



OUR COLLECTIVE ADVANTAGE: Indigenous Consent

The 7th Annual FNMPC Conference

April 22-23, 2024
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AGENDA

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SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST – EVENING

5:45 PM **Opening Reception**

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To kick off **Our Collective Advantage: Indigenous Consent** conference, Rio Tinto will host the opening reception on Sunday night April 21st bringing together industry, Indigenous, and government delegates from Canada and around the world.

Welcome from Master of Ceremonies: Dan George (*Wet'suwet'en*), President & CEO, Four Directions Management Services

Welcome from Chair: Chief Sharleen Gale (*Fort Nelson First Nation*), Chair, First Nations Major Projects Coalition

Traditional welcome: Ogiima Kwe, Chief Claire Sault (*Mississaugas of the Credit*)

Cultural performance: Red Sky Performance

Introduction by: Jean-Pierre Gauthier, Senior Vice President, Kiewit

OPENING REMARKS:

Dominic Barton, Chair, Rio Tinto

Welcoming Remarks from the Government of Ontario: The Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Minister of Indigenous Affairs Ontario

MONDAY, APRIL 22ND – DAY 1

7:45 AM Land Acknowledgement

» **Chief Keith Knott**, Curve Lake First Nation

8:00 AM Opening Ceremonies and Cultural Protocols

- » **Chief Sharleen Gale** (*Fort Nelson First Nation*), Board Chair, First Nations Major Projects Coalition
- » **National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak** (*Pinaymootang Nation*), National Chief, Assembly of First Nations
- » **The Honourable Todd Smith**, MPP, Minister of Energy, Province of Ontario
- » **Mark Podlasly** (*Nlaka'pamux*), Chief Sustainability Officer, First Nations Major Projects Coalition
- » **Jolain Foster** (*Gitksan & Wet'suwet'en*) Managing Partner of Nation Building, Deloitte

8:25 AM Conference Opening Fireside Chat: Reconciliation and the Role of the Financial Sector



The influence of Indigenous nations on the financial sector and the flow of investment in Canada is increasing. Indigenous nations are using this influence to reclaim economic power by partnering — and, in some cases, leading — the development of infrastructure and natural resource projects within the lands and waters of each. Canada's economic strength relies on its ability to source, price, and fund major capital projects with full and informed Indigenous participation. Join FNMPC Board Chair Chief Sharleen Gale and RBC President & CEO Dave McKay as they discuss the role of the financial sector in advancing Indigenous economic reconciliation.

Introduction by: Niilo Edwards, CEO, First Nations Major Projects Coalition

KEYNOTE DISCUSSION:

Chief Sharleen Gale (*Fort Nelson First Nation*), Chair, First Nations Major Projects Coalition

Dave McKay, President and CEO, RBC

» **Moderator: Angie Bruce** (*Red River Métis*), Vice President (Indigenous), University of Manitoba

8:55 AM Keynote Speaker

Introduction by: Joseph Mancinelli, International Vice President and Canadian Director, LiUNA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

» **The Honourable Doug Ford**, Premier, Government of Ontario

DAY 1 MORNING

Indigenous consent-driven project governance and policy

Basing major project planning and implementation on Indigenous leadership and values can lead to more sustainable and ethical outcomes. This morning session will highlight how centering Indigenous rights and knowledge into decisions can build more socially, economically, and environmentally responsible futures for all of us.

9:10 AM Session 1 – Indigenous-corporate Partnerships

This first session will highlight (1) how Indigenous-corporate partnerships, such as the Sustainable Markets Initiative are taking a “people and planet” approach, and (2) how centering Indigenous governance, values, rights, and knowledge systems on project decisions, policy and consent can build more responsible futures for all.

