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- Environmental, engineering and Geotech partnerships
- Construction industry partnerships
- Support, mentoring and training for entrepreneurs
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- Procurement opportunities with the federal Government
- Recovery Treatment Centre partnerships
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Geoff Greenwell

CEO, 2G Group

“The theme of NABOC Vancouver 2025 is “Committing to Reconciliation,” and our agenda has a number of presentations and workshops that reflect this theme. The agenda also includes lots of partnership, investment and supplier opportunities.

The time for reconciliation is long overdue, we cannot continue this unfairly lopsided relationship with our Aboriginal neighbours and friends. All Aboriginal people should have the same rights and freedoms, quality of life and expectations as any other Canadian. Sharing profits and benefits with our Aboriginal business partners is a very positive step forward in re-enfranchising Aboriginal people and their communities.

Through sharing business profits, we can help raise up those young Aboriginal people who need our help to achieve their real potential in life.

We recognize that at the River Rock Resort we are in the traditional territory of the x̱m̱əθḵʷəy̱əm (Musqueam) Nation, and we are very grateful to Elder Thelma Stogan for welcoming us into their territory and participating in the conference. A very warm welcome to all of our delegates and we hope you really enjoy your time with us. ”

WELCOME TO THE 2025 NABOC VANCOUVER

We started running our NABOC Conferences in 2009 with an intent to create a supportive venue for industry and First Nations to come together and discuss business opportunities.

Fast forward 16 years, and here we are at the River Rock Resort running our 65th event in the NABOC series. Over the years we've run a variety of Aboriginal tourism, leadership, gas station, information technology and land development conferences, as well as our generic NABOC business networking events.

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New for 2025 is our partnership with the Government Buyers Expo, and we are excited to have senior buyers from the federal and provincial governments joining us to explain their procurement opportunities and processes.

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All of our events are business focused, and we try very hard to always create the very best networking experiences for all of our delegates.

For me personally, as the main driving force behind the conferences, it's time to develop a succession plan and bring in new ownership to the conference business. You'll see a separate page in the agenda about this opportunity for ownership in the Aboriginal Marketplace conference business.

The last 30 years working as a business consultant has been a wonderful and progressive journey and I have travelled to many First Nations and Metis communities, as well as spending lengthy periods of time in the high Arctic working with Inuit business groups. Visiting all of these Aboriginal communities has made me really appreciate how hard the struggle has been for them during Canada's 157 years of confederation.

A big thank you to all of the sponsors of this event who stepped up to support our ongoing mission of “Creating Equitable Business Relationships with Canada's First Peoples,” we greatly appreciate your support.

We've structured the agenda so that all of our business itches are in the mornings, allowing for lots of networking time in the afternoons on the 21st and 22nd. Make the most of your time with us and spend the afternoons visiting the tradeshow and networking with other delegates.

By popular demand, we've brought back the Stan Giles Band, Terri Anne Strongarm and Shawn Bullshields to entertain us at the hospitality events and banquet dinner.

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MAY 20

WELCOME RECEPTION AND DELEGATE REGISTRATION IN THE RIVER ROCK THEATRE

6:00 - 9:00PM

Join us for drinks and appetizers at our Welcome Reception hosted by First Peoples Venture Capital Corporation in the spectacular River Rock Theatre

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**Enjoying your time with us at NABOC
Vancouver? Interested in becoming a
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I started the National Aboriginal Business Opportunities Conference Series (NABOC) in 2008 and since then, I've run over 100 conferences under the NABOC brand, including our generic NABOC events as well as the FIRST NATIONS GAS STATION CONFERENCE (REZGAS), FIRST NATIONS IT CONFERENCE (REZTECH), INDIGENOUS WEALTH CONFERENCE, NABOC LEADERSHIP SUMMITS, INDIGENOUS TOURISM CONFERENCES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MASTERCLASS WORKSHOPS and several other event themes. Behind the scenes, we also help run events for other organizations as well, such as the FIRST NATIONS LEADING THE WAY CONFERENCE SERIES.

After 16 years of running conferences, I'm looking to slowly pass on the business to another group(s) who have a similar vision to mine which has always been "Creating Equitable Business Relationships Between Canada's First Peoples and Industry."

The conference business is very profitable and sustainable, and with my assistance and mentoring, it could easily be expanded across Canada by motivated partners.

The NABOC events series supports six full time staffing positions which could be transferred to new partners with the appropriate capacity.

If you're interested in learning more about the opportunity to buy into the NABOC events series and the Indigenous Marketplace brand, please stop and chat with me at some point during the conference.

Have a great time this week!



Geoff
Greenwell

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MAY 21

Conference Day 1

RIVER ROCK THEATRE

7:30 - 8:30AM

Breakfast, Delegate Registration and Tradeshow Opens



8:30 - 8:50AM

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Conference Day 1

Business Pitches 1 to 8

Morning Refreshments Sponsored by



8:50 - 9:10AM

Business Pitch 1

**Site C Legacy Housing Opportunities and Business Acquisitions–
Introducing the First Peoples Venture Capital Corporation (FPVCC).**

BC Hydro is decommissioning their 1,800-person modular camp at the Site C dam and we are assisting in the search for First Nations who are interested in taking buildings as legacy housing, hotels, treatment facilities, offices or many other uses. There are 21 accommodation buildings with 84 hotel style bedrooms with ensuites in each building, in addition there are office buildings, a movie theatre, huge commercial kitchen/cafeteria, gymnasium and water treatment plant. BC Hydro will donate all of these assets to First Nations who are willing to pay the relocation costs.

We have created a national Limited Partnership around the Site C legacy buildings project which is open to all First Nations who are interested in the buildings and assets.

**Site C Buildings**

FPVCC also acts as a resource centre for First Nations and industry groups looking to buy or sell businesses, create partnerships for upcoming projects and other potential opportunities to collaborate.

This presentation will explain the scope of the opportunities and the process to join the Limited Partnership and access the benefits.

Presenter**GEOFF GREENWELL**

President and Co-Founder,
First Peoples Venture Capital Corp

This presentation will give the audience an update on this unique company which was launched in 2024. Joining the procurement limited partnership creates both bidding and buying power for all partners.



Conference Day 1

Business Pitches 1 to 8

9:15 - 9:35AM

Business Pitch 2

Swákwel Industrial Products

Swákwel Industrial Products is dedicated to fostering economic growth and opportunity across the construction and industrial sectors. During our pitch, we will outline how our unique business model delivers value to a variety of stakeholders. We help suppliers and contractors seize new opportunities by including their products or services in our bids for development projects. With our expertise and strong relationships, we submit bids with confidence. In addition, we provide contractors with reliable product lines and hold inventory to meet project needs while guaranteeing cost savings, enabling them to maximize their budgets without compromising quality.

First Nations developers are at the heart of our mission. We propose profit-sharing opportunities that allow Nations to financially benefit from the construction materials used in their development projects, ensuring a lasting economic impact. For non-Nation developers, we extend a similar profit-sharing model, encouraging collaborative growth.

Manufacturers can also partner with Swákwel to expand their reach by entrusting us to hold and distribute their product lines. Additionally, we aim to participate in procurement for federal and local government projects across Canada, demonstrating our ability to support large-scale initiatives with high-quality products at competitive prices. Swákwel Industrial Products is a partner in building an innovative future.

Presenters

**JAVEN MARCHANT**

Owner, Director of
Business Development

Javen Marchant is the owner and Director of Business Development at Swákwel Industrial Products and a marketing and sales graduate from BCIT. Born and raised in North Vancouver and a proud member of the Squamish Nation, Javen is dedicated to fostering economic growth and creating pathways for collaboration that drive lasting success for Indigenous communities.

Javen oversees business development and client relations, focusing on creating tailored solutions that drive value and efficiency. Passionate about fostering collaboration, Javen is dedicated to building partnerships that empower Indigenous communities while delivering innovative and cost-effective products to the construction and industrial sectors.

**CAMDEN HUSSEY**

Co-Founder, Director of
Operations and Sales

Camden Hussey is the co-founder and Director of Operations and Sales at Swákwel Industrial Products. Born and raised on Vancouver's North Shore, Camden studied Marketing and Professional Sales at BCIT and brings a strategic approach to driving growth and fostering collaboration.

