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Executive Director's Message

Well, at least we're not bored!

SIMSA is now integrated with the \$52-billion Bell datacentre project and our member database is integral to it. Here is a slide from last week's first event with Bell, which also mentions ways to connect with them.

Get involved

How Saskatchewan suppliers can get involved

- 1 Register your capabilities**
Join the SIMSA Saskatchewan Supplier Database at saskatchewansupplierdatabase.ca. The project team has procurement access and uses it to shortlist local suppliers by service and scale.
- 2 Contact the construction manager**
Send construction trade, material and site-service inquiries to SCMVendor.Inquiries@bird.ca. Bird's national procurement team filters inquiries by project and routes them to the Sherwood team.
- 3 Indigenous businesses**
Connect through George Gordon Developments Ltd. (gddl.ca) and the Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence
- 4 Stay informed**
Project updates, FAQs and job postings at businessmarkets.bell.ca/regina-info.

Bell AI Fabric | Sherwood AI campus | Supplier briefing | September 24, 2026

4 **Bell AI Fabric**

Please update you member profile to ensure your abilities are accurately portrayed!

Our system is now also being used by Red Leaf Pulp for their project.

Both of these uses came about from SIMSA's participation during the Saskatchewan portion of Prime Minister Carney's Economic Summit in Toronto. There are more details on this within the "Advocacy" portion of this newsletter.

But, I need to include the photo I took at the Bell announcement. It's not often you have 3 Prime Ministers on a stage, let alone Harper and Carney, and then Moe happy to be standing with two Liberal PMs. Things have changed!



The Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum was held on September 29 in Regina. Over 250 supplier persons met with numerous oil & gas plus other industrial sector persons, at this SIMSA and Government of Saskatchewan event. An event summary is available [HERE](#).





The 2026 SSEF audience

The BHP Supply Chain Ready webinar series was launched! The Supply Chain Ready Program - or SCR – is open to Indigenous and local suppliers across Saskatchewan. The SCR program aims to strengthen supplier capability and readiness through targeted webinars covering BHP Potash standards, ways of working, and key supplier requirements. The next session is on “Indigenous Engagement Approach” and it is being held on October 15 – you can register [HERE](#).

Here are some images of the studio set, plus how things looked on line.



SIMSA was nominated for the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce ABEX Award for Non-Profit Impact. We did not win the judged category. But sometimes when you are shooting at a target, you actually shoot over it.



Member's News

[The Most Common Causes of Radiator Failures in Mining Equipment: Explained by West End Radiators](#)

[SRC's Adaption of Indigenous Engagement Strategies for Mine Remediation](#)

[WeldCor Supports Rob Jung's Youth Welding Project](#)

[WeldCor Indigenous Liaison, Mavis Poundmaker: Thoughts on The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

[WeldCor and Primrose Development Limited Partnership Form New Joint Venture](#)

Advocacy

Eric Anderson was asked to present at, and SIMSA to sponsor, the "Saskatchewan Nuclear Forum" on September 14, as part of Saskatchewan's initiatives at Prime Minister Carney's Economic Summit in Toronto. Eric made the case that Saskatchewan can build major projects because:

- We build big - we've done it before (BHP used as an example)
- We're organised (our database and events)

- We can work quickly together because we know each other.

This session was held just prior to the Saskatchewan company pitch sessions and then the Bell announcement.



Others presenting at the session were:

Fireside Chat: Leading Global Nuclear Industry Development

Featuring:

The Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan

Tim Gitzel, CEO at Cameco

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Former Prime Minister of Canada

Saskatchewan Uranium Production - Future Investment Opportunities

Panelists:

David Cates, Denison Mine Corp.

Luke Moger, NexGen Energy Ltd.

Paul Hemburrow, Paladin Canada

Moderated by the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Former Prime Minister of Canada

Pathways to Energy Security

Panelists:

Pam Schwann, Saskatchewan Mining Association

Natalie Cutler, Canadian Nuclear Association

John Gorman, Westinghouse Canada

Moderated by the Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of the Saskatchewan Crown Investment Corporation

Nuclear Innovation and Supply Chain

Panelists:

Sheldon Wuttunee, First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence

Eric Anderson, Saskatchewan Industrial and Mining Suppliers Association

Prahba Ramaswamy, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce

Moderated by the Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Finance

SIMSA also was asked to speak at the Government of Saskatchewan's nuclear power announcement on September 29th – one that featured an announcement on siting work for 2 large nuclear reactors to commence in northwestern Saskatchewan. This further highlights how SIMSA is fully engaged with the Government of Saskatchewan and is a trusted partner.

Eric spoke to how we are prepared, we build big in Saskatchewan, we work together, and so we are ready.



