Canada's Rural & Remote Broadband Conference Agenda

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

5:00pm - 7:00pm	**Registration**
7:00pm - 9:00pm	**Welcome Reception** *We invite you to mingle with conference delegates, enjoy some finger foods and refreshments from the bar.*

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

7:00am - 8:30am	**Registration and Breakfast**
8:30am - 8:45am	**Conference Introductions**
8:45am - 9:15am	**Keynote #1 – Why the Rural Digital Divide Matters More than Ever** *This session will explore the rural digital divide and how investment in Broadband is a key factor in addressing economic development, rural outmigration and community well-being.*
9:15am - 10:00am	**Broadband Technological Solutions for Rural and Remote Communities – PART 1:** *The Evolution of Broadband Technologies, Speeds and Capacity Challenges in Rural and Remote Areas.*
10:00am - 10:15am	**Break**
10:15am - 11:15am	**Broadband Technological Solutions for Rural and Remote Communities – PART 2:** *What is the "Last Mile" and will 5G Solve our Rural Connectivity Challenges? What are the Options?*
11:15am - noon	**Broadband Technology Solutions for Rural and Remote Communities – PART 3:** *Managing the User Experience – What Happens Inside your Institution, Business or Residence?*
noon - 1:15pm	**Lunch and Keynote - Mobilizing Your Community for Solving the Broadband Connectivity Puzzle.**

1:15pm - 2:00pm	**Funding Programs:** *What are the Current Government Programs Available and their Requirements?*
2:00pm - 3:00pm	**Panel Discussion: First Nations Broadband Connectivity** *The Opportunities and Challenges of New Models, Partnerships and Duty to Consult Obligations.*
3:00pm - 3:15pm	**Break**
3:15pm - 4:00pm	**Community Models for Addressing Connectivity Challenges.** *Brief overview of the various community models – open networks to private networks, rev sharing, municipal and utility-led deployments.*
4:00pm - 5:00pm	**Panel Discussion: Collaborating to Build a Stronger Rural and Remote Broadband Ecosystem.** *Discussion between various "regional" groups that have established or are in the process of establishing Broadband projects.*
5:00pm - 5:15pm	**Day Wrap-up**
6:30pm - 8:30pm	**Dinner and Keynote TBD**

Thursday, November 14, 2019

7:00am - 8:00am	**Breakfast**
8:00am - 8:15am	**Introduction to the Day** *Summary of the remainder of the conference and updates.*
8:15am - 9:00am	**Project Lifecycle:** *Options for Effectively Deploying and Operating a Broadband Network*
9:00am - 9:30am	**Smart Cities & Intelligent Communities:** *How Rural and Remote Communities can Participate.*

9:30am - 10:15am	**Q&A #1** *British Columbia's Connected Coast Project*
10:15am - 10:30am	**Break**
10:30am - 11:15am	**Q&A #2** *Ontario's Northeast Superior Region Broadband Network*
11:15am - noon	**Q&A #3** *TBD*
noon to 1:00pm	**Luncheon and Conference Closing Remarks**

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