Camden oversees operations and sales, delivering high-quality service and building lasting partnerships. Committed to championing innovative approaches that bridge gaps between industry professionals and create shared value for all stakeholders, Camden is dedicated to supporting opportunities that benefit Indigenous communities and beyond.

Swákwel Industrial Products

Conference Day 1

Business Pitches 1 to 8

9:40 - 10:00AM Business Pitch 3**BEBC**

Did you know that the federal government of Canada spends over \$38 billion annually purchasing products and services from businesses across the country? Private corporations match this level of spending, creating immense opportunities for businesses.

The Procurement and Certification Readiness Course™ is a groundbreaking initiative designed to equip suppliers with the knowledge and skills to successfully navigate these opportunities with private and public corporations across Canada. Many small businesses miss out simply because they don't know these opportunities exist. There's a significant education gap when it comes to understanding how to navigate government and corporate procurement procedures. If you're feeling uncertain about how to access these contracts, you're not alone—and this course is here to bridge that gap. Delivered virtually in collaboration with Public Services and Procurement Canada, the course provides actionable insights, step-by-step guidance, and resources to ensure suppliers are well-prepared for success.

Presenters

CANDACE LAUREN
Senior National
Programs Manager



JACKEE KASANDY
Founder and CEO



Black Business Certification Program



Conference Day 1

Business Pitches 1 to 8

10:05 - 10:25AM

Business Pitch 4

Coffee Chat

This session from UKG will explore the most important trends impacting Canadian organizations, and how they are preparing to navigate into the future.

Presenter

**MIKE JACKSON**

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Conference Day 1

Business Pitches 1 to 8

10:30 - 10:50AM

Business Pitch 5

ATCO Frontec - Beyond Transactions: Redefining Business Partnerships with Indigenous Communities

Join Yannick Bedard and Angela MacKinnon, from ATCO Frontec, for a thought-provoking session on building meaningful, accountable, and transparent business partnerships with Indigenous communities, economic development branches, entrepreneurs, and more. This presentation will explore the evolving role of corporations in fostering true reconciliation through sustainable economic engagement.

Key themes include understanding respectful business practices, avoiding the pitfalls of “selling dreams” or symbolic partnerships, and embracing transparency and accountability as essential business values. The session will challenge outdated corporate norms like the “rent a feather” approach tokenism, emphasizing that by 2025, corporations must commit to partnerships rooted in trust, action, and shared prosperity.

Discover how to move beyond performative gestures and build partnerships that create real, lasting impact—where both sides win through equity, respect, and long-term success.

Presenters

YANNICK BEDARD
Sales Manager



ANGELA MACKINNON
Sales Manager



Conference Day 1

Business Pitches 1 to 8

10:55 - 11:15AM

Business Pitch 6

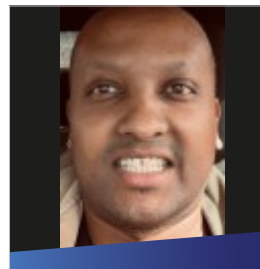
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We aim to connect with industry leaders, potential clients, and collaborators to enhance our services and expand our reach. Our focus is on fostering relationships that align with our mission of delivering exceptional care and restoration solutions. We hope to share innovative ideas, learn from best practices, and create synergies that drive growth and success for all involved. We strive to forge meaningful connections that will benefit our organization and the communities we serve.

Presenters

**SHAILEAN MCGEECHY**

Senior Manager
Complete Care Restoration

**ADEN YUSEF**

Hygienist
Complete Care Restoration



Conference Day 1**Business Pitches 1 to 8****11:20 - 11:50AM****Business Pitch 7****Choice Hotels Canada**

Choice Hotels Canada is one of Canada's largest hotel franchising companies. We are interested in collaborating with First Nations across Canada to identify opportunities to develop hotels that provide meaningful benefits to their communities.

Choice Hotels Canada has worked with First Nations communities developing hotels that reflect the culture of Indigenous People. Our objective is to become valued partners with First Nations groups to establish long-term relationships that provide excellent value to the communities that we are working together with. Choice Hotels Canada is committed to being a leader by providing training services and support to create good employment opportunities for First Nations people. We provide a Canada-based team that supports our franchisees. We're also part of Choice Hotels International, which franchises more than 7,500 hotels in 46 countries and territories worldwide. We have the tools and resources needed for you to achieve hospitality excellence!

Presenter**SHAWN CAMPBELL**

Director, Franchise Development
British Columbia and Yukon
Choice Hotels Canada



Conference Day 1

Business Pitches 1 to 8

11:55 - 12:15PM

Business Pitch 8

Playquest - A Commercial Playground Equipment Supplier

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Presenter**CASSANDRA DESMARAIS**

Project Consultant
Playquest



Conference Day 1

12:15 1:15PM**Buffet Lunch and Networking Break - Enjoy The Sumptuous Fare From Executive Chef Christopher Marks**

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Conference Day 1

12:45 - 1:15PM

Keynote Lunch Presentation**Ch'íyaqtel: The 90-10 story - Creating Self Sufficiency through Economic Development****Presenter****CHIEF DEREK EPP**

Ch'íyaqtel (Tzeachten)
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Conference Day 1

1:20 – 4:30PM**Delegates have the afternoon to network with each other and visit with our tradeshow exhibitors.**

Afternoon Refreshments Sponsored by FMB

**1:30 - 2:30PM****Workshop #1****WHISTLER BALLROOM A****Hands on, practical guidance on getting started with federal procurement opportunities.**

This workshop is designed for companies who are exploring the idea of federal procurement and how to get started.

Tara will work through the application and registration process with participants and you'll each take away a list of next steps for your particular circumstance.

Presenter**TARA HARTLEY**

Regional Director – Pacific Region
Office of Small and Medium Enterprises
Public Services and Procurement Canada

Tara Hartley is the Regional Director for the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises at Public Services and Procurement Canada for the Pacific Region. She has over 30 years of experience in the federal public service.

She and her team help businesses understand how to do business with the Government of Canada. They also work with their procurement colleagues to promote fair, open access to procurement opportunities.

Tara is passionate about her work and has had the opportunity to work with the UK government and on projects with public procurement professionals from around the world.

Tara holds a Master's degree in public administration, a Bachelor's degree in German, and is also a professional storyteller.



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Conference Day 1

2:30 - 3:30PM

Workshop #2

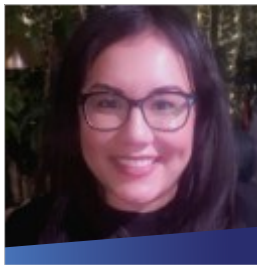
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Presenters

BERNARD GILBERT, MBA, MScIM, CSM, PMP
Senior Relationship Manager, Indigenous Financing - BC



MELISSA GLADUE
Senior Relationship Manager, Indigenous Financing – AB





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Conference Day 1

4:30 - 7:30PM**Hospitality Event and Networking Session***Sponsored by First Peoples Venture Capital Corp.***Enjoy the music of Shawn Bullshields**

Shawn Bullshields was born and raised in Southern Alberta, a member of the Blackfoot Nation. In 2010, he began pursuing music professionally in Vancouver. Since 2015 Shawn has been performing full time on Granville Island; he is a singer/guitarist and has a natural charisma and professional delivery that combines a repertoire of songs from the genres of pop, blues, country and folk.

The point where they intersect is through his masterful singing voice. He commands instant attention because his voice conveys the truth, beauty and deep meaning within each song, expressed with the full weight of his personal life experiences.

MAY 22

Conference Day 2

RIVER ROCK THEATRE

7:30 - 8:30AM

Breakfast, Delegate Registration and Tradeshow Opens

Morning Refreshments Sponsored by FCC



Conference Day 2

Business Pitches 9 to 17

8:35- 8:55AM

Business Pitch 9

**NATS Nursery - Gather & Grow:
Native Plant Seed Training Program**

This September, Gather & Grow: Native Plant Seed Collection Certification for Indigenous Organizations is taking root! Join Ron Jacobson of NATS Nursery to learn about this dynamic, first-of-its-kind industrial training program designed to grow a new generation of Indigenous seed harvesting companies across British Columbia. With the booming demand for native plants in restoration, agriculture, and industry, now is the time to plant the seeds for a future full of opportunity — from hands-on harvesting to leadership roles.

Created in partnership by NATS Nursery, Nupqu Resources, and Silverberry Pro Ltd., Gather & Grow offers four weeks of practical, skills-based training at NATS Nursery in Langley and on the Land in the lower mainland.

