

AGENDA
NWT INDIGENOUS LEADERS' ECONOMIC FORUM
April 10 & 11, 2024, Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife, NWT
"STRENGTHENING OUR INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC ECOSYSTEM"
A Denendeh Development Corporation Event



Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (Day 1)

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast & Registration**
- 8:45 AM Opening Prayer & Drum Song, Yellowknives Dene First Nation Drummers (*Sponsored by Denendeh Investment Inc.*)
Welcome from Host Chief Fred Sangris, Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Ndilq)
Welcome from Dene National Chief Gerald Antoine
- 9:15 AM WELCOME Day 1:
- Darrell Beaulieu, CEO, Denendeh Investments Incorporated & Coalition Spokesperson
 - Introduction of Co-Chairs Chief Robert Charlie-Tetlich, Inuvik Native Band and DDC Chairman and Robert Campbell, Partner, MNP LLP
- 9:30 AM **KEYNOTE: AN INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC ECOSYSTEM** - Mark Carney, UN Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance and Co-Chair for the Glasgow Finance Alliance for Net Zero
- 9:45 AM ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION – Facilitated by Heather Exner-Pirot, Senior Fellow, MacDonald-Laurier Institute
- 10:15 AM **HEALTH BREAK**
- 10:45 AM **INVESTOR CONFIDENCE** - Moderator – Dr. Jessica Shadian, Ph.D., President & CEO, Arctic 360
- Curtis Shaw, President & CEO, Northwestel Inc.
 - Nancy Southern, Chair & CEO, ATCO Ltd.
 - Eira Thomas, Chair, North Arrow Minerals Inc.
- 11:30 AM ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
- 12 NOON **LUNCH**
- 1:00 PM **REGGIE LEACH – SHOOT TO SCORE**
- 1:15 PM **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS IN CRITICAL MINERALS** – Michael McLeod, MP, Northwest Territories
- 1:45 PM **CRITICAL MINERALS IN THE NWT** – Moderator – Tom Hoefer, Senior Advisor NWT/NU Chamber of Mines
- Louise Corriveau, Research Scientist, Geological Survey of Canada - DEMCo Ltd, Camsell River
 - Francis MacDonald, CEO & Director, Li-FT Power - Yellowknife Lithium Project & CALI Project
 - Jeff Hussey, CEO, Osisko Minerals - Pine Point Mine
 - Heather Exner-Pirot, Senior Fellow and Director of Energy, Natural Resources & Environment Program, MacDonald-Laurier Institute
- 2:30 PM ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
- 3:00 PM **HEALTH BREAK**
- 3:30 PM **WHAT FIRST NATIONS MAJOR PROJECTS COALITION (FNMPC) CAN DO FOR YOU** – Mark Podlasly, Chief Sustainability Officer
- 3:45 PM Closing - Inuvialuit Dancers (*Sponsored by Inuvialuit Development Corporation*)



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Thursday, April 11, 2024 (Day 2)

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast**
- 8:45 AM Welcome Day 2 & Recap Day 1:
- Chief Robert Charlie-Tetlich, Inuvik Native Band and DDC Chairman and Robert Campbell Partner, MNP LLP
- 9:00 AM **THE POWER OF COLLABORATION: FIRST NATIONS BANK OF CANADA – Bill Lomax, CEO**
- 9:15 AM **INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION** – Moderator – Paul Gruner, CEO, Tlicho Investment Corporation
- Grand Chief Jackson Lafferty, Tłıchq Government
 - Ek'wahtı́dǎ Danny Gaudet, Deline Got'ine Government
 - Grand Chief Herb Norwegian, Dehcho First Nations
 - Roy Erasmus, Jr., CEO, Gwich'in Development Corporation
- 10:00 AM ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
- 10:30 AM **HEALTH BREAK**
- 10:45 AM **CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR MAJOR PROJECTS** – Moderator – Bernd Christmas, Senior Counsel, JFK Law LLP
- Mark Podlasly, Chief Sustainability Officer, First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC)
 - Hillary Thatcher, Managing Director, Canadian Infrastructure Bank
 - Steve Berna, Chief Operating Officer, First Nations Finance Authority
- 11:30 AM ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
- 12:00 NOON **LUNCH**
- 12:45 PM Award Winning Metis Fiddler Lee Mandeville (*Sponsored by North Slave Metis Alliance*)
- 1:00 pm **CREATING A STRONG ECONOMIC FOUNDATION** – Hon. Caroline Wawzonek, Deputy Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation, GNWT
- 1:15 PM **INNOVATIVE PUBLIC POLICY SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS INVESTMENTS** – Moderator - Stephen Van Dine, Arctic Unlimited
- Hon. Caitlin Cleveland, Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, GNWT
 - Dawn Madahbee Leach, Chair, National Indigenous Economic Development Board
 - Kimberly Lavoie, Assistant Deputy Minister of Nòkwewashk, Natural Resources Canada
 - Bertha Rabesca Zoe, Tłıchq Executive Officer, LLB, Tłıchq Government
- 2:00 PM ROUND TABLE – STRENGTHENING OUR INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC ECOSYSTEM
- 3:00 PM Joint Communique – Robert Campbell
Closing – Darrell Beaulieu
- 3:45 PM Closing Prayer
- 6:00 PM Northland Utilities Reception
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