Introduction by: Bill Lomax (*Gitxsan Nation*), President and CEO, First Nations Bank of Canada

KEYNOTE DISCUSSION:

Brian Moynihan, CEO, Bank of America; Co-chair, Sustainable Markets Initiative (SMI)

Perry Bellegarde (*Little Black Bear First Nation*), Special Advisor Fasken; Special Advisor, SMI; and Former National Chief, Assembly of First Nations

9:50 AM Session 2 - UNDRIP and Free, Prior and Informed Consent: The Making of the Declaration

United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), adopted in 2007 and ratified by 147 countries, has been a groundbreaking global baseline policy for Indigenous rights, including for Canada. This session is a conversation with the drafters of and contributors to UNDRIP who were in “in the room when it happened”. We know what is in the Declaration, but what was left out? Were there disagreements in drafting of the key clauses? What do the drafters think of today’s interpretation of the final version? What impact has it had in Canada and the US?

Introduction by: Saga Williams (*Curve Lake First Nation*), Senior Advisor, External Relations, FNMPC

- » **James Anaya** (*Apache and Purépecha*), Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (virtual)
- » **Simo’git Delgamuukw (George Muldoe)** (*Gitxsan*), Wilps Delgamuukw
- » **The Honourable David Lametti KC PC**, Indigenous Law Counsel, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP
- » **Moderator: Kate Finn** (*Osage*), Executive Director, First Peoples Worldwide

10:50 AM Session 3 – Environmental Indigenous Consent

Indigenous lands are being impacted by global objectives to advance clean growth projects as part of the energy transition. In Canada, Indigenous environmental consent to major projects is a core component of decision-making in accordance with the principles of free, prior, and informed consent as described in the articles of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. By having access to the tools that provide clarity and efficiencies to the decision-making process, Indigenous nations can lead environmental processes and influence process outcomes for future clean growth projects in a manner that respects rights and interests. This panel will discuss the development of a new FNMPC member-led tool called the *Cultural Rights Toolkit* and how the principles of the toolkit can be applied by First Nations during regulatory and negotiation processes to address major project impacts and cumulative impacts on the cultural rights of Indigenous nations as a means of informing historical gap areas of major project assessment processes.

Launch of the FNMPC Cultural Rights Toolkit

Introduction by: John Hannaford, Clerk of the Privy Council, Government of Canada

- » **Angel Ransom** (*Nak’azdli Whut’en First Nation*), Senior VP, Environmental Services FNMPC
- » **Jennifer Bennett** (*Wiikwemkoong Nation*), Client Program Manager & Senior Environmental Engineer, Arcadis
- » **Deputy Grand Council Chief Mel Hardy** (*Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek*), Northern Superior Region – Anishinabek Nation
- » **Terence Hubbard**, President, Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
- » **Moderator: Scott Smith**, Partner, Gowling WLG

A panel presentation from young Indigenous leaders speaking on how the next generation sees Indigenous values being incorporated into sustainable investment practices.

Land Acknowledgement & Cultural Performance: Kehew & Kirby Buffalo (*Cree First Nation*)

Introduction by: Johanne Senecal, Vice President Sustainability, External Relations, and Indigenous Affairs, CAPP

- » **Alejandra Metallic-Janvier** (*Mi'gmaq and Dene Suline*), Mentorship Program Coordinator, Indigenous Clean Energy
- » **Sinéad Teevan** (*Curve Lake*), Intern, Indigenous Energy Policy, Ontario Ministry of Energy
- » **Kevin O'Neal-Smith** (*Tlingit*), Impact Strategies, Adasina Social Capital
- » **Kaella-Marie Earle** (*Anishinaabekwe - Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi*), Hydraulic System Design Engineer, Enbridge
- » **Moderator: Kate Finn** (*Osage*), Executive Director, First Peoples Worldwide

DAY 1 AFTERNOON

Critical Minerals and the Imperative of Consent

Indigenous free, prior, and informed consent on critical mineral supply projects - including corporate governance, equity ownership, and environmental protection led and directed by Indigenous nations - is key to the success of critical mineral projects getting approved and built. Experts will discuss how Indigenous consent is being operationalized along the critical minerals value chain.

1:40 PM Session 4 – Mining as a Community Development Engine

Critical minerals are becoming more difficult to access due to challenging societal and infrastructure environments. Consumer and investor demand for minerals is increasing while, at the same time, there are corresponding calls from governments, investors, and Indigenous nations that mining companies be more responsive societal partners. How can mining be reimaged from a purely extractive industry to one that prioritizes Indigenous leadership and economic reconciliation?