It's more than a course — it's the start of a movement to build strong, connected seed harvesting teams, create pathways to thriving businesses, and restore native plants to their rightful place on the land. Join us and be part of something powerful!

Presenter**RON JACOBSON**

Business Development Manager
NATS Nursery Ltd.



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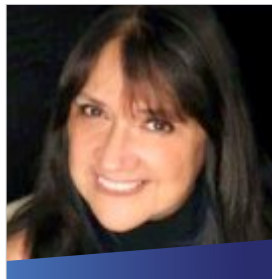
Business Pitches 9 to 17

9:00- 9:20AM

Business Pitch 10

Honouring the land, building for the future.**Introducing BC Indigenous Land Development Society**

In 2023, BC Indigenous Housing Society conducted a two-day strategic planning session with the Board of Directors and senior staff. The renewed Mission and Vision, together with values reflected in the 7 Laws empower us to make an even greater impact long into the future. We will evaluate and grow our housing portfolio to meet emerging and evolving needs. The newly formed non-profit BC Indigenous Land Development Society will generate strong public and private sector partnerships to leverage all opportunities to innovate and serve with excellence. BCILD provides services to those seeking assistance to pursue the best outcomes possible for those who make their homes in our communities.

Presenter**VANESSA MOUNTAIN**

Vice-President Properties and
Land Development
BC Indigenous Housing Society



Indigenous people thriving in
culturally safe and inclusive
communities.

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Business Pitches 9 to 17

9:25 - 9:45AM

Business Pitch 11

FireSwarm – using technology to fight wildfires!

FireSwarm™ provides end-to-end automated fire suppression services to government, special interest groups and private industry. Our mission is to unify cutting edge drone technology with flight automation to provide cost-effective solutions that protect people, property and our planet.

Presenter**CHRIS GILLEN**

Head of Global Business Development
FireSwarm Solutions Inc



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Business Pitches 9 to 17

9:50 - 10:10AM

Business Pitch 12

First Nations Bank of Canada

Discover the Indigenous Land Development Loan Program—a transformative partnership between the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) and the First Nations Bank of Canada (FNBC). With \$100 million allocated, this new initiative offers tailored loans to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities, facilitating essential infrastructure projects such as community buildings, urban reserve development, housing subdivisions and economic development projects. Managed entirely by FNBC, the program provides up to 100% financing at significantly lower-than-market rates, empowering communities to realize their growth and development ambitions.

Join us to explore how this innovative collaboration can drive your community's growth and prosperity.

Presenter

**BOOKER CORNEA**

Market Lead, Commercial Banking
First Nations Bank of Canada



Conference Day 2

Business Pitches 9 to 17

10:15 - 10:35AM

Business Pitch 13

Algeola - Empowering Indigenous Communities through Microalgae Innovation

Preserving Mother Nature through 21st-century technology is at the heart of our company's mission. Founded in 2015 by visionary scientists and engineers in Hong Kong, CLT leverages microalgal technology to create eco-friendly products that seamlessly combine traditional woodcraft with modern electronics.

Our flagship product, Algeo, is a versatile solution for architectural integration, office spaces, and home use. It meets the growing demand for ESG compliance, carbon reduction, and well-being while preserving the artistry of traditional woodcraft. Algeo improves air quality, promotes sustainability, and adds aesthetic value to offices, homes, and large-scale architectural projects.

Through advancements in microalgal cultivation and proprietary technologies, CLT has earned multiple patents, prestigious awards, and strong local government support.

At CLT, we see partnerships with First Nations as powerful opportunities. Integrating Indigenous art and craftsmanship with our carbon reduction technologies fosters innovation, cultural preservation, and meaningful contributions to the ESG industry.

Presenters

MAG CHAN
Managing Director



DENNIS POON W.
Chief Scientist



Conference Day 2

Business Pitches 9 to 17

10:40 - 11:00AM Business Pitch 14**Lépine Resources and its Technology for Remediation**

Maxime Lépine is a registered member of the Huronne Wendat First Nation from Québec, though he was born and raised in beautiful British Columbia. He is the CEO of Lépine Resources, and the company specializes in advancing innovative environmental technologies using Zeolite/Basalt minerals.

The business has cutting-edge solutions in environmental remediation and sustainable technologies, with a particular focus on the applications utilizing high performance Zeolite/Basalt. The naturally occurring minerals have unique molecular structures that provide an effective use over a wide range of remedial applications. Including contaminated water, soils, mine wastes and hazardous materials.

Our technologies utilizing Zeolite/Basalt address critical environmental challenges with safe practices and secure results. We specialize in providing targeted solutions for territories across Canada, particularly for Indigenous communities, where the need for sustainable, efficient remediation solutions is paramount.

As part of our broader commitment to sustainability, Lépine Resources is dedicated to creating green technology solutions that meet the growing demand for environmentally responsible practices. We believe that our innovations can play a key role in the future of environmental stewardship while creating valuable partnerships with industry leaders and government Stakeholders. We are looking for projects across Canada that can utilize our technology for the remediation of contaminated sites. We would like to engage in conversations with different delegates attending the conference on procurement opportunities.

Presenter**MAXIME LEPINE, ENVR TECH, RPF**

CEO of Lepine Resources

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RESOURCES

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Business Pitches 9 to 17

11:05 - 11:25AM

Business Pitch 15

We Wai Kai Nation and WWK Engineering LP

The We Wai Kai Nation, formerly known as the Cape Mudge Indian Band, is located in Campbell River, British Columbia, which is on the east coast of Vancouver Island at the northern end of the Strait of Georgia. The nation is committed to developing a self-sustaining economic sector utilizing existing human, natural and other resources for the benefit of existing and future generations of the We Wai Kai Nation.

WWK Engineering LP is a civil engineering firm established in October 2023, in partnership with the We Wai Kai Nation. The eight full time technical staff have over 100 years of combined experience, therefore, WWK Engineering's team brings a wealth of knowledge and a deep-rooted passion for shaping communities and infrastructure. WWK Engineering LP's focus of work is on the design and construction management of First Nations Infrastructure, Land Development, Municipal Engineering, Water Resources, Aerial Imaging and Surveying.

Presenters**JASON WILSON**

Manager of Economic
Development
We Wai Kai Nation

**JOHN SORENSON**

Senior Project Manager
WWK Engineering



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11:30 - 11:50AM

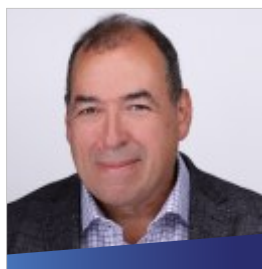
Business Pitch 16

Chandos Construction - Building Together: Aligning Collaborative Construction Methods with Indigenous Values

Indigenous engagement with construction projects in our Nations is a key to creating wealth and building capacity in our communities. To maximize Indigenous engagement with construction projects it is imperative that the proper delivery method for the project is chosen.

The delivery method must focus on collaboration, transparency, risk sharing and maximizing efficiencies. Collaborative delivery methods in construction, such as integrated project delivery (IPD), align with Indigenous culture and values by emphasizing collective decision-making, mutual respect, and shared responsibility. Indigenous communities traditionally prioritize interconnectedness, reciprocity, and consensus-building, values mirrored in these approaches.

Collaborative methods foster open communication, respect diverse perspectives, and integrate community input, ensuring projects meet cultural, environmental, and social priorities. By creating partnerships and emphasizing trust, these methods honor Indigenous traditions of working together for collective well-being. This alignment strengthens relationships, supports long-term community benefits, and enhances cultural respect and inclusion in construction projects impacting Indigenous lands and people.

Presenter**TIM LARONDE**

National Director,
Indigenous Strategies
Chandos Construction



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11:50 - 12:10PM

Business Pitch 17

Creating Sustainable, Community-First Technology Solutions

With over 20 years of experience delivering complex IT and cybersecurity solutions across North America, Ashish Deb is a leading figure in Canada's technology sector. A certified PMP with an MBA from Schulich School of Business, Ashish has led high-impact projects for Canada's top financial institutions — including BMO, Scotiabank, and OLG — as well as global giants like Microsoft and IBM.

