

Canada's Rural & Remote Broadband Conference Agenda

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

5:00pm - 9:00pm
Registration

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

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Wednesday, November 13, 2019

7:00am - 8:15am
Registration and Breakfast

Breakfast sponsored by:
TVC Communications
Canada and **Corning**

8:15am - 8:45am
Conference Introductions

Amedeo Bernardi
President
Amedeo Bernardi Consulting
Inc.

8:45am - 9:15am
Keynote – 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.

Victoria Smith
Senior Manager Strategic
Initiatives
Strathcona (BC) Regional
District

9:15am – 9:45am
Broadband Technological Solutions for Rural and Remote Communities – PART 1: The Evolution of Broadband Technologies, Speeds and Capacity Challenges in Rural and Remote Areas.

Rob McCann
President, Hamilton
Technology Centre
Founder, Clearcable
Networks

9:45am - 10:00am
Break

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10:00am – 10:30am
Broadband Technology Solutions for Rural and Remote Communities – PART 2: Managing the User Experience
What happens inside your institution, business or residence?

Stephen Eyre
AVP, Calix Cloud & Smart
Home and Business
Solutions

10:30am - 11:15am
Keynote - Smart Cities & Intelligent Communities
How rural and remote communities can maximize their urban planning models.

John G. Jung
Executive Director ICF
Canada (Toronto)
Chairman & Co-founder
Intelligent Community Forum
(NYC)

11:15am - noon
Economics of Rural Broadband: An Interactive Session
A global to local perspective of rural broadband market successes and failures. Options and strategic trade-offs.

Dr. Reza Rajabiun
Research Fellow
Ted Rogers School of
Information Technology
Management
Ryerson University

noon - 1:30pm	Lunch and Keynote: The Honorable Victor Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade	Lunch sponsored by: OEC Group of Companies
1:30pm - 2:30pm	<p>Panel Discussion: Government's Role in Addressing the Challenges of the Rural Digital Divide <i>Developing government policy that supports Broadband development in non-urban regions. A conversation between government and private sector.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panelists</p> <p>Fausto Iannalice, Director of Broadband and Digital Strategy Branch, Ministry of Infrastructure Angela Lawrence, CCSA Vice-Chair and General Manager, Hay Communications Geoff Gillon, Executive Director, Rainy River Business Development Corporation Vincent Gagné, Director Government Relations, Telus Rick Hodgkinson, President & CEO, Galaxy Broadband</p>	Moderated by: Greg O'Brien Editor-In-Chief Cartt.ca
2:30pm - 3:30pm	<p>Panel Discussion: First Nations Broadband Connectivity <i>Opportunities and challenges of new models, partnerships and Duty to Consult obligations.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panelists</p> <p>Alfred Loon, President & Founding Member, Eeyou Communications Network Peter Burke, Councillor Fort Severn First Nation Jesse Fiddler, KNet Data Management Specialist Lisa Severson, Communications and Stakeholder Relations Officer for the EOWC Eastern Ontario Regional Network Project</p>	Moderated by: Mike Marcolongo OMAFRA
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Break	Break sponsored by: Ontario North Consulting
4:00pm – 4:30pm	<p>Broadband as an Essential Service <i>Should broadband services be treated the same as the provision of clean water, electricity, health care, education and postal services?</i></p>	Allan Thompson Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Mayor, Town of Caledon
4:30pm - 5:30pm	<p>Panel Discussion: Collaborating to Build a Stronger Rural and Remote Broadband Ecosystem. <i>Discussion between various organizations that have established or are in the process of establishing Broadband projects.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panelists</p> <p>Brian McCullagh, Director of Business Development at Vianet Inc. Jim Pine, CAO (A) of the County of Hastings, Co-Lead Eastern Ontario Regional (broadband) Network Gianni Creta, President and CEO of ENVI Network Chad West, Manager of IT, Municipality of County of Kings Mitch Thomson, Executive Director, Olds Institute for Community & Regional Development</p>	Moderated by: Ron Pickett President RDM Management Group

5:30pm – Pre-Dinner Social
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7:00pm – **Dinner and Keynote: Chris Seidl, Executive Director,**
9:00pm **Telecommunications CRTC**

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Thursday, November 14, 2019

7:00am - Breakfast
8:30am

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8:30am - Introduction to the Day
8:35am *Summary of the remainder of the conference and updates.*

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8:35am – Community Models for Addressing Connectivity Challenges
9:20am and Related Funding Options.
Brief overview of the various community models – open networks to private networks, rev sharing, municipal and utility-led deployments. Discussion of potential funding options to consider.

Laura Bradley
General Manager
YorkNet

9:20am – Q&A #1
9:50am *Ontario's Northeast Superior Region Broadband Network*

Melanie Pilon
Economic Development
Officer
Community and Economic
Development Corporation of
Dubreuilville

9:50am – Q&A #2
10:20am *Nova Scotia's Valley Community Fibre Network*

Chad West
Manager of IT
Municipality of County of
Kings
Kentville, Nova Scotia

10:20am - Break
10:45am

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10:45am – Q&A #3
11:15am *Alberta's O-NET Project*

Mitch Thomson
Executive Director
Olds Institute for Community
& Regional Development

11:15am – An Ounce of (Design & Damage) Prevention
noon *Best practices that can be adopted by communities for planning and delivering broadband projects.*

David Bernardi
OEC
Nick Riddel
UTS (an OEC Company)
Casey Edwards
PVS (an OEC Company)

noon - Lunch and Keynote: **Matt Stein, CEO Distributel and**
1:15pm **President & Chairman of the Canadian Network**
Operators Consortium (CNOC)

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1:15pm – Conference Closing Remarks
1:30pm

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