

# DAY 1

[ PROGRAM ]

**8:00 - 8:45 am**

**COFFEE & NETWORKING**

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

**OPENING CEREMONY: PRAYER AND SONG**

- Former Gimaa Stacey LaForme
- Thunder Jack

**OPENING REMARKS BY CO-HOSTS**

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**9:00 - 10:00 am** **SESSION .01**

**PANEL: OVERVIEW OF CRITICAL MINERAL STRATEGIES**

- **Claudine Pagé**, Director General, Mineral Programs Branch - NRCan
- **Lana Eagle**, VP, Indigenous Affairs  
Common Good Mining

**Moderator: Ariane Heisey** - Suslop

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**10:00-11:00 am** **SESSION .02**

**PANEL: INDIGENOUS OWNERSHIP**

- **Chief Jason Gauthier**, Missanabie Cree First Nation
- **Darren Harper**, VP, Indigenous and Governmental Relations - Carbonix
- **Darrell Beaulieu**, President/CEO  
Denendeh Investments Corp. & DEMCo.

**Moderator: Karen Restoule** - Crestview Strategy

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

**11:15 am - 12:15**

**KEYNOTE REMARKS / "BRIDGES TO THE NORTH" DOCUMENTARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Premier of Ontario - **Hon. Doug Ford**
- **Chief Bruce Achneepineskum** -  
Marten Falls First Nation
- **Chief Cornelius Wabasse** - Webequie First Nation
- **Moderator: André Morrisseau**

**12:15 - 1:30 pm**

**NETWORKING LUNCH**

with André Morrisseau

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**1:30 - 2:30 pm** **SESSION .03**

**PANEL: THE RENEWABLE ENERGY JOURNEY**

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- **Jason Batise**, Executive Director Wabun Tribal Council
- **Darryl McDonald**, CEO Potlotek Development Corp
- **Lauge Neilsen**, Director of Canadian Markets & Asset Expansion, Pattern Energy
- **Jennifer Ashawasegai-Pereira**, Henvey Inlet First Nation

**Moderator: Annie Merritt**, Innergex

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**2:30 - 3:00 pm**

**AFTERNOON BREAK**

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**3:00 - 4:00 pm** **SESSION .04**

**PANEL: ENERGY STORAGE INNOVATION**

- **Crystal Nicholas**, Wskijinu'k Mtmotagnuow Agency Ltd.
- **Matt Jamieson**, CEO - Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corp

**Moderator: Valerie Helbronner**, Torgys

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**4:00 - 4:30 pm**

**REMARKS BY MINISTER PIRIE & WRAP-UP**

- Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Mines
- Michael Fox
- Qasim Saddique

**4:30 - 6:30 pm**

**NETWORKING EVENT (SPONSORED BY: ?)**

**📍 LOCATION: CHURCHILL ROOM**

# DAY 2

[ PROGRAM ]

**8:30 - 9:00 am**

COFFEE & NETWORKING

**9:00 - 9:15 am**

OPENING REMARKS

- **Michael Fox**, Indigenous and Community Engagement (ICE) Inc.
- **Qasim Saddique**, Suslop Inc.

**9:15 - 10:15 am** **SESSION .05**

PANEL: THE EMERGING INDIGENOUS OPPORTUNITIES

- **Maura McDonald**, Director, CANDU MONARK - AtkinsRéalis
- **Sean Conway**, Specialist, Indigenous Participation - AtkinsRéalis
- **Ferris Zahlan**, Manager, Indigenous and Community Engagement - GE Vernova

**Moderator: Don Parkinson** - AtkinsRéalis

**10:15 - 10:45 am** MORNING BREAK

**10:45 - 11:45 am** **SESSION .06**

CASE STUDY: SMALL MODULAR REACTORS

- **Kevin Woods**, Director, Energy Services Northshore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council

**Moderator: Kathleen Wood** - Suslop Inc.

**11:45 - 1:00 pm**

NETWORKING LUNCH

**1:00 - 2:00 pm** **SESSION .07**

PANEL: THE ROLE OF INDIGENOUS RECONCILI-ACTION PLANS IN THE CLEAN TRANSITION

- **Matthew Jackson**, Director, Indigenous Relations - Hydro One
- **Christine John**, Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations - OPG

**Moderator: Heather Swan**, ICE

**2:00 - 3:00 pm** **SESSION .08**

PANEL: INDIGENOUS LED CORRIDORS

- **Chief Morris Beardy**, Fox Lake First Nation
- **Peter Collins**, CEO Chi Mino Ozhitoowin

**Moderator: Stephen Lindley**, Stephen Lindley Consulting Inc.

**3:00 - 3:15 pm** AFTERNOON BREAK

**3:15 - 4:15 pm** **SESSION .09**

PANEL: TRENDS IN INDIGENOUS PROJECT FINANCING IN CANADA

- **Hillary Thatcher**, Managing Director, Investments - CIB
- **Miles Jolliffe**, Director - Kinetic Canada

**Moderator: Qasim Saddique**, Suslop

**4:15 - 4:30 pm**

CLOSING REMARKS BY CO-HOSTS



# SESSIONS

## OVERVIEW OF CRITICAL MINERAL STRATEGIES PANEL

**DAY 1 [ 9:00-10:00AM ]**

**01.**

The quest for critical minerals is top of mind for many today and with that, many opportunities may present themselves for Indigenous communities. In this session, we will learn about critical mineral strategies from both the federal government and industry perspective. Panelists will also provide their views on where the opportunities lie for Indigenous communities in the mining for critical minerals; not only in the development and operation of the mines themselves, but also in ancillary activities such as infrastructure, value add processing, etc., that could be led by Indigenous businesses.



