

GETTING BIG THINGS DONE 3.0

FROM AMBITION TO ACTION

SEPTEMBER 29, 2026 | 8:20 AM - 5:30 PM | THE BALLROOM, FAIRMONT CHÂTEAU LAURIER

**Agenda subject to change*

7:30 AM Registration Opens

AM Theme: Tech, Geopolitics & Innovation

8:20 AM Welcome Remarks

- Tim Barber, Co-Founder, Canada 2020

8:25 AM - Opening Remarks

- Greg Orenacsak, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources

8:35 AM - Presentation: **We've Done Big Things Before. We Can Do Them Again: Practical observations from building electricity infrastructure at scale**

- Peter Gregg, Executive Vice President, Strategy and Policy, Emera

8:45 AM - New Economy Canada Panel Discussion: **Powering Canada's Buildout: Electricity as the Backbone of Economic Growth**

- Niko Nikolaidis, CFO, Innergex Renewable Energy
- Seamus O'Regan, Former Natural Resources, Indigenous Services and Labour Minister
- Travis Allan, President and CEO, Canadian Charging Infrastructure Council
- Moderated by: Merran Smith, Executive Board Chair, New Economy Canada

Canada's economic ambitions—from building more homes and attracting investment to growing industry, delivering major projects, and strengthening competitiveness—depend on one critical enabler: electricity. This session will bring together senior Canadian business leaders who are building the technologies, infrastructure, and partnerships needed to power the next phase of economic growth, and will explore how governments, utilities, Indigenous partners, investors, and industry can work together to build the electricity system Canada needs to remain competitive in an increasingly electrified world.

9:25 AM - Presentation: **Global Relay**

- Warren Roy, CEO, Global Relay

9:40 AM - Panel Discussion: **AI Leadership in Canada**

- Mia Morisset, Partner, Inovia Capital
- Melika Carroll, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Cohere
- Thomas Pitfield, Co-Founder, Canada 2020
- Taylor Owen, Associate Professor in the Max Bell School of Public Policy at McGill University
- Moderated by: Dr. Derek Ruths, Associate Professor of Computer Science, McGill University

Artificial intelligence is re-shaping productivity, politics, and public institutions. This panel will feature top leaders in the field as they share key insights on how Canada can harness AI for economic growth while managing potential risks to privacy and national security.

10:25 AM - Presentation: **Building Canada's AI Economy**

- John Watson, Group President, Business Markets, AI Fabric, Bell Cyber and Ateko
- Moderated by: Graham Richardson, Ottawa Bureau Chief, CTV National News



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10:45 AM - Presentation: Geopolitics of Semiconductors & Canada's Opportunity

- **Dr. Chris Miller**, Author of *Chip War: The Fight for the World's Most Critical Technology*; Professor of International History, Tufts University
- *Moderated by: Simon Kennedy*, Former Deputy Minister, Innovation, Science, Economic Development

This session will explore the geopolitics of chips, what it will take to attract investment while safeguarding national security and how Canada can potentially position itself in the global semiconductor race.

11:30 AM - Presentation: Innovative Financial Models to Deliver on Canada's Economic & Major Projects Development

- **Elizabeth Wademan**, President & CEO, Canada Development Investment Corporation

11:50 AM - Lunch

PM Theme: Resources, Infrastructure and Security: Canada's Natural Advantage

1:00 PM - Panel Discussion: Scaling Canada's Defence Minerals Supply Chain

- **Matthew Zolnowski**, Global Fellow at the Wilson Center & President of Greyfriars LLC
- **Wendy Hadwen**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy-Industry Department of National Defence, Canada
- **Eric Miller**, CEO, Global Battery Materials Corp
- *Moderated by: Todd Stone*, CEO, Association of Mineral Exploration

Canada's new Defence Industrial Strategy puts a secure, reliable supply of defence-related critical minerals at the centre of building a stronger domestic industrial base. These panellists will speak to the competitive advantage of this strategy to boost domestic economic growth, while addressing the challenges that Canada's defence critical mineral supply chain still faces.

1:40 PM - Panel Discussion: Mining the Gap: Canada's Critical Mineral Future

- **Alison Nankivell**, President & CEO, EDC
- **Jeff Gaulin**, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Vale Base Metals
- **Shaun Fantauzzo**, Vice President, Strategy and Sustainability, Wyloo
- *Moderated by: Ranj Pillai*, CEO, Seva Mining; Former Yukon Premier

Canada's major mining projects are playing a pivotal role in strengthening the country's position as a global leader in critical minerals and a destination of choice for mining investment. This expert panel will explore the intersection between federal critical minerals policy, the realities of developing mining projects, and the capital required to advance projects that support secure supply chains, drive economic growth, and meet the growing demand for the minerals essential to the energy transition. The discussion will highlight the opportunities, innovations, and partnerships helping to establish Canada as both a domestic mining powerhouse and an internationally recognized leader in responsible resource development.



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2:15 PM - Panel Discussion: Building Up the North – Arctic Sovereignty & Development

- **Caroline Wawzonek**, Deputy Premier; Minister of Finance; Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation and Minister Responsible for Strategic Infrastructure, Energy and Supply Chains
- **Mark Cliffe-Phillips**, Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Review Board
- **Ehren Cory**, CEO, Canada Infrastructure Bank
- *Moderated by: Tim Murphy*, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategic Affairs Officer, Aecon Group Inc.

The Northwest Territories holds vast critical mineral reserves essential to Canada's energy security and the global energy transition, but unlocking them will require closing longstanding infrastructure and supply-chain gaps, a challenge that is both an economic priority and a strategic national imperative. This panel will explore the Northwest Territories' most significant nation-building projects that have been designated as Projects of National Interest (PONI), examining how strategic investments in transportation, energy, critical minerals, and related infrastructure can advance economic growth, strengthen Arctic sovereignty, and enhance Canada's national defence objectives.

3:00 PM - Coffee Break

3:20 PM - Presentation: Canada's Natural Advantage

- **Dr. Andrew Furey**, Vice Chair, National Bank of Canada, Experienced Executive, Physician, Humanitarian and former Premier of Newfoundland & Labrador
- **Michelle Mungall**, Energy Industry Advisor, writer, media commentator, feminist trailblazer and *former BC Minister for Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources*
- *Moderated by: Genevieve Tomney*, Principal, GT

3:50 PM - Remarks:

- **Johanne Senécal**, Vice President of Sustainability, External Relations and Indigenous Affairs, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)

4:00 PM - Trans Mountain: Getting Big Things Done for Canada

- **Mark Maki**, CEO, Trans Mountain Corporation
- *Moderated by: The Hon. Anne McLellan*, Co-Chair, Coalition for a Better Future

4:25 PM - Presentation: Housing Policy & Growth Coalition

- **Mike Moffatt**, Founding Director, Missing Middle Initiative
- **Sean Wiltshire**, COO, Data Sciences

4:50 PM - In Conversation: Everyday Reconciliation

- **Elin Miller**, Deputy Director, Global Affairs Canada, Co-chair of NAWL, Co-author of Everyday Reconciliation
- *Moderated by: Susan Smith*, Co-Founder, Canada 2020

5:10 PM - Closing Remarks

