

RAIL



CHRIS AVERY
CEO Arctic Gateway

With over 25 years experience in the transportation industry, Chris was previously President and CEO of Canadian North and First Air. Under his leadership, Canadian North was recognized as one of Canada's Best Managed Companies and Regional Airline of the Year in 2022. Chris held management roles at WestJet, Alaska Airlines, Canadian Airlines and other travel and transportation companies. He has a Bachelor of Economics degree from Western University and a MBA from the John Molson School of Business at Concordia U.



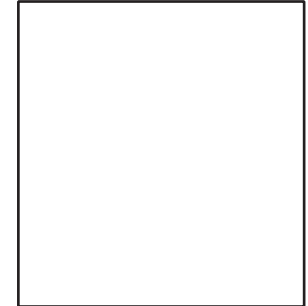
ROBYN LORE
NeeStaNan Utility Corridor

Robyn was raised on a farm in Alberta and studied Economics at University. Formerly a University professor, Robyn has worked in construction, energy, finance, and agriculture throughout his life. He is passionate about assisting Indigenous people develop a utility corridor and transportation system which will create many opportunities as well as assist Canada's economy.



JAMES BERSCHIED, BscAg
Hudson Bay Route Association (HBRA).

Very active self employed businessman. Currently President of HBRA. Board member for Northern Regional Health Authority Board, and Tri-Community Foundation. Strong advocate for Port of Churchill. Director for the Opasquia Agricultural Society and a member of Rotary. Served as counsellor for the RM of Kelsey, President of The Pas/OCN Chamber Commerce.



TBA
Via Rail
Pending

ROADS



DOUG JANSEN
**MB Transportation & Infrastructure
Winter Roads Program**

Graduated from Civil Technology in 1990. Worked in construction materials testing, timber design & drafting, computer assembly & repair and as a Technology Instructor for Red River College. Recent diversions include motorcycles and artificial intelligence research.



VOLKER BECKMANN
Safer Hwy 6 Action Group.

Retired graphic designer & business person. Thompson Chamber of Commerce member for over 50 years. Active community volunteer. Has traveled Highway 391 since it first opened through The Pas in 1964 and Hwy 6 in 1971 100s of times. In 2022, he was part of a *Citizens Action Group* that petitioned the Province of Manitoba for a #SaferHighway6 to reduce accidents and deaths.



JORDEN KEHLER
Gardewine Group

Earned his B.Comm degree in 2010 at the Asper School of Business. With 15 years at Gardewine, Jorden has overseen a variety of areas: Customer Service, Dedicated Fleet Services, Logistics & Freight Forwarding and Warehousing operations. Gardewine Group was founded in 1952. Is now an integrated logistics & transportation service provider that satisfies clients across North America.

DATA



RICKEY PANNELL
Chief Technology Officer, BlueNode

Rickey is an accomplished technologist with extensive experience in the light industry sector and with data-driven technology. He had roles at Toyota, UPS, FedEx, & Amazon, gaining hands-on experience in the supply chain and manufacturing environment. His work includes developing sustainability-focused transportation tools. Rickey will address how climate change is reshaping transportation logistics with the challenges and opportunities presented by diminishing ice roads and the extended viability of marine ports.

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AIR



CURTIS ROSS
CEO/CDO
Thompson Regional Airport,

Has extensive experience as an entrepreneur, commercial development and infrastructure projects. Involved with winter weather testing facilities in Thompson including Honda Canada. Currently at the helm of \$125 million, three year redevelopment of Thompson Regional Airport. Presently, the project is focusing on redevelopment of a new terminal building, apron, and parking lot. The revamped airport will continue to be a vital regional hub and emerge as a global center for testing, tourism, and freight distribution.



GARY BELL
CEO & President of Calm Air

One of the first employees of Exchange Income Corporation/ EIC in 2006, & served as Vice President of Corporate Development, responsible for acquisitions. When EIC acquired Calm Air in 2009, Gary became President and CEO. With a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance, he has modernized and consolidated the fleet to one aircraft type, while refocusing on Calm Air's Kivalliq operation, on-time performance, and customer service. Gary is deeply engaged coaching minor baseball. He serves on boards of the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada and chairs the Northern Tourism Advisory Committee of Travel Manitoba.



DR. BARRY PRENTICE
I.H. Asper School of Business

Director (1996-2005) of the Transport Institute. Degrees in economics from several universities. Founded Department of Supply Chain Management (SCM) at the I. H. Asper School of Business. Served on numerous Boards. Has authored or co-authored more than 400 reports and articles. In 1999, named Manitoba Transportation Person of the Year. Organized conferences on transportation matters. Chair of ISO Polar, a non profit organization promoting use of cargo airships for the North. In 2011, Dr. Prentice founded Buoyant Aircraft Systems International as the first airship research centre in Canada, and has designed the BARD, a buoyant aircraft rotating depot.

MINISTER



LISA NAYLOR
Minister for Transportation, Infrastructure & Consumer Protection & Government Services

Minister Naylor was first elected as the MLA for Wolseley in 2019. Sworn into office in October 2023. She served as the official opposition critic for environment and climate change, critic for municipal relations, and Deputy Caucus Chair as well as NDP spokesperson on 2SLGBTQ+ issues. She is also a former Vice Chair and Finance Chair of the Winnipeg School Division Board of Trustees. Also served as the Area 6 Director for the Manitoba School Board Association.

INNOVATIONS



CARL PIGEON
Co-founder and CEO of Ribbit

Ribbit retrofits aircraft with autonomous autopilot and operates them under remote supervision. Carl has a formal education in aerospace engineering and has flown planes since age 16. His roles include flight testing their autonomous aircraft platform, performing the physical modifications to the aircraft, and informing future aircraft architectures.



LAURA FINLAY
Manager of Partnerships & Economic Development,
Thompson Regional Airport

She leads the groundbreaking winter weather testing initiative at Canada's newest advanced cold weather test facility, Area 55. With over 25 years of experience in community development, Laura has dedicated her career to northern Manitoba, working extensively in The Pas and Thompson. Her diverse expertise spans across sectors such as tourism, environmental management, housing, daycare development, and sport and

ELECTRIC VEHICLES



ROBERT ELMS
Manitoba EV Association

Since 2012, Elms has served as President and Director of the Manitoba EV association. He brings a wealth of knowledge of the EV industry. In 2017, Elms was acclaimed Chair of MAAC. The Manitoba Association of Automobile Clubs (MAAC) is comprised of dozens of auto clubs, representing many members throughout Manitoba. Elms was the first time a president of an EV association was chosen to lead one of North America's automobile clubs. In 2011, Robert was the original Chair of the Member Council for North Forge Fabrication Lab, a highly successful, member-operated, business startup facility.



CHIEF RAYMOND FLETT
St Theresa Point
Aninshinew Nation

Chief Flett spent 16 years as High School teacher and principal Saint Theresa Point First Nation and former Band Counsellor. Started many different school initiatives and school band tours to the city of Toronto. Led the Saint Theresa Point housing committee and brought Youth Build to the community. He led a successful application with Natural Resources Canada for GCIB for school solar project. Chief Flett is now Project Manager for the *Free Ride EV Educational Program* for First Nations in Manitoba to increase awareness and benefits about the EV industry.

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