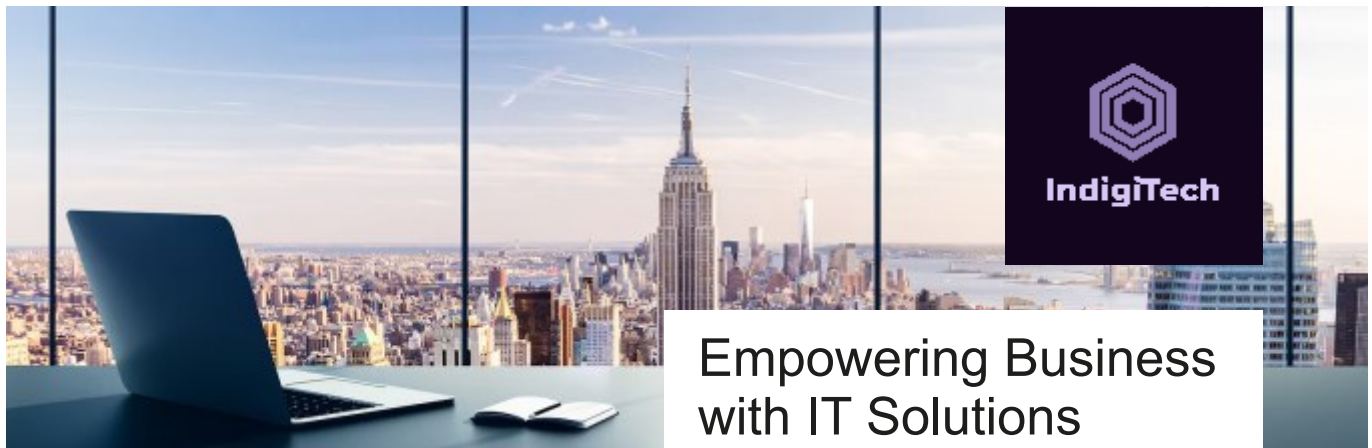
Ashish is a co-founder of Indigitech Solutions, a purpose-driven IT consultancy focused on empowering Indigenous communities with modern, secure, and scalable digital infrastructure. A core initiative includes delivering compliance-ready platforms tailored to meet emerging governance needs such as Bill C-92, while supporting communities in building their own digital capacity.

Ashish is also a part-owner of Xafe, a cybersecurity platform regarded as second to none in safeguarding sensitive data. His extensive network across the banking, government, and tech sectors makes him a powerful ally for communities and organizations looking to modernize responsibly and securely.

At NABOC Vancouver, Ashish brings a commitment to working in partnership with First Nations to co-create sustainable, community-first technology solutions.

Presenter**ASHISH DEB**

IT Strategist & Founder
Indigitech Solutions



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Noon – 12:45PM

Buffet Lunch and Networking Break - Enjoy The Sumptuous Fare From Executive Chef Christopher Marks

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Conference Day 2

12:45 - 1:30PM

Keynote Lunch Presentation**“What I've learned in 40 years as an Indigenous Community and Business Leader” - an armchair conversation with Chief Clarence Louie of the Osoyoos Indian Band.****Presenter**

**CHIEF
CLARENCE LOUIE**
CEO, Osoyoos Indian Band

Chief Louie's efforts have been widely recognized in Canada and the United States. In 1999, he received the Aboriginal Business Leader Award from All Nations Trust and Development Corporation.

In 2000, the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO) named Chief Louie the “Economic Developer of the Year”.

In the same year, Clarence was chosen to join the Governor General of Canada in the 2000 leadership tour. In 2001, Chief Louie was appointed to the Aboriginal Business Canada Board and most recently was appointed Chairperson of this Board. In 2002, Aboriginal Tourism B.C. awarded Chief Louie the “Inspirational Leadership Award”. MacLean's Magazine listed Chief Clarence Louie as one of the “Top 50 Canadians to Watch” in their January 2003 issue. More recognition came in 2003 as the U.S.

Department of State selected Clarence as 1 of 6 First Nation representatives to participate in a 2-week tour of successful American Indian tribes. In April 2004, the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation presented Clarence with the award for “Business and Community Development”.

The National Aboriginal Achievement Awards represent the highest honor the Aboriginal Community bestows upon its own achievers. In June 2006, Chief Louie was presented with the Order of British Columbia, which is the province's highest honor for outstanding achievement.

Chief Louie was awarded the Order of Canada in 2016 and became the first Aboriginal person to be inducted into the Canadian Business Hall of Fame in 2018.



Osoyoos Indian Band

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1:30 – 2:30PM

Workshop - #3**Whistler Ballroom A****Empowering Indigenous Communities: Financial Solutions for Sustainable Growth and Nation Building**

Join us for an insightful session on how First Nations Bank of Canada (FNBC) is driving Nation Building through tailored financial solutions for Indigenous communities. Founded in 1996, FNBC was created to serve the unique needs of Indigenous individuals, businesses, and communities. As a federally chartered, Indigenous-owned bank with 87% of shares held by Indigenous investors, we place our values and priorities at the heart of everything we do.

In this session, discover how FNBC empowers communities with the capital and support needed for sustainable growth, capacity building, and economic reconciliation. Learn about our innovative programs, including the Indigenous Land Development Loan Program, a partnership with the Canada Infrastructure Bank, which provides up to 100% financing at lower-than-market rates to support critical infrastructure projects.

Presenter**BOOKER CORNEA**

Market Lead, Commercial Banking
First Nations Bank of Canada



**We're a true national bank
with branches across
Canada.**



**Many of our physical
locations are in Indigenous
communities.**



**Our focus is on nation-
building and relationships.**

Conference Day 2

2:30 – 3:30PM

Workshop - #4**Whistler Ballroom A****RoadMap - *The Journey Continues***

With Delanie Bulldog and David Madeley of First Nations Financial Management Board. RoadMap is about economic reconciliation for First Nations. Its initiatives outline key steps and strategies designed to support and uplift communities as they journey toward prosperity and long-term success.

Presenters**DAVID MADELEY**

Relationship Manager

David Madeley is a Haida from Skidegate who grew up in Smithers, BC. With a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Thompson Rivers University, David was the Director of Western Canada for a national marketing organization for several years before he joined the FMB as a Relationship Manager.

In the time that David has been at FMB he's assisted BC and Yukon First Nations in getting their Financial Administration Laws and Financial Performance Certifications. He's proud to support Indigenous communities across Canada build and enhance their financial administration systems and assist them in their journey towards reconciliation.

His many likes include skiing, golf, wine, pro-wrestling, winning at board games, improving on standard birthday cards with his own artwork, skateboarding (even when he falls), challenging himself at any sport (except hockey), pineapple on pizza, peanut butter and his giant hairy cat, Bear.

**DELANIE BULLDOG**

Indigenous Relations Manager – Strategic Opportunities

Delanie Bulldog is a Cree/Dene from the Treaty 8 region in Northern Alberta and is the Indigenous Relations Manager for the First Nations Financial Management Board. Her work with community is guided by purpose and intention that is demonstrated through building solid and meaningful relationships with First Nations while supporting their journey toward economic reconciliation, capacity building, and self-determination.

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1:30 – 4:30PM**Delegates have the afternoon to network with each other and visit with our tradeshow exhibitors.**

Afternoon Refreshments Sponsored by BCIHS



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6:00 - 11:30PM

All Delegate Banquet Dinner in the River Rock Theatre

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**TERRI-ANNE STRONGARM**

Powerful, captivating and unique are all words regularly used to describe the voice of Terri-Anne Strongarm. Singing since the age of 4 years old alongside Lawrence Strongarm (her father) of the Highway Express Band.

She is a multi award winning live performer and recording artist delighting audiences at major events across Canada and the United States.

She has opened for acts such as Charlie Major, The Road Hammers, Doug Kershaw and Patty Loveless. Terri-Anne is not only a live performer, but also a social media hit with over a million total views of her songs. Her incredible vocal range and stage presence always wows our delegates.



