

# ECONOMIC RECONCILIATION SUMMIT

## THE INDIGENOUS LED-ECONOMY

MAY 30, 2024 | 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM | THE WESTIN, GOVERNOR GENERAL BALLROOM, OTTAWA

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9:30 AM      *Registration open*

10:15 AM      **Welcome**

10:30 AM      **Regional Development and Self-Determination**

When looking toward a sustainable future, we must look to territorial and regional leaders who best understand resources, place, and people. As we continue strengthening education, entrepreneurship, employment and other Indigenous-led investments in land and resource development, what lessons can we learn from the Prairies and the North?

**Minister Dan Vandal**, Minister of Northern Affairs, Minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada, and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

Moderated by: **Tiara Folkes**, Manager, Indigenous Relations Public Policy, TC Energy

11:00 AM      **U.S. Case Study: Economic Reconciliation and progress with the Biden Administration**

The United States and Canada share a physical, cultural, and economic landscape; natural resources, trade policies, and investment strategies in one country deeply affect the other. Hear about how the U.S. Department of the Interior under President Biden is investing in Indigenous land and communities, and what we can learn about progress being achieved by our closest neighbours.

**Heidi Todacheene**, Senior Advisor to the Secretary at the Office of the Secretary, US Department of the Interior

Moderated by: **Braeden Caley**, President & CEO, Canada 2020

11:45 PM      *Break for lunch service*

12:30 PM      **Featured Fireside Conversation**

We know there are significant gaps in infrastructure, investment, and quality of life between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities across this country – and that needs to change. What do we need to do to close these gaps and build an equitable and just future for everyone who shares this land?

**National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak**, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations

**Patty Hajdu**, Minister of Indigenous Services



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### **Building Long-term Sustainability**

How do we balance growth and sustainability? Hear from leaders across sectors about how catalyzing investment, access to capital, and essential infrastructure projects support the drive toward net-zero, and the long-term health and resilience of communities from coast to coast to coast.

**Hillary Thatcher**, Managing Director, Indigenous and Northern Investments, Canada Infrastructure Bank

**Mihskakwan James Harper**, Business Development Manager, NRStor Inc.

**Ernie Daniels**, President & CEO, FNFA and member of the Bank of Canada's Board of Directors

**Fred Di Blasio**, Co-Founder, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of Longhouse Capital Partners

**Chief Dylan Whiteduck**, Chief, Kitigan Zibi First Nation

2:30 PM

### **Economic Growth for the Next Generations**

The recent federal budget's Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program promises up to \$5 billion in loan guarantees to Indigenous communities, presenting an incredible opportunity to close the infrastructure gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. How can we learn from Indigenous leaders who are leading by example in building and implementing major projects, leveraging capital, and building sustainable prosperity for this generation, and the seven to follow?

**Chief Sharleen Gale**, Chief of Fort Nelson First Nation and Chair of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition

Moderated by: **Katherine Kootstachin**, VP, Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Sussex Strategy Group; Former Senior Advisor, Indigenous Policy and Litigation, PMO

3:00 PM

### **Case Study Update and Lessons: Haisla Nation**

A featured conversation on playbooks for governments and Indigenous leaders working together to advance economic reconciliation - by listening to, and letting communities lead. Hear updates on Haisla Nation's long term project of own source revenue generation and careful but robust economic development practices.

**Chief Crystal Smith**, Chief, Haisla Nation

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*Coffee Break*



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### Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships

Relationship-building and co-development are essential to reaching our shared goals for the future – supporting everything from trade and economic development, to social and political solidarity, to comprehensive and thoughtful policy-making for all of economic reconciliation. Whether it's on investment, health, education, or so much more for our shared prosperity, what are the most crucial next steps for these principles to be put into action as partners? As we look at the next 25 years, where does economic reconciliation need to go next?

**Cassidy Caron**, President of the Métis National Council

**Heidi Todacheene**, Senior Advisor to the Secretary at the Office of the Secretary, US Department of the Interior

4:30 PM

### Closing Remarks



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