Introduction by: Dr. Silvana Costa, Social Performance Director, Teck Resources

KEYNOTE DISCUSSION:

- » **Mark Cutifani**, Chair, Vale Base Metals
- » **Florence Drummond** (*Dauareb Wuthathi – Australia*), Executive Director, DPI
- » **Dawn Madahbee Leach** (*Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation*), Chair, National Indigenous Economic Development Board
- » **Moderator: Peter Bryant**, Chair, DPI

2:25 PM Session 5 – FPIC as a Collective Advantage

The procedure for obtaining Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) recognizes and upholds the authority of Indigenous nations to either consent to or refuse projects that could impact their territories, resources, and cultural heritage. Securing consent in a manner that honors Indigenous traditions is critical, underscoring the significance of their autonomy and control over their affairs. During the discussion, panelists will explore their understanding and application of FPIC principles within the context of their specific domain.

Introduction by: Dan George (*Wet'suwet'en*), President & CEO, Four Directions Management Services

- » **Keith Morrison**, CEO & Director, Premium Nickel Resources Ltd.
- » **Darrell Beaulieu** (*Yellowknives Dene First Nation*), Board Director, FNMPC & President and CEO, Denendeh Investments Incorporated (DII)
- » **Sumkwaht Shayla Jacobs** (*Squamish Nation*), Council Member, Squamish Nation
- » **Moderator: Collette Brown-Rodriguez** (*Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribe*), Director of Community & Tribal Relations; Director, Avantus; Apollo Silver Corp.

3:30 PM Session 6 – Canadian Mining and First Nations

Given the previous two panels which highlight how mining companies, investors, and societies can benefit from mining aligned with community development interests, how might these examples be incorporated in Canada? Could mining operations in northern Canada be reimagined to support First Nation self-determination goals? Panelists from three Ontario First Nations will discuss how – or if – lessons from mining overseas could apply here in Canada and on Indigenous lands.

Introduction by: Loui Anastasopoulos, CEO, Toronto Stock Exchange and Global Head, Capital Formation

- » **The Honourable Greg Rickford**, Minister of Northern Development and Minister of Indigenous Affairs Ontario
- » **Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe** (*Mississauga First Nation*), Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief
- » **Jennifer Constant, Ogimaa Kwe** (*Mattagami First Nation*), Chief at Mattagami First Nation
- » **Moderator: Katherine Koostachin** (*Mushkegowuk Cree from Attawapiskat First Nation*), Vice President of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation at Sussex Strategy Group

DAY 1 EVENING

6:00 PM Indigenous Leaders' Reception



Invite-only Event

Traditional Welcome: Elder Dorothy, Jiima'aaganing (*Seine River*)

Cultural performance: Red Sky Performance

Welcome from FNMPC Master of Ceremonies: Dan George (*Wet'suwet'en*), President & CEO, Four Directions Management Services

Introduction by: Robert "RJ" Johnston, Executive Director, Centre on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University

Welcome from Enbridge: Greg Ebel, President & CEO, Enbridge

This year's Indigenous Leaders' Reception will bring together CEOs, Indigenous leaders, and elected officials from around the world. The Indigenous Leaders Reception is an invite-only event.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD – DAY 2

DAY 2 MORNING

The Energy Transition

7:45 AM Opening Remarks

Land Acknowledgement: Elder Mark Sault (*Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation*)

- » **Mark Podlasly** (*Nlaka'pamux*), Chief Sustainability Officer, First Nations Major Projects Coalition
- » **Jolain Foster** (*Gitxsan & Wet'suwet'en*), Managing Partner of Nation Building, Deloitte

Announcement of the FNMPC 2025 Conference Theme:
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8:10 AM Session 1 – National Indigenous Electrification Strategy

Mokwateh and FNMPC have partnered to create a National Indigenous Electrification Strategy, funded by the Clean Economy Fund. This initiative centres Indigenous nations as leaders in decarbonizing and doubling Canada's electricity generation, transmission and distribution systems, while creating economic opportunities for Nation members. Panelists will discuss the outcomes of the study — to be revealed for the first time at this session. The discussion will focus on how Indigenous nations should be supported in Canada's energy transition with the resources, capacity and experience to develop major projects that help reduce Canada's greenhouse gas emissions.

