

ECONOMIC RECONCILIATION SUMMIT

THE INDIGENOUS LED-ECONOMY

MAY 16, 2023 | 10:00 AM - 4:45 PM | THE WESTIN, GOVERNOR GENERAL BALLROOM, OTTAWA

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9:15 AM *Registration open*

10:00 AM **Welcome**

10:15 AM **Investing for the Future: Why Economic Reconciliation is Essential**

All communities from coast to coast to coast must be planning with the future in mind. Sustainability, health of future generations, and long-term dividends are too often seen as a nice-to-have, and not a need-to-have. Learn from Indigenous leaders who are leading by example in building sustainable prosperity for this generation, and the seven to follow.

Opening Remarks: **Ghislain Picard**, Regional Chief, Assembly of First Nations, Québec/Labrador

Panel: **Regional Chief Ghislain Picard**, **Mark Podlasly**, Chief Sustainability Officer, First Nations Major Projects Coalition, **Chief Crystal Smith**, Chief Councillor, Haisla Nation, **Joe Dion**, Former Chief of Kehewin; CEO & Director, Western Indigenous Pipeline Group;, and Former Chairman & CEO of Frog Lake Energy Resources
Moderated by **Susan Smith**, Co-Founder, Canada 2020

11:30 AM **Case Study: Sen'ákw**

Learn about the process of returning the village of Sen'ákw to the Squamish Nation, how this cutting-edge project for 6000+ rental homes supports its path to economic independence, and the vision for what comes next for this trailblazing economic development partnership – the largest with any First Nation in Canadian history.

Presentation: **Khelsilem**, Chair, Squamish Nation Council

12:00 PM *Break for lunch service*

12:45 PM **Keynote and Conversation: No Wealth Without Wellbeing**

When it comes to foundations for community and economic development, access to health care, crucial social supports, and education are no less relevant than infrastructure and investment. How do we build both wealth and well-being as pillars of economic reconciliation?

Keynote: **Patty Hajdu**, Minister of Indigenous Services



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Moderated by: **Shannin Metatawabin**, CEO, National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association

2:00 PM **Sustainable Communities: Reconciliation and Leadership for the Net-zero Transition**

Infrastructure, connectivity, and access to energy remain a significant barrier to quality of life in many Indigenous communities, with the net-zero transition presenting both urgent challenges and unprecedented opportunities. How do we bridge the infrastructure gap with sustainability in mind?

Panel: **Hillary Thatcher**, Managing Director, Indigenous and Northern Investments, Canadian Infrastructure Bank, **Angel Ransom**, Senior VP, Environmental Services, First Nations Major Projects Coalition, **James Harper**, Business Development Manager, NRStor Inc., **Cole Crook**, Vice President, Indigenous Relations, ATCO Group

Moderated by: **Dan Pudjak**, Fellow, Public Policy Forum; Chief Strategy Officer, Blackbird Strategies; and former Director of Policy for the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs

3:15 PM *Coffee break*

3:45 PM Keynote: **Marc Miller**, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

4:00 PM **Land, Economic Independence, and a Self-Determined Future**

Understanding economic reconciliation through land-back, advancing Indigenous self-determination, and what must come next to build the Indigenous-led economy

Panel: **Khelsilem, Minister Marc Miller**

Moderated by: **Karen Restoule**, Co-Founder, BOLD Realities; Creator, Whose.Land; Board Member at Banff Forum & Canadian Club of Toronto

4:45 PM **Closing Remarks**



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