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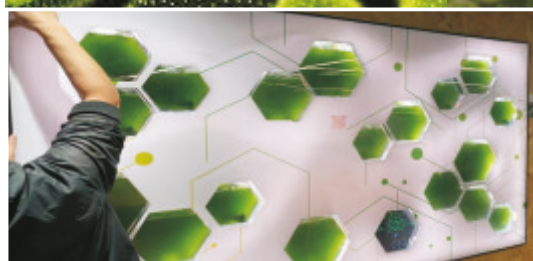
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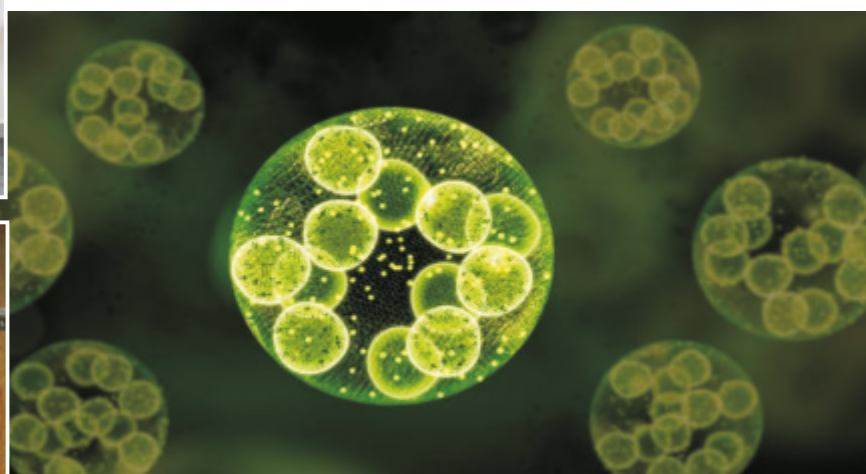


Dennis Poon W.
Chief Scientist

- Former Pfizer chemist with over 15 years of experience in microalgal technologies.
- Inventor of the Algeo CO2 Monitor, capable of accurately quantifying CO2 reduction by microalgae.
- Holder of multiple patents related to microalgae cultivation and energy-efficient production technologies.



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Aboriginal Capacity Builders –

Aboriginal communities across Canada are working to secure their future within Canada's developing economy. The attitude of government and industry has changed dramatically in the last decade, and there is now a real desire to work collaboratively with Aboriginal communities and businesses to create equitable partnerships.

But, without the immediate business resources to manage the demands of future growth and uptake on opportunities, growth can be too slow, and these business opportunities could disappear.

Aboriginal Capacity Builders provides these resources through a team of expert business development and management service providers. We specialize in improving the human infrastructure capacity of Canadian Aboriginal communities and businesses, making them more viable, efficient, and profitable.

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Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation – Visit us at <https://www.ansn.ca/> for more information on who we are. Our entire Chief and Council will be attending the conference. **Councillor, Tina Cardinal will be our main contact person at the conference**
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Algeo

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All About Abatement is attending the conference to network with other aboriginally owned businesses. Our office is located in Edmonton, AB but we work throughout Western and Northern Canada working in the construction and insurance restoration industry.

Please visit our website at

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Building strong and long-lasting relationships with Indigenous communities is intrinsic to the way that we operate. Several of our partnerships across Canada have been operating successful projects and businesses for nearly three decades.

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BC Assembly of First Nations - is a Provincial Territorial Organization (PTO) representing and advocating for the 204 First Nations in British Columbia. BCFN representation and advocacy is inclusive and extends to First Nations currently engaged in the treaty process, those who have signed modern treaties, and those who fall under historic treaty agreements which include the Douglas Treaties and Treaty 8. The BCFN also represents and advocates for First Nations in BC that are not in treaty negotiations.

Our website can be found here

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BC Indigenous Housing Society (BCIHS) is attending the conference to introduce BC Indigenous Land Development Society, a division of BCIHS. BCILD is a non-profit and is looking for potential partners, and business opportunities to showcase our services. We provide real estate development services, capital asset management, Indigenous relations, and community outreach and engagement services. **Our main contact at the conference will be Vanessa Mountain.**
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Our website can be found here
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The Black Entrepreneurs and Businesses of Canada Society (BEBC Society) - is a Black-led organization representing over 3,000 Black businesses across Canada. BEBC provides a unified platform for advocating and supporting Black entrepreneurs and businesses, creating opportunities for advancement and self-determination through entrepreneurship in Black communities.

Initiatives like the **Procurement and Certification Readiness Course™** empower **business owners from all communities and of all sizes**. They've created an inclusive program to cater to Black and Indigenous suppliers, giving them the opportunity to secure government and corporate contracts and thrive in competitive markets.

Our website is

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Black Business Association of BC (BBABC) - is participating in NABOC Vancouver to forge meaningful connections with Indigenous businesses, seeking opportunities for collaboration. We are participating in order to explore business services,

mentorship, and educational exchanges that benefit both communities, including skills and knowledge exchange. BBABC aims to foster collaborative ventures across various sectors, leveraging shared market research to identify growth opportunities. Additionally, by fostering B2B trade between Black and Indigenous entrepreneurs, BBABC aspires to enhance economic resilience and innovation within both communities. This participation underscores a commitment to building a vibrant and supportive business ecosystem that celebrates diversity and empowers future generations.

Our website is at:

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CANDO - is a federally registered, non-profit society that is Indigenous controlled, community based, and membership driven. Cando is directed by a national regionally represented volunteer board of elected Economic Development Officers representing every region of Canada.

Cando has been instrumental in facilitating partnerships with EDOs, academics, Indigenous leaders and senior corporate and government representatives. Cando is unique because it is the only national organization that focuses on education and professional development for EDOs working in Indigenous communities or organizations.

Our website can be found at
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Ch'iyáqtel (Tzeachten First Nation) - is attending the conference to share how progressive governance and economic development can support Indigenous communities to become self sufficient and self-determining First Nations. Ch'iyáqtel is located in Chilliwack, British Columbia, and we are involved in industries such as residential, commercial, light industrial, forestry, dairy, and public infrastructure. Please visit our website at [W: www.tzeachten.ca](http://www.tzeachten.ca) and our main contact person at the conference will be Chief Derek Epp [E: derek@tzeachten.ca](mailto:derek@tzeachten.ca)

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CINUP - has supported the wellbeing of Indigenous communities for over 35 years through employee benefits. We pride ourselves on providing the highest quality customer service, creating meaningful partnerships rooted in respect and collaboration. CINUP has built partnerships with over 350 First Nations and Inuit communities and organizations across Canada.

Please visit our website at

W: www.cinup.ca to learn more and **our main contact at the conference will be Patrick Dinsdale at**

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Choice Hotels Canada - Offers eight hotel brands, from economy to upscale, each with a distinct position in the market. When looking for an investment opportunity that gives you everything it takes to help you succeed - a dedicated Canadian property support team, reservations, marketing, technology - you'll find more of what you're looking for with Choice Hotels. **Our main contact person at the event**

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Community Futures British Columbia (CFBC) represents a network of 34 Community Futures offices that support rural and Indigenous economic development across the province. We provide business loans, advisory services, and community-driven programs that help entrepreneurs start, grow, and sustain their businesses. At NABOC, CFBC is showcasing opportunities for Indigenous and rural collaboration through programs like Export Navigator, MyCommunityfutures, and the CFBC Services Hub. Our focus is on building strong local economies through collaboration, innovation, and accessible support.

Visit us at

W: www.communityfutures.ca
to learn more. Our main contact person at the conference is Rocio Zielinski
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Complete Care Restoration is attending the conference to present our business pitch and explore strategic partnerships and opportunities. We aim to connect with industry leaders, potential clients, and collaborators to enhance our services and expand our reach. Our focus is on fostering relationships that align with our mission of delivering exceptional care and restoration solutions. We hope to share innovative ideas, learn from best practices, and create synergies that drive growth and success for all involved. We strive to forge meaningful connections that will benefit our organization and the communities we serve. **Our main contact at the conference is Shailean McGeachy who can be reached at**

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Conssistant Construction - is a premier service provider specializing in **power sweeping, traffic control, fencing, and flooring**. We support civil, municipal, residential, commercial, and industrial projects, focusing on safety, efficiency, and win-win partnerships. With our experience working with First Nations entities, we look forward to exploring new opportunities and establishing **long-term, mutually beneficial partnerships with First Nations communities**. We also aim to connect with clients and industry professionals at this event. Based in the Lower Mainland, BC, we are committed to delivering reliable, high-quality solutions tailored to your needs.

Visit us at

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We look forward to meeting you!



Core Two Management Group Ltd - is a leading professional cost advisory consultancy trusted by many owners, investors, and real estate developers to achieve better results and success. We are setting an example as leaders in the industry by utilizing both local and global expertise.

