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BCAFN BUSINESS FORUM 2019

When: February 19th and 20th, 2019
Where: Uda Dune Baiyoh / Hall of Our Ancestors, Lheidli T'enneh Territory
 355 Vancouver Street, Prince George, BC

AGENDA (subject to change)

DAY 1 – Tuesday, February 19, 2019

The BC Business and Economic Development Landscape and Opportunities

7:30 am	Hot Breakfast Buffet and Registration
8:30 am	Day 1 - Welcome Prayer, Welcome and Opening Remarks (Regional Chief Teegee)
8:50 am	Regional Chief Perspectives Regional Chiefs Panel Discussion Regional Chief Terry Teegee, British Columbia Regional Chief Kluane Adamek, Yukon Regional Chief Norman Yakeleya, NWT
9:30 am	Panel: A Solid Foundation for Economic Success What First Nations are doing: Taking the steps to build structures and accountability Steven Teed – Adams Lake Eli Enns – Tla-oqui-aht Brian Titus – First Nations Financial Management Board
10:30 am	Health Break and Networking
10:45 am	Panel: Major Projects and Environmental Assessments (EAs) This panel will discuss some of the larger scale opportunities that are taking place within the province, while also focusing attention on the Environmental Assessment process. Angel Ransom and Sharlene Gail – First Nations Major Projects Coalition John Alan Jack – First Nations LNG Alliance
12:00 pm	Networking Lunch
1:00 pm	Panel: Partnerships for Success This discussion will highlight a variety of partnerships that First Nations are engaged in, all with the outcome of unlocking the potential of their First Nation Gary Wilson – Coastal First Nations Greg D'Avignon – Champions Table

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DAY 1 – Tuesday, February 19, 2019 – Continued

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2:15	Break
2:30 pm	Facilitated Discussion What are your successes? What are your failures? This World Café style engagement will focus on overcoming roadblocks and building opportunities, along with learning from our mistakes. Dan George – Four Directions Management Services
3:30 pm	Panel: Financing and Accessing Capital Hear from experts that will share insights of financing and accessing capital for First Nations and their ventures, one of the most crucial aspects to growing an economy. Curtis Campbell – Royal Bank of Canada Candace Dennis – Bank of Montreal Mike Watson – Sto:lo Community Futures Michael Bonshor – Ki'mola Capital
4:30 pm	Closing Comments – Regional Chief Teegee
5:30 pm	Evening Dinner, Keynote Speaker and Networking Bill Lomax – VP Goldman Sachs



DAY 2 - Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Our Most Valuable Resources

7:30 am	Hot Buffet Breakfast and Registration
8:30 am	Day 2 - Welcome Prayer, Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:00 am	Opening Address – Innovation in BC Dr. Allen Winter – The opening address will focus on the important role, and opportunity that innovation plays in the landscape of business in BC.
9:45 am	Growing First Nations Business Education Hear from a sample of experts and institutions that are helping to grow the future of First Nations Business Education Miles Richardson – University of Victoria Kory Wilson – BC Institute of Technology
10:30 am	Networking and Refreshments
10:45 am	Charting Your Own Path – First Nations Women in Business An exciting panel of First Nations Women in Business and Entrepreneurship Samantha Vanderdonck – Songhees Innovation Center Teara Fraser – Iskeew Air/ Raven Speak Tamara Ketlo – Natural Obsessions
12:00 pm	Networking Lunch
1:00 pm	Supporting Our Women and Youth There are a variety of programs and institutions that support women and youth in the field, this panel will highlight just a few examples Marion Erickson – Aboriginal Business Development Center Patrick Brennan – Vancouver Island University Intern Program Karin Hunt – Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Employment and Training Association
2:00 pm	Networking and Refreshments
2:15 pm	The Future of First Nations Trade The provincial boundaries do not limit the potential of First Nations businesses. This discussion will dive into trade and the opportunities that exist beyond BC Rosi Neidermeyer – Global Affairs Canada, Government of Canada Jennifer Hooper – Ministry of Jobs, Trades and Technology Risa Schwartz and Judy Whiteduck – Assembly of First Nations
3:30 pm	Closing Comments

