



# INNOVATION + RENEWAL CONFERENCE

## Tuesday October 8, 2024

Kikiwak Inn, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, MB

11:00am – 11:45am **REGISTRATION & LUNCH**

11:45am – 12:30pm **CONFERENCE OPENING**

Emcee – Elder John Donovan  
Mike Bignell - Drum Song  
Opening Prayer - Elder Martha Jonasson  
Minister Judy Mayer - *Manitoba Métis Federation*  
Deputy Minister Jan Forster - *Province of Manitoba*  
Mayor Andre Murphy - *Town of The Pas*  
Chuck Davidson - *President & CEO, Manitoba Chambers of Commerce*  
Edwin Jebb - *Chancellor, University College of the North*

12:30pm – 1:15pm **RE-IMAGING THE FUTURE**

Shawn Kanungo - Innovation Strategist and Best Selling Author “The Bold Ones”

1:15pm – 1:45pm **FOSTERING DIGITAL POTENTIAL, CONNECTING TECH,  
TALENT + OPPORTUNITIES - TECH MANITOBA**

Kelly Fournel - *Chief Executive Officer*  
Marie Hacault - *Youth + Talent Initiatives | Industry Engagement*  
Shaelynn Stimpson - *Event Manager*

1:45pm – 2:30pm **BREAK**

2:30pm – 3:00pm **CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE BANK**

Jodie Parmar - *Head, Project Development, Western Canada*

3:00pm – 3:45pm **GOLDEN BOY LOOKS NORTH: GOVERNMENT PANEL FOR GROWTH**

Moderator: Doug Lauvstad – *President & Vice Chancellor, UCN*  
Deputy Ministers - *Province of Manitoba*

3:45pm – 4:30pm **FROM WHAT IS TO WHAT IF**

Ramy Nassar – *AI and Emerging Technology Expert*

4:30pm – 4:45pm **DAILY CLOSING**

Closing Prayer – Elder Gail Gossfeld-McDonald

5:30pm – 6:30pm **NETWORKING RECEPTION**

Location: *UCN Campus*

6:30pm – 9:00pm **NETWORKING DINE-AROUND DINNER**

Location: *UCN Campus*

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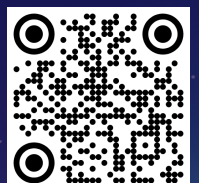


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## Wednesday October 9, 2024

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8:00am – 8:45am **NETWORKING & BREAKFAST**

8:45am – 9:15am **DAILY OPENING**  
Opening Prayer - Elder Tim Mendel

9:15am – 9:45am **AGG | ON TRACK FOR PROGRESS**  
Chris Avery – *Chief Executive Officer, Arctic Gateway Group*

9:45am – 10:45am **THRIVING TOGETHER: BUSINESS COMMUNITY INSIGHTS**  
Moderator – *Chuck Davidson, President & CEO  
Manitoba Chambers of Commerce*  
Mike Chute, *Vice President, LTL - Gardewine*  
Tara Elder-Young, *VP Business Development & Marketing – Calm Air*  
Ginger Martin, *Chief Executive Officer  
Paskwayak Business Development Corporation*  
Mayor Andre Murphy – *Town of The Pas*

10:45am – 11:15am **BREAK**

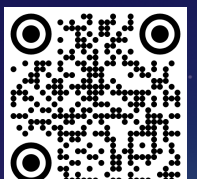
11:15am – 12:00pm **UCN & ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY: NORTHERN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**  
Dr. Ramona Neckoway, *Vice President, Indigenous Initiatives and Reconciliation*

12:00pm – 12:45pm **SEARCHING FOR NORTHERN MANITOBA SOLUTIONS:  
CO-CREATING A REGIONAL ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR NORTHERN MANITOBA**  
Ken Coates - *Historian*

12:45pm – 1:00 pm **DAILY CLOSING + LUNCH**  
Closing Prayer - Elder Mervin Garrick

1:00pm – 2:00pm **LUNCH**

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