Core Two has a professional team who are members of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors. Our team has been, and continues to support,

these prestigious associations and is known to be well-involved in the construction community.

Our website can be found at

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Dakwakada Capital Investments (DCI) - is a First Nations-owned private investment firm headquartered in Whitehorse, with business and real estate holdings across the Yukon, British Columbia, Alberta, and Alaska. Our sole shareholder is the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Trust, which oversees the compensation and investment funds of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations - based in Haines Junction, Yukon. Our mandate is to manage DCI companies and holdings and generate revenue for the Trust in a manner consistent with the culture and traditions of the First Nations.

We always are always interested in a conversation about mutually beneficial partnerships, investment opportunities, and team members for Dakwakada companies.

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Ecora - is a multi-disciplinary consulting firm providing expert engineering, environmental, and forestry services across Canada. We are dedicated to delivering innovative and sustainable solutions to Indigenous communities, municipalities, and private-sector clients. Our expertise includes municipal infrastructure, land development, water resources, natural hazard assessments, transportation, structural, geotechnical engineering, and environmental assessments. With a strong commitment to collaboration and community engagement, we support Indigenous partnerships and capacity-building initiatives through our work in natural resource management, environmental stewardship, and infrastructure planning.

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EmitIQ - is a climate technology company delivering end-to-end solutions for carbon management. The platform enables organizations and communities to understand their carbon footprint through detailed emissions inventories and identify tailored mitigation strategies to reduce their impact on the environment. EmitIQ provides the foundation for data-driven climate action, regulatory compliance, and long-term sustainability. Building on that foundation, EmitIQ dMRV is the platform's project execution and revenue-generation engine. It supports the development of carbon projects, enabling the creation of verified carbon credits through measurable emissions reductions or removals. EmitIQ dMRV ensures full

transparency, auditability, and credibility—allowing credits to be confidently marketed and sold in both compliance and voluntary carbon markets.

For Indigenous communities, EmitIQ offers a pathway to sovereignty, reconciliation, and economic participation in the carbon economy. By supporting atmospheric benefit agreements and aligning with Seven Generations planning, EmitIQ empowers Nations to lead in climate stewardship while turning environmental assets into long-term opportunity.

To learn more, visit emitiq.com



Evergreen Building Maintenance - is a family owned and operated cleaning and building maintenance company headquartered in Kelowna, BC. Starting out in 1988 Evergreen has grown its footprint throughout BC by providing top quality services and strong community support. Our hope is to connect, learn and create strong partnerships through these events.

Our website can be accessed at:
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Farm Credit Canada - As Canada's leading agriculture and food lender, FCC is proud to provide on and off-reserve financing and resources to Indigenous entrepreneurs, economic development corporations and First Nations communities.

Building a diverse industry is top priority and an integral part of FCC's

mandate. First Nations, Métis and Inuit have always been involved in agriculture and food and are uniquely positioned to reclaim their food sovereignty and grow successful businesses.

FCC has lending, products and services to help you, your business and your community fully realize your goals. In addition to agriculture activities, we've also expanded our eligibility to include traditional Indigenous harvesting from natural sources.

Our website can be found at

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and our contact people at the event are Melissa Gladue

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Firecircle - Tourism and Hospitality Development, Training, Consulting and Management Services for Indigenous businesses is attending NABOC to meet entrepreneurs and communities who are thinking about buying or starting a tourism business, or have recently acquired one and are seeking guidance and/or project management for operations, design, and financial management. Serving Indigenous projects across Canada for 16 years. Vancouver based. Canada-wide.

Please visit our websites at

W: www.thefirecircle.ca and

W: www.purenorthcanada.com

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FireSwarm Solutions Inc —

Autonomous drone swarms for rapid, precise wildfire suppression.

In 2023, the most destructive wildfire season on record caused devastating impacts on communities nationwide. For First Nations, the devastation extended beyond physical structures and human risk to include cultural and traditional losses.

Aviation assets often remain grounded in low visibility conditions, at night, and due to pilot flight time restrictions. This creates a critical gap in protecting people, assets, and resources, rendering current strategies inadequate.

FireSwarm deploys leading-edge heavy lift drone swarm technology to address these challenges. We operate when traditional aircraft cannot, flying at night and in low visibility conditions. By pre-positioning drone swarms and training guardians, our end-to-end service offers innovative protection for communities, businesses, and the environment.

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First Peoples Venture Capital Corp – is a federally incorporated company specializing in assisting Indigenous Business Groups to acquire successful businesses across Canada. We have a very diverse range of industry clients

who we assist to sell their businesses, and we also help with the transition to the new owners. Currently we have around 18 clients who are wanting to sell their businesses nationally, they range from a Heavy Civils company to a Native Plant Nursery to a Modular Home Building Company, Events Management Company, Environmental and Engineering Services and numerous others. They are all very solid companies with many years of successful history in their industry sectors.

We are also working with BC Hydro to facilitate the removal of the modular buildings at the Site C Dam project. There are some tremendous “legacy” opportunities for First Nations communities to acquire accommodation and office buildings from the project.

Our website is

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and our CEO, Geoff Greenwell, will be our main contact person at the conference.

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First Nations Bank of Canada (FNBC) – was established in 1996 with a mission to provide Indigenous individuals, businesses, and communities with banking solutions that align with their unique needs and aspirations. FNBC is a federally chartered bank that is proudly Indigenous-owned, with a majority of shares (87%) held by Indigenous investors. This ensures our founding values and Indigenous priorities are at the center of all operations. We are Indigenous people serving Indigenous people. **To learn more about us visit our website at www.fnbc.ca and reach out to connect with team members at the conference.**

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First Nations Engineering Services Ltd

– is a 100% native owned, award-winning Civil Engineering consulting firm that provides clients with a range of engineering and planning services, including infrastructure development, design, and contract administration. We have worked with over 60 First Nation Communities throughout Canada, as well as municipal and private sector clients. As a fast-growing company, we're attending to offer our services to prospective partners and clients in Western Canada. **Our main contact attending the conference is Justin Gee, P.Eng.,**

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Fort William First Nation's – Reserve is located on the western end of Lake Superior adjacent to the city of Thunder Bay was set aside under the provisions of the Robinson-Superior Treaty in 1850. The north shore of Lake Superior is the southern edge of the Canadian Shield, a vast country of rock scraped clean by glaciers and waterways. The traditional territories occupied and used by the Chippewa's at Fort William and their residence stretch from Pigeon River to the south, north to Treaty 9 boundary and east to Nipigon. Our main areas of economic development focus include business development support and advisory services, and the development of employment and training opportunities.

If you are interested in doing business with Fort William First Nation please visit our website at

W: <https://fwfn.com>

and connect with our CEO, Christine McKay our main contact person at the conference

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Gambler First Nation – is attending the conference to seek government and industry business opportunities for our construction businesses.

Cantex Crushing is a Mobile crushing business that for over 30-years has produced high-quality aggregate across western Canada to support a wide range of industries, including highway construction, concrete, paving, mining, and general contracting.

Mackinley-Clark Paving has been the trusted name in asphalt paving across the Okanagan Valley, BC, for over 20 years. From roadways and driveways to tennis courts and parking lots, we create smooth, safe, and long-lasting surfaces.

The main contact for both businesses is Jessica Fraser, General Manager –
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Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government –
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GNS Industrial Trailer Services Ltd –
'Redefining remote service excellence since 1996, one customer at a time.' Ask

around, and it will quickly become apparent, GNS Industrial Trailer Services Ltd. has built a strong reputation backed by the most experienced and well-respected team of professionals in the industry. At GNS we're proud of the reputation we've built, and we take great pride in protecting it. Headquartered in Edmonton, Alberta, GNS has been providing turnkey remote accommodation solutions to the Oil & Gas, LNG, Renewable Energy, Mining & Exploration, Construction, and Forestry Industries successfully for over 25 years.

GNS' growing fleet spans from single-unit offices and individual sleepers to 500+ person remote workforce accommodation complexes. We've successfully executed projects from coast to coast in Canada, as well as throughout the United States. As a full-service solutions provider you can count on us to work with you every step of the way, providing a customized approach that fits your projects unique needs.

