - Protecture - and the updates and enhancements since the initial rollout last year.
- **SIMSA & Nutrien Roundtable – September 16, 2025**
Save the Date! SIMSA & Nutrien Roundtable will be on September 16, 2025 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.
- **Saskatchewan Supplier Energy Forum (SSEF) – October 8, 2025**
The 11th Annual Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum (SSEF) will be on October 8, 2025 at Delta Hotel in downtown Regina. Tickets and tradeshow booths on sale June 11.
- **SIMSA & BHP Roundtable – November 6, 2025**
Save the Date! SIMSA & BHP Roundtable will be on November 6, 2025 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.

- **Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum (MSCF) – April 15 & 16, 2026**
Save the Date! Co-hosted by SIMSA, the Saskatchewan Mining Association and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade & Export Development, the 18th Annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum will take place on April 15 and 16, 2026 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.

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