And then Eric was on the Evan Bray Show on September 30 regarding the nuclear announcement the day prior. The recording is here <https://iono.fm/e/1723458>

Nuclear

SIMSA Leads Saskatchewan Delegation to OCNI Nuclear Industry Day at Bruce Power

Tiverton, Ontario, September 15–17, 2026

In mid-September, SIMSA led a delegation of 12 Saskatchewan companies to [OCNI Nuclear Industry Day](#), a joint event hosted by the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI), Bruce Power and Ontario Power Generation (OPG) at the Bruce Power site on the shore of Lake Huron. The purpose of the trip was to put Saskatchewan suppliers face to face with the senior leaders, procurement professionals and end users at two of the largest nuclear buyers in the country.

The trip was made possible through SIMSA's partnership with OCNI and PrairiesCan, which provides subsidized travel for Saskatchewan SMEs to take part in nuclear networking opportunities in Ontario. Delegation spots were fully subscribed.



Eric Chassard, President and CEO of Bruce Power, addresses Nuclear Industry Day attendees.

Two Days with Ontario's Nuclear Buyers

Day one was a trade show with **100+ booths** representing companies from across Canada's nuclear supply chain, followed by an evening reception at the Nuclear Innovation Institute's Advanced Facility.

Day two shifted to a workshop format, with utility-led panel discussions on the supply chain's priority topics and structured B2B meetings with utility representatives. Senior executives from both utilities outlined their priorities and procurement outlooks for the years ahead.



A panel discussion at OCNI Nuclear Industry Day.

Highlights from the Stage

- Remarks from **Eric Chassard**, President and CEO of Bruce Power.
- **Supply Chain Leaders' Remarks** from Brad Boakes (Director, Procurement, Aecon), Jacqueline Cherevaty (Vice-President, Strategic Services, Commercial Operations, BWXT) and Doug Barker (President, Park Derochie Canada).
- **Ready for Growth? Nuclear Supply Chain Capacity, Risk and Investment**, a panel featuring Ivette Vera-Perez (President and CEO, OCNI), Lisa McBride (Country Leader, GE Vernova Hitachi SMR Canada), Adam Kahgee (COO, Makwa Development), Adrian Davies (VP, Supply Chain Management, Candu Energy, an AtkinsRéalis company), Jonathan Barr (Nuclear Sector Leader, Flowserve) and Brian Schmidt (Canada Project Procurement Sr. Manager, Westinghouse).



The "Ready for Growth?" panel on nuclear supply chain capacity, risk and investment.

Seeing the Site

On Thursday, the delegation stayed on for a **bus tour of the Bruce site**, followed by a tour of OPG's **Western Waste Management Facility**, where OPG manages low- and intermediate-level waste and stores used fuel from the Bruce reactors. Seeing an operating nuclear site up close gives a better sense of the scale of the work.

Why It Matters

Bruce Power and OPG are two of the largest nuclear buyers in Canada, with major refurbishment programs and new build underway. OPG is building Canada's first BWRX-300 small modular reactor at Darlington, the same technology Saskatchewan has selected for its planned SMR. The relationships Saskatchewan companies build with these buyers now help position them for work in Ontario today and for Saskatchewan's program as it moves forward.



Supply Chain Leaders' Remarks, featuring Aecon, BWXT and Park Derochie Canada.

What's Next

There will be future opportunities to participate in tours, with SIMSA looking to host at least 1 more before March 31st, 2027. To get involved, please let me know if you would be interested in a future tour, and look out for future e-mails from me (James).

SIMSA's nuclear specialist, Grant Cherkas, P.Eng., is here to help our members. Please do not hesitate to reach out to him if you have any questions about the nuclear industry.

New Members

New members to SIMSA from the month of September were:

- [Epiroc Customer Center](#)
- [SaskBattery Distributors Inc.](#)
- Wicehtowak Worley

Upcoming Events

Register for Upcoming Events [HERE](#)

- **BHP Potash Supply Chain Ready Program (SCR) Session #2 – October 15, 2026**
The topic of this virtual session is “Supplier Onboarding & Minimum Requirements”.
Future planned session dates and topics include:
 - November 26 – Indigenous Engagement Approach
 - January 7 – Strategic Procurement: Tendering Processes
 - February 4 – Health, Safety & Security (HSS) Framework
 - March 4 – Transactional Procurement (Demand-to-Pay Cycle)
 - April 22 – Contract Management
 - May 6 – Contractor Management Framework
 - June 3 – Risk Management Framework
- **SIMSA & Mosaic Roundtable – October 20, 2026**
The SIMSA & Mosaic Roundtable will be on Tuesday, October 20th at Hotel Saskatchewan in Regina. **Ticket price increases on October 13th**
- **SIMSA & BHP Roundtable – November 5, 2026**
The SIMSA & BHP Roundtable will be on Thursday, November 5th at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon. **Ticket price increases on October 30th**
- **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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