

June 1, 2026

Executive Director's Message

To build the annual Saskatchewan Supplier Energy Forum (SSEF), SIMSA approached the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) to become a presenting sponsor in the event. CAPP agreed.

Why did we do this?

The SSEF has recently seen 300 persons attend while the recent Mining Forum has had over 3,000. Both events are co-presented with the Government of Saskatchewan's Ministry of Trade & Export Development, but the Mining Forum has a producer partner – the Saskatchewan Mining Association – which leverages its members to attend and thus attracts more suppliers with a sold-out tradeshow.

CAPP is a non-partisan, research-based industry association that advocates on behalf of their member companies, large and small, that explore for, develop, and produce oil and natural gas throughout Canada. CAPP's members produce nearly three quarters of Canada's annual oil and natural gas production, and their associate members provide a wide range of services that support the upstream industry. See <https://www.capp.ca/>

So, commencing with the 2026 SSEF, CAPP is the Presenting Sponsor with the plan of substantially growing the event over the coming years.



And, with the new partner and target to grow the event, we have created a logo for the event.



The wavy lines are streams - up, mid, and down stream. The top red color is Canada (and also that of CAPP our new presenting sponsor. The gold and two green shades are the Government of Saskatchewan and SIMSA colors – plus the gold is gasoline. And, the black at the bottom is oil.

SIMSA members are facing growing demand in the mining and energy sectors, but more so face a potential seismic upward growth due to nuclear, defence, and major projects announcements. This growth will require shop expansions and the like.

But, to do this, members will likely require financing and advice.

As such, SIMSA has secured an agreement with RBC for member financing and advisory services under the banner “SIMSA-Fi.”

The core items in the RBC program are:

SIMSA MEMBERS			
Facilities	Purpose	Costs	Terms
Operating Loans	Finance Working Capital	Floating rate of RBC Prime Lending Rate plus 0.5%	Interest only payments monthly
Term Loans	Finance or refinance Capital Assets, including Real Estate. (Typically up to 75% of purchase price)	Floating Rate of RBC Prime Lending rate plus 1%. Fixed Rates determined at time of drawdown. CORRA financing available for amounts over \$2MM	Typically, 1-5 year terms, amortized over 5 years, or amortized up to 25 years for Real Estate
Leasing	Finance or refinance Capital Assets except Real Estate. (Typically up to 100% of cost)	Floating Rate of RBC Prime Lending Rate plus 1%, Fixed Rate option set at time of drawdown. CORRA financing available for amounts over \$2MM	Typically, 1-5 year terms, amortized over up to 10 depending on the economic life of the Asset
Corporate Visa card	Working Capital	Standard Visa Arrangements	Repayment in full monthly
Business Account Services	To operate cash flow	25% reduction in overall costs	Reviewed Annually
Cash Management Services	Assist in maximizing Cash Flow	Standard pricing	Reviewed Annually



Additional Notes:

- Interest Rates quoted represent the maximum spreads above the Prime Lending Rate. Lower rates may be offered subject to each clients risk assessment
- Amounts of facilities can be between \$50,000 and \$50,000,000
- Business Account Services, relate to standard Business Accounts. If a “Packaged Account” provides a better price this will be offered at the posted rate.
- All Credit Facilities are subject to approval based on the RBC risk assessment process.

SIMSA will be hosting a virtual “Brunch & Learn” event on this program on June 10th at 10:00 am – register [HERE](#).

The AGM election results revealed that the following persons will be on SIMSA’s Board for the next two years:

- Bryan MacFadden (incumbent), Horizon Engineering & Project Management, Vice President – Business Development & Strategy - Regular member
- Evan Powell, Kelly Panteluk Construction Ltd., General Manager of Projects - Regular member
- June Verhelst (incumbent), Graham, Senior Vice President Operation - Open member
- Shaun Howdle, STC Industrial Group, President & CEO - Regular member
- Tyler Gilchrist, Impact Energy, Director of Operations - Regular member

Member’s News

[Multicrete welcomes Tomas Kubalcik as the new Director of Contracting](#)

[Expanding Our Footprint: Peter Lucas Grows in Kamloops, BC](#)

[Saskatchewan Research Council \(SRC\) co-hosting the Canadian Mineral Analysts Conference this September in Saskatoon](#)

[Innovation by Design: How an “In-House” Approach Helped SRC Become a Global Leader in Rare Earth Solvent Extraction](#)

[North Fringe Industrial Technologies Named Recipient of WorkSafe Saskatchewan’s 2026 Safe Employer Award](#)

Advocacy

Eric Anderson, SIMSA’s Executive Director, has been invited to join the *Premier’s Advisory Council on CUSMA*.

The Government wrote, “As the sixth anniversary of the Canada–United States–Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) approaches, we want to ensure we have the most current information and positions of Saskatchewan’s key industries. This inaugural meeting [held May 29] will bring together business leaders

and organizations from across sectors to help inform Saskatchewan’s positions and input into Canada’s discussions with the United States (U.S.).”

And, on another the provincial front, we have begun discussions with Cabinet about the pathway to increasing (starting) local spend on nuclear projects.

And, as we mentioned in last month’s newsletter and at the AGM, SIMSA is now a requested voice in Ottawa! Upon request, we submitted a major project procurement whitepaper to several Federal departments and we are now a requested voice to Federal Committees on items such as CUSMA. Per the [May SIMSA Newsletter](#), SIMSA submitted a major project procurement whitepaper to several Federal departments.

