



COUNCIL ON CORPORATE ABORIGINAL RELATIONS (CCAR)



Agenda

The Implications and Opportunities of Reconciliation for Corporate–Aboriginal Relations in Canada

MAY 2–3, 2017

Meeting Location: Delta Hotels Calgary Downtown (209 Fourth Ave S.E., Calgary, AB. T2G 0C6)
Accommodations: Delta Hotels Calgary Downtown (209 Fourth Ave S.E., Calgary, AB. T2G 0C6)
Dinner Location: Saltlik Calgary (101 8 Ave SW, Calgary, AB. T2P 1B4)

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Meeting objectives:

- Identify what we mean by reconciliation, with the intent of developing a mutual, shared, and actionable understanding.
- Discuss the role the private sector can play in fostering reconciliation.
- Examine ways to increase Indigenous participation in Canada's economic development opportunities.
- Explore the relationship between reconciliation and UNDRIP, including the latter's espousal of the principle of Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC).

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Delta Hotels Calgary Downtown – Salon C (2nd Floor)

08:00 – 08:30 Networking Breakfast (Continental)

Delta Hotels Calgary Downtown – Salon A/B (2nd Floor)

08:30 – 08:45 Opening Prayer

Speaker TBC

08:45 – 09:00 Welcome Remarks and Introductions

Stefan Fournier

Senior Manager, Executive Networks, Northern and Aboriginal Policy
The Conference Board of Canada

09:00 – 10:30 Understanding the Implications and Opportunities of Reconciliation: Emerging Perspectives and Practices

Mark Dockstator

President
First Nations University of Canada

David Newhouse

Chair and Professor, Indigenous Studies; and Professor, School of Business Administration
Trent University

This presentation will set the stage for the sessions that follow by looking at the concept and application of reconciliation from the macro level on through to the level of specific organizations, initiatives, and practices. Participants will hear about and discuss emerging conceptions and approaches to achieving reconciliation across different sectors, with an emphasis on private, Indigenous, and public institutions. Ultimately, the session will work towards identifying a shared and actionable understanding of reconciliation in Canada.

10:30 – 11:00 Networking Break

11:00 – 12:00 Reconciliation and the Role of the Private Sector

Mick Elliott

Indigenous and Stakeholder Relations
Imperial

Starting with a brief Indigenous awareness session, Mick will weave together his First Nation perspectives and experiences working in the oil and gas industry. He will also discuss how Imperial is building on existing practices and approaches to Indigenous relations supporting national reconciliation efforts.

Delta Hotels Calgary Downtown – Salon C (2nd Floor)

12:00 – 13:00 Networking Lunch

Delta Hotels Calgary Downtown – Salon A/B (2nd Floor)

13:00 – 14:00 **Increasing Indigenous Participation in Canada’s Economic Development Opportunities: A First Nation Company Perspective**

David Walkem
President, Cooks Ferry Band
Stuwix Resources Joint Ventures

This presentation will look at Stuwix Resources, a forestry company that is jointly owned and operated by eight First Nation Bands in the Nlaka’pamux and Syilx territories. In hearing about the company, participants will learn about and discuss the objective of increasing Indigenous participation in Canada’s economic development opportunities.

14:00 – 14:15 **Networking Break**

14:15 – 15:00 **Facilitated Group Discussion**

Facilitator: Stefan Fournier
Senior Manager, Executive Networks, Northern and Aboriginal Policy
The Conference Board of Canada

This session will consist of a facilitated discussion that includes contributions from members, speakers, and guests on the topics that surfaced during the meeting’s initial presentations. An emphasis will be placed on the relationship between reconciliation and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as well as the principle of Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC).

15:00 – 15:30 **Networking Break**

15:30 – 16:45 **Working Towards Reconciliation in Alberta: A Look at Recent Métis and First Nation Agreements**

Audrey Poitras
President
Métis Nation of Alberta

Trish Merrithew-Mercredi
Executive Director, First Nations Relations
Government of Alberta, Indigenous Affairs

In this session, participants will have the opportunity to learn about and discuss recently developed agreements that have been reached in Alberta. Audrey will discuss the recently concluded Framework Agreement between the Métis Nation of Alberta and the Government of Alberta. The implications of these agreements for “nation-to-nation” relationships, rights, Crown consultation, and reconciliation will be addressed. For her part, Trish will speak about two Protocol Agreements which the Government of Alberta has signed with the Blackfoot Confederacy and the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta.

16:45 **Meeting Adjourns**

17:45 *Meet in the Delta (hotel) lobby to walk together to dinner.*

Saltlik Calgary (101 8 Ave SW, Calgary, AB)

18:00 Networking Dinner

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Delta Hotels Calgary Downtown – Salon C (2nd Floor)

08:00 – 08:30 Networking Breakfast (Hot Breakfast)

Delta Hotels Calgary Downtown – Salon A/B (2nd Floor)

08:30 – 10:00 Legal Update

Sandra Gogal
Partner
Miller Thomson, Ltd

Sandra will provide the Council's customary legal update. She will discuss current court cases and legal developments that are shaping the future of Indigenous relations in Canada.

10:00 – 10:30 Networking Break

10:30 – 11:45 Facilitated Discussion

Facilitator: Stefan Fournier
Senior Manager, Executive Networks, Northern and Aboriginal Policy
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This session will consist of a facilitated discussion that will include contributions from members and guests on the topics that surfaced throughout the meeting. An emphasis will be placed on looking forward, and where we may be headed in the coming years.

11:45 – 12:00 Closing Remarks

Stefan Fournier
Senior Manager, Executive Networks, Northern and Aboriginal Policy
The Conference Board of Canada

12:00 Meeting Adjourns