Launch of the National Indigenous Electrification Strategy

Introduction by: Lesley Gallinger, President and CEO, Independent Electricity System Operator

- » **JP Gladu** (*Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek*), Founder and Principal, Mokwateh
- » **Niilo Edwards**, CEO, First Nations Major Projects Coalition
- » **Chief Robert Michell** (*Stellat'en First Nation*)
- » **Moderator: Valerie Helbronner**, Partner, Torys

9:00 AM Session 2 – Keynote: From COP to Collective Prosperity

Introduction by: Benjamin Cooper-Janvier (*Denesúliné*), Senior Associate in Transaction Diligence, Kalos LLP

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

- » **Mark Carney**, United Nations Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance and Co-Chair of the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)

9:40 AM Session 3 – Energy Storage

One of the fastest growing areas for Indigenous equity partnerships is in large-scale energy storage. This growth is driven by the increased need for reliable energy storage solutions that can support the integration of renewable energy sources into the grid. Infrastructure experts will highlight how Indigenous partnership and ownership in energy storage improves overall infrastructure development while providing economic returns to participating First Nations.

Introduction by: Stephen Lidington, Vice President, Colliers Project Leaders

- » **John Rowinski** (*Mohawk - Bay of Quinte*), CEO, Hiawatha First Nation Economic Development Corporation
- » **Dion Willier**, President and CEO, Mississaugas of the Credit Business Corporation
- » **Ogima Greg Nadjiwon** (*Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation*)
- » **Ogima Conrad Ritchie** (*Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation*)
- » **Moderator: Cherie Brant** (*Mohawk - Bay of Quinte/Ojibway - Wikwemkoong*), Partner and National Leader, Indigenous Law, BLG Law

10:30 AM Session 4 – Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)

Small modular reactors (SMRs) are advanced nuclear reactors which are much smaller in size and have about one-third of the generating capacity of traditional nuclear power reactors. SMRs, which can produce a large amount of low-carbon electricity, are a key element of the energy transition globally. What role will Indigenous consent and ownership play in the development, operation, and end-of-life cycle for potential new SMRs?

Introduction by: Jill Baker, Vice President, Regulatory, Affairs, Policy and Corporate Events, Canadian Nuclear Association

- » **Jim Ward** (*Natooganeg*), North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council, New Brunswick and Member, Indigenous Advisory Council SMR Action Plan
- » **Dakota Kochie** (*Anishinaabe*), Director of Government and External Relations, Nuclear Waste Management Organization
- » **Aida Cipolla**, Chief Financial Officer, Ontario Power Generation
- » **Clarice Madalena** (*Pueblo of Jemez/Acoma*), Natural Resources Director, Pueblo of Jemez, Member of the Nuclear Energy Tribal Working Group
- » **Moderator: Jesse McCormick** (*Anishinaabe/Oneida, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation*), Senior Vice President, Research, Innovation, and Legal Affairs, First Nations Major Projects Coalition

11:30 AM Ministerial Panel on Indigenous Loan Guarantees and Economic Growth

Introduction by: Shannon Joseph, Chair, Energy for a Secure Future

- » **The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson**, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Government of Canada
- » **The Honourable Chrystia Freeland**, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Finance, Government of Canada
- » **Moderated by: Mark Podlasly** (*Nlaka'pamux*), Chief Sustainability Officer, First Nations Major Projects Coalition

12:30 PM Day 2 Lunch – Indigenous Women in Finance

BHP

A luncheon presentation from leading Indigenous women on how centering Indigenous values improve sustainable investment practices.