In May we met with the Major Projects and Prime Minister’s Office to secure SIMSA members’ and SIMSA’s role in the upcoming projects. We have met with now dozens of MPs and bureaucrats telling SIMSA’s story.

This Federal initiative aligns with a core reason for SIMSA’s formation. The following is from SIMSA’s formative branding guide – we were to be “The Voice of Saskatchewan Industry”:



And finally, we are continuing our work alongside our partners at the Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resources Centre of Excellence:

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION
— INSIGHTS FROM THE CEOs OF FIRST NATIONS OWNED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS —

Gary Merasty
CEO
Peter Ballantyne Group of Companies

Jake Sinclair
CEO
Cowessess Ventures Ltd.

Tina Rasmussen
CEO
MLTC Industrial Investments

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Nuclear

SIMSA at CNA 2026 — Saskatchewan Nuclear Delegation

Ottawa, April 27–30, 2026

SIMSA led its largest-ever Saskatchewan delegation — 14 member companies — to CNA 2026, the Canadian Nuclear Association’s flagship conference, themed “Power and Purpose.” Over four days, the delegation moved from the conference stage to receptions to structured B2B matchmaking, all aimed at connecting Saskatchewan suppliers with buyers, such as utilities and Tier-1 companies shaping Canada’s nuclear build.



SK-UK 2026 panel — Partnering with Saskatchewan, panelists from left to right: Ranissah Samah, Grant Cherkas, Tom Kishchuk, David Brock

The week opened with an incoming French trade mission (Nuclear Valley France and GIFEN) and a SK-UK breakfast, where SIMSA's nuclear specialist, Grant Cherkas, participated in a panel discussion on UK-Saskatchewan collaboration hosted at the UK Embassy. The panel highlighted our members' capabilities to the UK supply chain and invited UK suppliers to collaborate with SIMSA members to support the construction on UK nuclear projects.



CNA 2026 panel — Saskatchewan nuclear supply chain, panelists from left to right: Lisa McBride, Ritu Malhotra, Grant Cherkas, Sheldon Wuttunee

A conference highlight was the Saskatchewan-focused panel, "Working in Partnership to Advance a Robust, Resilient, and First Nations-Inclusive Nuclear Supply Chain in Saskatchewan.", discussing our NRCan funded SMR Supply Chain Readiness project and the capabilities SIMSA members can offer to Ontario companies as Ontario progresses with the construction of multiple new nuclear power plants.

The message we delivered on both panels was SIMSA members are capable and ready to work with Ontario and UK companies to support the development of nuclear generation and that now is the time to start the discussion on how we can help.

In addition, at the CNA conference we had an opportunity to discuss the effects nuclear projects have on host communities from an infrastructure and services perspective. Our members providing consulting services, infrastructure and materials should be aware of the substantial infrastructure development required to support the construction and operation of a nuclear generation facility. This represents nearer term business opportunities. A source of information on host community needs can be found in the following two resources:

- 1) Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities: <https://canhc.info/#>
- 2) EPRI's guide to transitioning from Coal to Nuclear:
https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://restservice.epri.com/publicdownload/000000003002026517/0/Product&ved=2ahUKEwio98rA_peUAXKOjQHZIIcpgQFnoECCEQAQ&usg=AOvVaw2irh6iGnZqajE9UL0QI8o1

To close, SIMSA partnered with the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) to host dedicated B2B meetings on April 30, with registrants from the Ontario nuclear industry.

Next trade mission — OCNI Industry Day 2026 (Bruce Power & OPG)

SIMSA's next supplier trade mission heads to Ontario for OCNI Industry Day on September 15–16, 2026, hosted with Bruce Power and OPG — two of the largest nuclear buyers in the country — with site tours included. As CNA showed, you must register to participate, and delegation spots fill quickly. Watch for SIMSA registration details and express interest early. Learn more: <https://ocni-industryday.com/>

New Members

New members to SIMSA from the month of May were:

- [RS Breakers & Controls](#)
- [Des Nedhe Constructors LP](#)
- [Souris Valley Industries \(1977\) Ltd.](#)
- [Karam Alternators Starters](#)
- [SIEL Human Solutions](#)
- [Air Tech Products](#)

Upcoming Events

Register for Upcoming Events [HERE](#)

- **"Brunch" & Learn: Lagging Indicators - Injury Severity Dashboard Pilot Opportunity – June 2, 2026**
At this event, WCB will introduce the injury severity dashboard pilot, providing insight into why traditional lagging indicators are no longer enough on their own, and how this new approach can better reflect true safety performance.
- **"Brunch" & Learn: SIMSA-Fi: SIMSA/RBC Financing Program – June 10, 2026**
Being a SIMSA member can now save you a lot on financing via our new "SIMSA-Fi" program with RBC! At this event, learn the details of "SIMSA-Fi" program with Kevin Goddard from RBC.
- **Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum (SSEF) – September 29, 2026**
The 12th Annual Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum (SSEF) will be on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at Delta Hotel in downtown Regina, SK. This event is presented by SIMSA and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade & Export Development. And, we are proud to have CAPP as our Presenting Sponsor. Sponsorship opportunities are now open. Tradeshow booths and tickets on sale to SIMSA members on June 9; to non-SIMSA members on June 11.
- **Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum (MSCF) – April 14 & 15, 2027**
Save the Date! Co-hosted by SIMSA, the Saskatchewan Mining Association and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade & Export Development, the 19th Annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum will take place on April 14 and 15, 2027 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.

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