## INDIGENOUS OWNERSHIP PANEL

**DAY 1 [ 10:00 - 11:00 ]**

**02.**

While there is heightened enthusiasm for the potential for Indigenous ownership of large-scale projects that will bring benefits to communities today, a number of Indigenous communities have been quietly engaged in large-scale projects in which they have an ownership position. This session will explore what Indigenous ownership is and what it means, how these communities got involved in these projects, what the ultimate vision was for the communities and how the concept of Indigenous participation and ownership is evolving. Panelists will share the challenges they faced and offer suggestions on what would have helped to make it easier for them to achieve their vision.

## THE RENEWABLE ENERGY JOURNEY

**PANEL SPONSORED BY INNERGEX**

**DAY 1 [ 1:30-2:30PM ]**

**03.**

Early opportunities for participation by Indigenous communities in large-scale projects has been through renewable energy projects. In this session, we will hear about the journey three different Indigenous communities took to benefit from clean energy projects. Panelists will tell the story of how they got involved, what were the drivers or opportunities, how the communities embraced the opportunity, the ownership arrangements arrived at and what the next generation may look like as the participation model evolves and provides a larger stake to Indigenous communities.

# SESSIONS

## ENERGY STORAGE INNOVATION

### PANEL

**DAY 1 [ 3:00-4:00PM ]**

**04.**

With the transition to the green economy, it is expected that there will be an increase in the demand for electricity from all sources. Energy storage, currently getting a lot of attention, will likely play a significant role in meeting the future demands for electricity. While the early opportunities for Indigenous participation in the energy sector were focused on renewables, energy storage innovation offers new pathways for Indigenous participation in the energy market. This session will showcase two examples of Indigenous leadership in energy storage innovation. Through sharing their experiences with us, they will be able to provide insight about future participation opportunities in the energy sector for other Indigenous communities.



## THE EMERGING INDIGENOUS OPPORTUNITIES

### PANEL

**DAY 2 [ 9:15-10:15AM ]**

**05.**

This panel will focus on Indigenous opportunities in business development, supply chain, sustainable procurement, employment, training, and community economic benefit. Specifically, panelists will explore the current landscape of nuclear energy in Canada and the business and participation possibilities in both large and small reactor technologies for Indigenous communities.

## SMALL MODULAR REACTORS CASE STUDY

**DAY 2 [ 10:45-11:45AM ]**

**06.**

Over the past few years, Canada has taken steps to ready itself for the rapidly emerging area of technology innovation: small modular reactors (SMRs) by considering policy and regulatory approaches. This has been in response to the growing interest in SMRs as a reasonable and reliable alternative to diesel as an energy source. These case studies will highlight the progress of two initiatives where Indigenous involvement has been at the forefront. They/It will demonstrate that there are significant opportunities for Indigenous communities to be at the frontier of new energy generation that is scalable in the transition to the clean economy.



# SESSIONS

## THE ROLE OF INDIGENOUS RECONCILI-ACTION PLANS IN THE CLEAN TRANSITION PANEL

**DAY 2 [ 1:00-2:00PM ]**

**07.**

Both Hydro One and Ontario Power Generation (OPG) are very progressive in their approach to working and partnering with Indigenous communities to deliver energy to the people of Ontario. OPG through its Reconciliation Action Plan and Hydro One through its industry leading Equity Partnership Model have demonstrated time and again their leadership and commitment to working in true partnership with Indigenous communities, businesses and organizations to advance reconciliation. In this session panelists will share their approaches in relation to the transition to clean energy and the resulting partnership opportunities that exist for Indigenous communities in the province.



## INDIGENOUS-LED CORRIDORS PANEL

**DAY 2 [ 2:00-3:00PM ]**

**08.**

Across the country, new utility corridors are being developed in partnership with Indigenous Nations as part of economic reconciliation. Such partnerships allow communities to exercise some level of control over the planning of such initiatives that cross their traditional lands. These new corridor developments are becoming the critical infrastructure for Canada. More importantly, the benefits accruing to the communities from these initiatives provide a platform for Indigenous communities to create other economic development opportunities for their communities, leading to the promise of Indigenous prosperity. This session will explore three examples of Indigenous led corridor projects.

## TRENDS IN INDIGENOUS PROJECT FINANCING IN CANADA

**PANEL**

**DAY 2 [ 3:15-4:15PM ]**

**09.**

With the new trend of partnering with Indigenous communities to deliver infrastructure projects across Canada as well as the desire of Indigenous communities to lead their own development projects, obtaining funding and financing to plan, develop and operate these large-scale, complex projects can be a major stumbling block. This panel will highlight some of the financing opportunities that are available to Indigenous proponents and some examples will be explored.