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# The Implications of Neglecting Transportation Policy in Remote Areas

Thursday, February 22, 2018 @ 10:00am CST

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## ABSTRACT

This webinar includes three presentations exploring the neglect of transportation policy in remote areas of Canada. You will hear how regulation changes from Transport Canada will have significant ripple effects on rural and remote communities that rely on air transportation for everything from produce to medevacs. The second presentation explores the need for an airport/airstrip in Wasagamack First Nations in Northern Manitoba, which includes recommendations as to increase the level of this issue and how to get the government to fund it, and how to fund the project themselves. Lastly, details surrounding the critical infrastructure failure of the Churchill, Manitoba railway is examined, while analyzing the complex partnerships, vulnerabilities and dependencies involved.

## PANELISTS



**Stephanie Hoffman**, is a graduate student at York University in the field of Emergency and Disaster Management. She earned her Bachelor of Social Science from the University of Ottawa, with a major in International Development and a minor in Spanish. Stephanie has spent the last decade working in the far corner's of Canada's boreal forest as a tree planter and foreman on large scale forestry projects. She is interested in researching the effects of natural disasters on Canada's northern communities. Upon graduation, Stephanie is interested in working on natural resource development projects and business continuity objectives.



**Mesha Richard**, is currently attending York University in pursuit of a Masters of Disaster and Emergency Management. She previously attended Brandon University in the Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies program, and the University of Western Ontario where she completed a cross-disciplinary bachelor's degree in political science and international development. Her research area of interest includes the "upside of down", whereby emergency situations may create windows of opportunity for positive development, especially in relation to rural communities. Mesha works as Secretariat Support for the Rural Policy Learning Commons.



**Meas Danok**, has an undergraduate degree in Public Policy and Political Science (Hons.) from the University of Toronto. She worked extensively in policy, project management, and event planning. She fell in love with the field of emergency management through her work in environmental justice. She plans to work in business continuity within the field of emergency management. She would love to merge her passions for media, planning and policy in this field.