Yesterdays afternoon a significant number of conference delegates attended the IPC Delegate Luncheon sponsored by Enbridge. Held at the Hyatt Imperial Ballroom, the Luncheon featured a keynote presentation from WestJet President and Chief Executive Officer Gregg Saretsky.

Mr Saretsky joined WestJet in June 2009 as Vice-President of WestJet Vacations, before being named Executive Vice-President, Operations, for WestJet in October 2009. He became WestJet President and Chief Executive Officer in April 2010. In 2013 he was honoured by Canadian Business Magazine as the Top New CEO in Canada, an award bestowed on the top performing CEO during the first five years of their tenure.

Mr Saretsky’s presentation examined the similarities between the pipeline and airline industries, and emphasised the need for innovation to keep these critical sectors of the economy competitive in the challenging industry climate.

According to Mr Saretsky, the critical issues for the airline industry are energy sustainability and how the industry is adapting to the high cost of airline infrastructure. In a sense these issues are common between the two industries.

Mr Saretsky elected to take a ‘glass half full’ approach to the economic downturn of Calgary, saying that Western Canada has a strong spirit and that the necessity of tightening budgets would ultimately result in some fantastic innovations that would bring both the airline and pipeline industries forward in leaps and bounds.

Moving on from the economy, Mr Saretsky then spoke about the challenges both industries face in reducing their carbon footprint in response to global warming. He said that aviation is now a necessary evil to keep commerce and trade alive, but that it was the responsibility of airline companies to find ways to reduce their carbon emissions to make global trade more sustainable. Again, similar challenges are faced by the contemporary pipeline industry.

As part of WestJet’s investigations into reducing its carbon footprint, the airline has been testing the viability of biofuels made from refined forestry residue and other materials. Although there is nothing in the pipeline as yet, Mr Saretsky posited that this area of fuel production could be a new opportunity for pipeliners in the future.

In closing his speech Mr Saretsky said “My hope is that in 20 years’ time IPC will be attended by people just like you, who have learned to do what you do now in a sustainable and profitable way.”

As the close of Mr Saretsky’s presentation, IPC Chairman Patrick Vieth delighted the attendees with an entertaining anecdote about how he and Mr Saretsky met on a WestJet flight some months ago. Mr Vieth explained how Mr Saretsky demonstrated the utmost qualities of leadership as he helped the flight attendants and staff on board with the daily tasks of managing the flight.

“He was even sitting in the ‘back of the bus’ with everyone else, which I think really demonstrated his ability to lead,” said Mr Vieth.

The final IPC Luncheon will be held today at 12pm in the Hyatt Imperial Ballroom and will feature a keynote presentation from Dr Phil Hopkins.

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Track 3: Pipelines & Facilities Integrity will include a paper on improved dent integrity management, presented by BMT Fleet Technology’s Sanjay Tiku, and Track 7: Risk & Reliability will see Enbridge’s Sherif Hassanien speak on the use of surrogate models in reliability based analysis of dented pipes.

Presentation will start from 8am and run until 12pm, with a total of 28 papers being presented during this period. A refreshment break is schedule for 11am, giving delegates the opportunity to refuel and digest the information from the conference speakers. With so many exciting presentations happening at once, downloading the IPC 2016 app is a great way to organise your time. The user-friendly ‘My Schedule’ section lets you add sessions of interest, and see your full daily schedule laid out, with the touch of a button. Don’t wait until 2018 – make the most of the IPC 2016 app today!

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