



# THE VAN HORNE INSTITUTE

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### Airships to the Arctic Conference

Limited transportation options in the North increase the direct costs of shipping and add to the indirect cost of inventories. Concerns about climate change impacts, delays in environmental approvals, and uncertainty regarding First Nations land claims further increase investment risk. As a result, the transportation solution offered by airships is gathering increased interest in northern Canada.

Airships have endurance, over-sized cargo capacity, ability to operate with minimal ground support, and require low maintenance. Cargo airships will have a revolutionary impact on northern transportation and logistics.

*Airships to the Arctic: The Tipping Point* will be held October 7-9 in Calgary, Alberta. The conference will examine the demand for transportation in northern Canada and provide an update on the supply of airship technology and potential deployment opportunities to respond to northern challenges. For details and registration, go to [www.airshiptohearctic.com](http://www.airshiptohearctic.com).

### Centre for Regulatory Affairs Welcomes New Academic Director

The Van Horne Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of Joseph Doucet, Enbridge Professor of Energy Policy at the University of Alberta, to the position of Academic Director for the Centre for Regulatory Affairs (CRA).



Joseph's role will involve:

- Maintaining current knowledge of the regulation-related expertise resident at the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta with a view to broaden the pool of academic researchers affiliated with the CRA, and
- Developing publications, continuing education, including short courses, seminars, conferences and customized courses.

### Announcing New Member: Kasian Architecture

The Institute welcomes Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd. as a member.

Kasian has developed a number of transportation-focused projects including airports in Canada and overseas, military hangars, a Canada line station at the Vancouver airport and the Sweetgrass/Couts Border Station. The firm has extensive interest in new developments in transportation and in the interaction between new trends and developments and the architectural designs required to make these trends a reality.

Kasian was established in 1985 and is one of the largest fully integrated architecture planning and interior design firms in Canada. The Kasian team of over 400 extends across eight offices in Canada, Asia and the Middle East.

The Institute looks forward to working with Kasian and is grateful for their membership.

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