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Gwaii Engineering - is an Indigenous-owned Civil and Environmental Engineering Firm based in Victoria, BC. Our tight-knit team provides civil and environmental engineering services to a broad client base on Vancouver Island and across BC, with a special focus on First Nations communities. Gwaii and its team of engineers, geoscientists and project managers have been successfully designing and developing infrastructure in BC since

1992. From initial funding applications to project completion, our focus is on your community and maintaining high standards at every stage. Indigenous owned and operated, we understand our First Nation clients' and communities' needs from day one. Our team oversees every aspect of infrastructure development ensuring your community is delivered a solution that is built to last."

Visit us at

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Homalco First Nation - "a sustainable, value-based economy" - recently activated its new Homalco Economic Development Corporation (HEDC). The goal is to provide arms-length centralized business management as the Nation expands its business and economic development interests through the Homalco Holdings Limited Partnership, doing business as Homalco Business Group (HBG). Currently, the HBG consists of five Nation-owned Limited Partnerships.

W:

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Our Main Contact person at the conference will be - Chief Darren Blaney,

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ICLD Group - has been in existence for over 20 years. We have experience working in over 90 First Nations communities in British Columbia and have developed strong relationships with these communities. We place Indigenous traditional knowledge at the forefront of our operations. Our guiding principles are influenced by traditional knowledge and our corporate philosophy is rooted in the 7 Grandfather Teachings. ICLD is committed to providing our professional expertise and lived experience with Indigenous culture which shapes our organization.

Our website can be found at

W: <https://icldgroup.com>

and our contact person at the event is Mandi Sohi-Sellers

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Interior Heavy Equipment Operator School (IHE) is attending NABOC to connect with Indigenous communities and businesses interested in industry partnerships, training opportunities, and workforce development. With campuses in Alberta and BC, we specialize in hands-on heavy equipment training and custom on-site programs. We also offer skills validation and upskilling services for employers looking to invest in their teams. Learn more at **W:** www.iheschool.com
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IGL Benefit Consultants - is attending the conference to increase our network within the financial services industry and to promote our services to future Aboriginal clients. We have first-hand knowledge of the unique needs of Aboriginal communities, and we have a diverse team to meet those needs. Please visit our website at **W:** <https://www.iglbcc.ca>
and our main contact person at the conference will be Dominic Charlie
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Indigenous Travel Services (ITS) - is a Travel Management Company that concentrates on customized corporate travel programs. All Indigenous communities and organizations are welcome to become partners. Our partners all receive discounts and profit share on travel they book through us.

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Visit us at

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to learn more. We look forward to meeting you at NABOC Vancouver!



IUOE Local 115 Training Association (IUOETA) - provides Heavy Construction related training programs from our 40-acre site in Maple Ridge, BC. We offer Apprenticeship training for Heavy Equipment Operators, Asphalt Paving Laydown Technicians, Tower Crane Operators and Mobile Crane Operators. The IUOETA has a strong history of partnering with Indigenous

groups, having successfully delivered training programs both on-site and on projects throughout British Columbia. As we attend this year's NABOC, we continue to focus on building lasting relationships, fostering economic growth, and supporting Indigenous communities in the heavy construction sector through skill development and job opportunities. Our website is **W:** www.iuoe115.ca
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Attending the conference will be Steve Ervin

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Lac La Ronge Indian Band - (LLRIB) is located in north-central Saskatchewan, and is the largest First Nation in the Province and one of the 10 largest in Canada

We are proud of our heritage and our Cree language, and of the educational opportunities, economic successes and social development work made possible by many years of strong leadership.

At this time, LLRIB is growing a robust economy within our Community Business Group, Keethanow Group of Businesses, and we are actively seeking out business opportunities and economic ventures that will enhance our business group and create wealth in our Communities

Our contacts at NABOC Vancouver will be, Gordon Dupre- Lac la Ronge Indian Band Economic Development
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Lake Babine Nation - is the third largest Aboriginal Band in British Columbia, with an administrative office located 142 miles west of Prince George. With gas bars, fisheries, and forestry being our current economic investments, we are attending this event looking for further opportunities in Northern BC and to meet new industry partners.

Our website can be found at

W: <https://lakebabine.com>

and our contact person at the event is Emmanuel Ogwal

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Lax Kw'alaams Business Development

- works to enhance the quality of life for all of the members of the Lax Kw'alaams Band by forging partnerships that build an environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable future. We have two forest tenures, a fish plant, and a fishing enterprise, and many more opportunities for new partners.

Our website can be found at

<https://laxbdl.com>

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Lépine Resources – Based in Merritt, BC, led by CEO Maxime Lépine, specializes in innovative environmental technologies using Zeolite/Basalt minerals in collaboration with ZMM Canada

Minerals Corp. The company offers solutions for water management, soil improvement, mine waste, and hazardous waste remediation. Committed to restoring land to its native state for all seven generations to enjoy, Lépine Resources integrates Indigenous values with green technologies. The company seeks procurement opportunities in environmental remediation with businesses and Government. For inquiries, contact Maxime Lépine at **E:** maximelepine@gmail.com



LiUNA Local 1611 is the B.C. Labourers' Union. We represent more than 10,000 construction and service workers in B.C. and the Yukon, including workers in construction, roadbuilding, pipeline, paving, utility, traffic control, rail, mining, tunnel and rock work and diamond drilling. We provide opportunities for workers and contractors to build the communities where they live, work and raise their families. **Learn more about what we do at**

W: www.liuna1611.org/ - **visit our booth at the conference, or get in touch with our Training Administrator, Tom Miller at**

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Loewen & Caine Management Services

- Loewen & Caine Management Services (L&C) works with First Nation entities (First Nations, Tribal Councils, individuals) who are seeking assistance in accessing funding. Over the past 3 decades, L&C has brought in millions of dollars for projects ranging from housing to road & bridges, from governance to capacity building, and from health centres to hotels. We not

only assist in the writing of proposals but provide ongoing support for those that may require assistance in various areas once funds have been received.

Our main contact person at the conference is Chris Loewen -

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Métis Nation British Columbia - is attending the conference to seek industry partnerships and promote procurement opportunities for Métis-owned businesses. Through our Ministry of Economic Development, we support 400 Métis businesses across sectors including construction, professional services, environmental management, and tourism. MNBC is committed to advancing economic prosperity and increasing Métis participation in supply chains across BC.

Please visit our website at

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NATS Nursery is BC's largest native plant nursery and is looking for Indigenous partners to enhance and expand our various products, services and markets. Located in Langley, BC, NATS has experience in growing over 500+ species of native plants for the reclamation of disturbed land. NATS works with a number of First Nations in BC and is developing a new Gather and Grow native plant identification, seed harvesting and seed cleaning training program for First Nations.

Please visit Ron in our booth and our website

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NAZKO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. – Nazko Economic Development Corp. (NEDC) is the economic and business development arm of the Nazko First Nation. NEDC owned companies include Nazko Silviculture LLP, Nazko Logging LP, and Three Nations Store and Lodge LLP, based in Quesnel and Nazko, BC. Partnerships include Nazko-DWB LP and many others in forestry, mining, oil and gas, and energy.

Visit us at

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NCS Fluid Handling Systems - serves the Energy, Mining, Industrial and Municipal Construction markets with specialty services in Dewatering, Water Management Services, Hydro Testing, Filtration, Sediment Control, Well Point Dewatering, River Diversion, Sewer Bypass and Water Treatment systems. We are privileged to work and operate on the Traditional Territories of the Indigenous peoples in Canada, having working partnerships with Misty Ventures and Gitga'at Development Corporation. Additionally, we are a proud member of the Canadian Council for Indigenous Business.

Our website can be found at

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Nisga'a Growth Corporation -

Innovation remains at the heart of our strategy, as we explore new opportunities with the guidance of our Shareholder. This innovative spirit, supported by the unwavering efforts of our board, management, and Shareholder, has been instrumental in our progression towards an integrative and successful future. We are transitioning from passive to active business operations, emphasizing the development of Nisga'a human resource capacities in trades, operations, and administration. This shift not only builds our working capital but also strengthens our Nation from within. As we look ahead, our eyes are set on expanding beyond the Nass Area, and building strong partnerships that will be pivotal in our continued success. The road ahead is filled with challenges, yet our collective resolve to build meaningful relationships and explore new ventures and revenue generating opportunities remains unwavering.

Our main contact person at the conference will be our CEO, Arthur Mercer -

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Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw - Visit us at

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Old Massett Village Council - Since time immemorial, we have occupied, governed, and responsibly managed Haida Gwaii and its surrounding waters. With initiatives focused on sustainable fishing, energy, and land usage, our relationship with the land and waters continue to this day.

