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February 25-27, 2025 **Thompson Regional Community Centre**

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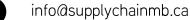


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Reimagine the North Tuesday February 25, 2025

Thompson Regional Community Centre

9:30am - 10:30am **REGISTRATION & COFFEE**

10:30am - 11:15am **CONFERENCE OPENING**

Emcee - Bruce Krentz

Red Cree Singers - Drum Song

Opening Prayer - Elder Martha Jonasson & Elder John Donovan

Greetings on behalf of Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation

Grand Chief Garrison Settee - Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak

Sandra Trottier - Manitoba Métis Federation Deputy Minister Jan Forster - Province of Manitoba

Mayor Colleen Smook - City of Thompson

Pam Marsden - Chair, Governing Council - University College of the North

BLUEPRINT TO THE FUTURE 11:15am-12:00pm

Eric Termuende - Co-Founder of NoW of Work

12:00pm-12:30pm WORK IN MANITOBA JOB PORTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WINNIPEG

Ashley Dunlop - Director of Talent & Workforce Development

Alberto Velasco-Acosta - VP International

BLESSING & LUNCH | Lunch Sponsor: Federated Co-operatives Limited | Western Nations 12:30pm-1:30pm

Elder Gail Gossfeld-McDonald

NORTHERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 1:30pm-2:00pm

Christian Sinclair

PANEL DISCUSSION - SKILLS AND THE ECONOMY 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Moderator: John Morris - Co-Director, Mining Association of Manitoba

Corinne Gusnoski - New Media Manitoba, Senior Manager Business Development

Meghan Lavallee - Apprenticeship Manitoba, Executive Director Glenn Lavcock - Northern Manitoba Sector Council. Executive Director

Bram Strain - Business Council of Manitoba, President & CEO

Jack Winram - Manitoba Environmental Industries Association, Executive Director

BREAK 3:00pm - 3:30pm

3:30pm - 4:00pm **FEDERATED CO-OPERATIVES LIMITED**

Todd Gursky - Director, External Relations

IMAGINING A NEW NORTH: How Can Technology, New Ideas And Rediscovered 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Confidence Revitalize Northern Manitoba?

Dr. Ken Coates - Director and Senior Fellow, Macdonald-Laurier Institute

4:45pm - 5:00pm **DAILY CLOSING**

Elder Mabel Bignell

5:00pm - 6:30pm **NETWORKING RECEPTION**













Reimagine the North Wednesday February 26, 2025

Thompson Regional Community Centre

8:00am – 8:45am	NETWORKING & BREAKFAST
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DAILY OPENING 8:45am - 9:00am **Elder Stella Neff**

9:00am - 10:30am DEPUTY MINISTERS AND LEADERS PANEL: EMPOWERING NORTHERN INDIGENOUS

COMMUNITIES: Building A Sustainable Workforce And Economic Opportunities

Moderator: Kim Laycock - VP Finance & Administration, UCN

Jan Forster - DM, Advanced Education and Training

Michael Jack - DM, Business, Mining, Trades and Job Creation

Paul Sheridan - Senior Policy Analyst, Natural Resources and Indigenous Furtures

Doug Lauvstad - President and Vice Chancellor, UCN

10:30am - 11:15am **BREAK**

11:15am-12:00pm ROOTED IN LISTENING, GROWING THROUGH WIL: Building Manitoba's

Workforce For Tomorrow

Janet Westbury-Swain - Regional Associate Director, Central Canada - CEWIL CANADA

IMAGINING A NEW NORTH: Lessons from Sápmi and Northern Norway 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Sven-Roald Nystø – Retired Special Adviser

1:00pm-2:00pm **DAILY CLOSING & LUNCH**

Elder Martha Spence

2:00pm - 5:00pm **SITE TOURS**

City Of Thompson

R.D.Parker Collegiate | UCN Campus

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

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

Emcee - Chuck Davidson - President & CEO, Manitoba Chambers of Commerce

Blessing - Elder Mabel Bignell

Keynote: Hon. Renée Cable - Minister of Advanced Education and Training













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Thursday February 27, 2025 **Province of Manitoba - Mining Day**

Thompson Regional Community Centre

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

8:45am - 9:00am **DAILY OPENING**

Blessing - Elder Tommy Weenusk

Hon. Jamie Moses - Minister of Business, Mining, Trades and Job Creation

9:00am - 10:15am FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP PANEL

Economic Reconciliation: Challenges and Opportunities

Moderator: Linda Murphy, P. Geo - Apiichitaa Inc.

10:15am - 11:00am **BREAK**

11:00am - 12:15pm MINISTERS AND MAYORS PANEL

Building Tomorrow: Workforce Development and Collaboration in Manitoba's

Northern Mineral Sector

Moderator: Doug Lauvstad - President and Vice Chancellor, UCN Hon. Renée Cable - Minister of Advanced Education and Training

Hon. Jamie Moses - Minister of Business, Mining, Trades and Job Creation

Mayor Colleen Smook - City of Thompson Mayor Andre Murphy - Town of The Pas

BLESSING & LUNCH 12:15pm - 1:30pm

Elder Tim Mendel

THE MANITOBA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY and 1:30pm - 2:15pm

THE MINERAL OCCURRENCE DATABASE UPDATED

Dr. Tafa Kennedy - Director, Manitoba Geological Survey

Marc Rinne - Precambrian Geologist, Manitoba Geological Survey

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS TOWARD STRONGER COMMUNITIES: Indigenous Engagement, 2:15pm - 3:00pm

Workforce Development, and the Critical Minerals Industry Jamie Dumont - Principal/Co-Owner, Chadwick Consulting Ltd.

ALAMOS GOLD'S LYNN LAKE PROJECT 3:00pm-3:45pm

Paul Levesque - General Manager, Lynn Lake Mine

CONFERENCE CLOSING 3:45pm - 4:00pm

Elder John Donovan











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