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Centre for Information and Communication Provides Scholarship

The Van Horne Prize was awarded at the Canadian Communication Association's Annual Conference in May 2009 to Erin Depard, PhD Candidate in Communication Studies at Concordia University, for her paper titled "Crime Prevention and the Urban Landscape: Questions for Environmental Communication."

One Van Horne Prize Committee member commented that Erin's paper "has great potential to make a unique intervention in an upcoming and increasingly urgent area of analysis."

The CIC researches a broad array of communications issues, such as social policy issues (educational and health); sociological issues (new forms of community); cultural issues (new modes for production, distribution and reception), and Erin's paper fits well into the research mandate of the Centre.

High Speed Rail Study

The Transportation Committee of the House of Commons has held hearings in Ottawa on the development of high speed rail in Canada. The Obama administration in the U.S. has allocated funds for the development of such services.

Teresa Watts of Shirocca Consulting was the Project Manager for the Institute's study on high speed rail delivered to the Government of Alberta in October 2004. She appeared on behalf of the VHI before the Parliamentary Committee to advise on the findings of the study.

On Monday, July 6, 2009, the Government of Alberta released a major three-part study, including a market assessment of high speed rail service in the Calgary/Edmonton corridor. The study outlined the benefits to Alberta.

Peter Wallis was interviewed by numerous media outlets on the report and what the next steps would be that the Government of Alberta might contemplate to move this project to the next stage.

Northern Transportation Conference, September 09

The Northern Transportation Conference will be held September 10-11, 2009 in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

The conference will analyze the current state of transportation and the prime sources of demand for services such as resource and community development, and the movement of people and goods.

Hear from Aboriginal and Northern representatives, all levels of government, development agencies, and business leaders who will provide delegates with potential solutions for dealing with these challenges.

Canadian North is offering a 40% discount off MNORTH fares, and a room block with discounted prices is reserved at the Frobisher Inn.

For details and registration, contact Julia, the VHI Programs Manager, or go to www.vanhorne.info.

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