Have the Lessons of the Lac-Mégantic Rail Disaster Been Learned?
University of Ottawa, December 8, 2016

Program

8:15 - 9:00: Registration

9:00 - 9:15: Welcome/Opening Remarks
Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

9:15 - 10:45: PANEL 1: Lac-Mégantic Three Years Later: Perspectives from Lac-Mégantic

Moderator: Sylvie Fournier, Investigative Journalist, Radio-Canada, Enquête

Panelists:
- Lac-Mégantic and region citizens’ coalition representatives: Coalition des citoyens et organismes engagés pour la sécurité ferroviaire de Lac-Mégantic; Comité de vigilance pour la sécurité ferroviaire de Lac-Mégantic
  - Robert Bellefleur
  - André Blais
  - Gilles Fluet
  - Jacques Gagnon
  - Nicole Jetté
- Liette Gilbert, Full Professor, Associate Dean, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University

10:45 - 11:00: Coffee

11:00 - 12:30: PANEL 2: How has the Canadian justice system dealt with the consequences of Lac-Mégantic? Can the justice system provide communities a stronger voice in rail safety through criminal and civil proceedings, settlements and judicial inquiries?

Moderator: Clinton Archibald, Radio-Canada, Université de Québec en Outaouais

Panelists:
- David Robitaille, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
- Heather McLeod-Kilmurray, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
- Jennifer Quaid, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
- Valerie Akubuoji, 2016 graduate (J.D.), Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa; Law Clerk, Ontario Superior Court
12:30 - 13:30: Lunch

13:30 - 15:00  PANEL 3: Changes to the rail regulatory regime since Lac-Mégantic: Have the fundamental causes of regulatory failure been remedied? Have the necessary improvements been made?

Moderator: Mike de Souza, Managing Editor, National Observer

Panelists
- Christine Collins, President, Union of Canadian Transport Employees
- Mark Winfield, Full Professor, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University
- Jasmine van Schouwen, 3rd year J.D. student, University of Ottawa
- Ian Naish, Former Director of Rail and Pipeline Investigations, Transportation Safety Board

15:00 - 15:15: Coffee

15:15 - 16:45: PANEL 4: (How) Can the transportation of oil by rail be made safe? How (Can) the justice system and regulatory system be reformed in the wake of Lac-Mégantic? What are the implications for future oil transportation infrastructure development?

Moderator: Dave Seglins, Investigative Journalist, CBC

Panelists:
- Harry Gow, Past President, Transport Action Canada
- Lynda Collins, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
- M. René David-Cooper, LL.M. (McGill), 2016 graduate (J.D.); Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa; Law Clerk, Federal Court of Appeal
- Bruce Campbell, Visiting Fellow, University of Ottawa; former executive director, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

16:45 - 17:00: Closing Remarks

17:00 - 18:30: Reception