Our website can be found at

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OEC - serves the infrastructure, energy, gas and electricity distribution and telecommunications sectors. With over 3,000 employees, insightful and reliable energy and infrastructure solutions are provided to clients coast-to-coast. Our group of companies deliver end-to-end solutions from concept and design to engineering, construction and comprehensive field services across a wide array of services. OEC is a Committed member of the Canadian Council for Indigenous Business's (CCIB) Partnership Accreditation in Indigenous Relations (PAIR) program. **Please visit our website at**

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Osoyoos Indian Band

Osoyoos Indian Band – The Osoyoos Indian Band owns over 32,000 acres of some of the most desirable urban industrial commercial land in the South Okanagan. Corporations, entrepreneurs and Band owned businesses capitalize on the economic development potential. Established leases include brands like Arterra Wines Canada, Hyatt and many more. You can find our website at

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Peace Hills Trust - working in partnership with Businesses, Individuals and Indigenous Communities, delivering Trust, Credit and Banking services to meet their unique needs.

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PlayQuest Recreation Ltd - is a full-service playground and spray park equipment supplier with a particular focus on our First Nation clients. Whether you are looking to build a playground or spray park we can provide grant writing assistance, designs, site preparation, installation

and safety surfacing.

We are here to assist you every step of the way!

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Rainy River First Nations – is located in Northwestern Ontario, Rainy River First Nations is an independent hard-working community that is positioned for success. Rainy River First Nations developed Ziibi Investments to create value and opportunities by building and acquiring enterprises that will generate strong financial performance and provide employment and training for community members, building leadership and management skills across diverse industries across all stages of a career.

Our website can be found at

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REMOTE Projects is proud to attend the conference to explore new partnerships, business opportunities, and community-focused collaborations. Based on passion, purpose, and a strong commitment to supporting remote and Indigenous communities, we specialize in rapid deployment transitional housing and full turnkey building solutions. Our offerings include 8-bed transitional housing (in stock), tiny homes, single-family and multi-plex units, as well as multi-family and commercial buildings

like schools and admin offices. We combine speed, quality, and care in every build.

Visit us at

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Royal Camp Services Ltd. has been Western Canada's premier remote accommodation and catering solution since 1991. We offer turnkey options, from small, 20 person rig camps, to 1500+ person, full service, managed camp options... plus anything in between.

No matter which options are chosen, Royal Camp Services Ltd. delivers the most modern structures, world-class catering, unsurpassed amenities and, perhaps most importantly, the most courteous and knowledgeable staff in the industry. Safety First, Quality Always. That's the Royal Camp Services Ltd. difference! **Find us online at**

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Secure-Rite Mobile Storage Inc. - We bring people and portable space together in creative and meaningful ways, and our vision is to change the way the world views and uses shipping containers. One way we are doing this is through containerized self-storage facilities. We have helped build dozens of self-storage facilities in BC and Alberta and we want to help First Nations generate revenue and create jobs in their communities with this business opportunity.

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Stolo Syelt Xesxel (Fraser River Debris Trap) - A first of its kind agreement was struck between the province of BC and Shxw'ōwhâmél First Nation, creating the Fraser River Debris Trap. Located between Hope and Agassiz, it reduces the volume of woody material flowing into the lower reaches of the Fraser River and Salish Sea, catching as much as 100,000 cubic metres of woody debris, or around 2,000 logging trucks worth. We are exploring potential uses for the wood debris collected, such as converting it to bioenergy, and other uses such as selling salvageable timber to forest companies for processing.

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Stó:lō Syélt Xéshel's & Shxw'owhamel First Nation (SFN) is thrilled to announce that our Co-Management Board, along with the (SFN) Leadership, will be attending the National Aboriginal Business Opportunities Conference (NABOC) in Richmond this year. This marks a significant step forward for our organization as we seek to expand our knowledge and network within the business community. Attending NABOC Vancouver 2025 presents a unique opportunity for us as a new business group. We are eager to:

- Learn from experienced professionals
- Gain insights into effective business management strategies
- Explore innovative approaches to enhance our operations
- Consider land development

Our primary goal is to leverage this experience to improve our services and contribute more effectively to our community. Additionally, the Shxw'owhamel First Nation Leadership will highlight the availability of twenty acres of prepared land, complete with utilities, capable of supporting up to 500 people. This development underscores our commitment to fostering growth and creating opportunities for our community. We aim to build strong partnerships that will support our mission and drive sustainable growth.

We look forward to the insights and opportunities that NABOC Vancouver 2025 will bring, and we are confident that this experience will be a pivotal moment in our journey towards success.

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Swákwel Industrial Products - is attending the conference to present a business pitch and explore strategic partnerships and opportunities. Based in West Vancouver, BC, we specialize in manufacturing and supplying construction products from our branded lines, collaborating strategically to help customers fulfill contracts, and working closely with First Nations bands and non-First Nations developers. Please visit our website at
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Transition Advisory Partners (TAP) - is a corporate finance advisory firm focused on guiding business owners through the complex issues of acquiring, or divesting, in private companies. At NABOC, TAP will showcase how we can use this expertise to assist Indigenous communities to evaluate acquisition and partnership opportunities with our independent, candid and thoughtful advice for those First Nations seeking acquisitions and partnerships to benefit their communities. For more information about our services, **please visit our**

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Tkemlups te Secwepemc - welcomes land development, partnerships and joint ventures. Our goals is to have business thrive on our lands in an environmentally responsible and sustainable way.

Over the past 40 years, the Band has successfully developed and operated one of the largest industrial parks in Canada – the 350 tenant Mt. Paul Industrial Park.

Our role is also to develop new business opportunities for the band that will bring the utmost benefit to the membership and the long-term sustainability of the land, people and culture. We strive to attract, retain and market business opportunities. Wherever possible we want to be a part of your success. We are interested in forming joint ventures and partnerships related to commercial, industrial and residential development opportunities. Our goal is to succeed with businesses through growth and expansion. Businesses can be assured we are 'open for business' and we strive to help businesses set down roots and prosper.

Our development corporation oversees the operations of the Tkemlups te Secwepemc band owned business units, including the Tkemlups Petro Canada, the Tkemlups Carwash, the Sagebrush Downs/Mount Paul Centre located in the Mt. Paul Industrial Park and TteS land for development.

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Tsideldel First Nation - has a rich history of economic development deeply connected to the land. For generations, community members relied on **traditional practices such as hunting, fishing, and gathering, and traded goods** with neighboring communities, notably with the people of Bella Coala.

In recent years, the community has embarked on several **business ventures**, while also expressing a strong desire to revive cultural practices that support self-sufficiency and family livelihoods. By reclaiming these traditions and **exploring new opportunities for economic growth**, Tsideldel is building a brighter future for its members and the wider community. **Visit us at**

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UAPICBC – is the Piping Industry Apprenticeship Board (PIAB); doing business as the UA Piping Industry College of BC (UAPICBC) is a United Association Trade School providing pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship and certification training in the Piping Trades: Plumbing, Sprinklerfitting, Steamfitting and Welding.

Incorporated in 1988, UAPICBC has been training students in the piping trades for over 25 years and is designated by both the Industry Training Authority (ITA) and the Private Training Institutions Branch (PTIB). UAPICBC is a non-profit society, governed by a Joint Board of Directors with equal representation from both the United Association and the Mechanical Industry Relations Association. UAPICBC has three campuses in key locations throughout the province; the Lower Mainland, Fort St. John and Terrace. **Our website is at** W: <https://uapicbc.ca> **and our main contact person at the conference will be Leslie Yellowknife** E: leslie.yellowknife@uapicbc.ca



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WWK Engineering LP is attending the conference to engage with potential partners, explore collaborative opportunities, and strengthen our commitment to supporting Indigenous communities through innovative civil engineering solutions. We are a Civil Engineering firm that is majority-owned by the We Wai Kai Nation and are located in Campbell River on Vancouver Island. We focus on First Nation projects, Municipal Infrastructure, Land Development, and Water Resources and Management. Our website is

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Zagime Management Authority Ltd -

our main goal is to establish new opportunities and resources for the benefit of Zagime Anishinabek. Our businesses include land development, gas, and an elder care facility, all in the Regina area.

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