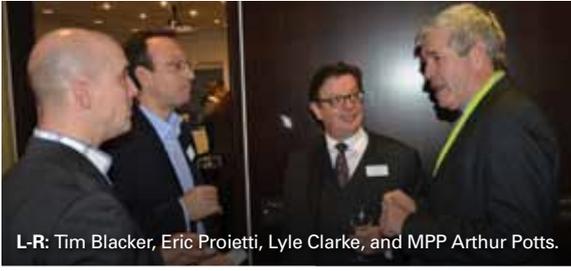


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L-R: Tim Blacker, Eric Proietti, Lyle Clarke, and MPP Arthur Potts.



Inset: L-R: Barb McMurray and John Neate.



Ontario Research and Innovation Minister Reza Moridi.



L-R: Peter Gallant, Howie Honeyman, Pete Pigott, and Lyle Clarke.

CleanTech North 2015 Winter Forum Toronto, ON

On December 17, 2015, Canadian water clean-tech entrepreneurs and investors gathered in the Gowling WLG office at First Canadian Place for the CleanTech North Winter Forum. Research and Innovation Minister **Reza Moridi** acknowledged the importance that business opportunities in clean technologies—particular water technologies—are for the future strength of the Canadian economy. “The global market for water technology is now \$560 billion, and it is expected to double in the next four or five years,” he said. “So Ontario has developed a comprehensive water sector strategy to ensure our province holds a place in the world. And our government has supported over 100 water sector projects in the past.”

GreenCentre Canada executive director **Pete Pigott**, WaterTap CEO **Peter Gallant**, and Forward Water Technologies CEO **Howie Honeyman** were part of a panel moderated by **Lyle Clarke** to discuss the rise of Ontario’s clean-tech leadership. The panel fielded questions from new start-ups and discussed the opportunities to build a cluster of Ontario’s water-tech companies and various groups that exist to support them in their R&D, commercialization, and acceleration.

“Ontario’s clean-tech sector employs 65,000 people and generates \$8 billion in annual revenue,” Moridi said. “A large part of this sector is water innovation technology. With 20 per cent (one fifth) of the world’s water supply in Canada, we have developed a wealth of ideas to conserve, protect, and ensure access to this precious resource. For Ontario these ideas are about more than environmental, they represent other opportunities.”

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Nick Marketto and Brenda Lucas.



The Honourable Navdeep Bains.



L-R: The Hon. Navdeep Bains, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Feridun Hamdullahpur.

Southern Ontario Water Consortium Waterloo, ON

Around a hundred excited students screamed as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau entered the room in the Science Teaching Complex at the University of Waterloo to deliver a funding announcement of \$12 million for the Southern Ontario Water Consortium. On January 14, 2016, he made the funding announcement on behalf of the Government of Canada, through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario). He was accompanied by **Navdeep Bains**, the federal minister of innovation, science, and economic development and the minister responsible for FedDev Ontario.

This investment will enable SOWC’s Advancing Water Technologies (AWT) program to help Ontario small to medium-sized enterprises leverage research facilities and academic expertise to develop and demonstrate water technologies for successful introduction to the market. The AWT program is a new catalyst for business-led collaborations in the water sector.

Brenda Lucas, executive director of the SOWC, said, “Supporting the development and adoption of new approaches will not only support growth in the technology sector, but will help us to meet pressing challenges in water management and energy reduction and climate change resilience.” About a hundred clean-tech entrepreneurs, water managers, researchers, and municipal leaders attended.



L-R: Geoff Riggs, David Rudolph, and George Sousa.