Land Acknowledgement & Cultural Performance: Red Sky Performance

Introduction by: Caroline Cox, Chief Legal, Governance and External Affairs Officer, BHP

- » **Alanna LaRose** (*Nakhóta*), Senior Manager, Enterprise Strategy and Transformation, RBC
- » **Hillary Thatcher** (*Métis*), Managing Director, Investments: Indigenous and Northern Infrastructure, Canada Infrastructure Bank
- » **Alicia DuBois** (*Métis*), Chief Investment Officer, Boann Social Impact LP
- » **Tiffany Murray** (*Haudenosaunee*), Partner, Banking and Financial Services Group, BLG Law
- » **Moderator: Jaimie Lickers** (*Onondaga*), Senior Vice President of Indigenous Markets, CIBC

DAY 2 AFTERNOON

Financing Indigenous Ownership in Major Projects

Supporting Indigenous nations to access competitively priced capital is a core element of advancing Indigenous economic reconciliation. These afternoon sessions will build on previous conference insights by exploring the challenges and opportunities of Indigenous nations securing capital for major projects. Finance experts will discuss what advances have been made by Indigenous-industry partnerships in this space.

2:10 PM Session 5 – Keynote - Government Loan Guarantees

Introduced by: Rhona DelFrari, Chief Sustainability Officer & EVP, Cenovus

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

» **Chana Martineau** (*Frog Lake First Nation*), CEO, Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation

2:50 PM Session 6 – Indigenous Values Aligned Capital

Sourcing capital that is aligned with Indigenous values can be a challenge. Financial expert panelists from organizations representing federal government loan guarantees, social impact funds, and Indigenous-defined financial partnerships will discuss how Indigenous nations can access capital to further self-determination.

Introduced by: Chief Dr. Robert Joseph Sr., O.B.C. (*Gwawaenuk First Nation*), Ambassador for Reconciliation Canada

- » **Alicia DuBois** (*Métis*), Chief Investment Officer, Boann Social Impact LP
- » **Elizabeth Wademan**, President and CEO, Canada Development Investment Corporation
- » **Sean Willy** (*Denesūłjné*), President and CEO of Des Nedhe Group of Companies
- » **Moderator: Mark Podlasly** (*Nlaka'pamux*), Chief Sustainability Officer, First Nations Major Projects Coalition

3:45 PM Session 7 – Integrating Indigenous Values into Sustainability Reporting (New Zealand)

Indigenous values are, by-and-large, excluded from existing financial and non-financial reporting frameworks. To address this gap, New Zealand's reporting standard setter, the External Reporting Board, has developed a non-financial reporting framework with a focus on the perspectives and needs of Māori reporting entities so they can demonstrate and authentically tell their story of value and impact beyond monetary perspectives. Panelists will discuss how this framework is benefitting from deep collaboration with Māori entities and how it aims to achieve better recognition of the intergenerational value that Māori entities contribute to the New Zealand economy.

Introduction by: Charles-Antoine St-Jean FCPA, FCA, Chair, Canadian Sustainability Standards Board

- » **Joe Hanita** (*Ngāti Kuia, Te Ātiawa, Rangitāne and Ngāti Kahungunu*), Chair - Ngā pou o te kawa ora Kaitiaki Group, New Zealand External Reporting Board
- » **April Mackenzie**, Chief Executive, New Zealand External Reporting Board
- » **Moderator: Dara Kelly-Roy Kw'ekw'exós** (*Leq'á:mel First Nation, Stó:lō*), Assistant Professor, Indigenous Business, Beedie School of Business, Simon Fraser University

4:45 PM Day 2 Closing Reception



To wrap up the **Our Collective Advantage: Indigenous Consent** conference, Newmont will host a Closing Reception to celebrate our learning, successes and new partnerships formed over the past two days.

Traditional Welcome: Chief Keith Knott (*Curve Lake First Nation*)

Cultural Performance: Ascension Harjo, Mohawk, Kickapoo (*Seminole from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory*)

Welcome by Master of Ceremonies: Dan George (*Wet'suwet'en*), President & CEO, Four Directions Management Services

- » **Rebecca Darling**, Group Head Social Performance, Newmont

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