

# CRRBC 2020 EAST

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

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.*

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

7:00am - 8:30am  
**Registration and Breakfast**

8:45am – 9:00am  
**Conference Introductions**

9:00am - 9:45am  
**Keynote – Why Addressing the Rural Digital Divide Matters More than Ever**  
*Explore the rural digital divide and how investment in broadband is a key factor in addressing economic development, rural outmigration and community well-being.*

9:45am – 10:15am  
**Oh Canada! A Federal Broadband Overview**  
*A snapshot of Canada's national broadband landscape highlighting the roles of ISED and the CRTC in addressing a part of the rural digital divide.*

10:15am - 10:45am  
**Break**

10:45am – 11:15am  
**Our Neighbour's Perspective on Rural Broadband**  
*The latest rural broadband developments in regulatory, funding and rural projects from the United States.*

11:15am - 11:45am  
**Remote Rural Broadband Systems in Canada**  
*Exploring the history and development of Remote Rural Broadband Systems policy in Canada and the path ahead (topic TBD).*

noon - 1:15pm  
**Lunch**

- 1:30pm – **Panel: First Nations Broadband Connectivity**  
3:00pm *Opportunities and challenges of new models, partnerships and Duty to Consult obligations.*
- 3:00pm – **Break**  
3:30pm
- 3:30pm – **Panel: Government’s Role in Addressing the Challenges of the Rural Digital Divide**  
5:00pm *Developing government policy that supports Broadband development in non-urban regions. A conversation between government and private sector.*
- 5:30pm – **Pre-Dinner Social**  
7:00pm *We invite you to mingle with conference delegates, enjoy some finger foods and refreshments from the bar.*
- 7:00pm – **Dinner and Keynote: TBD**  
9:00pm

## Thursday, May 21, 2020

- 7:00am - **Breakfast**  
8:15am
- 8:30am –** **Introduction to the Day**  
8:45am *Summary of the remainder of the conference and updates.*
- 8:45am – **Panel: Community Models**  
10:15am *A cross section of communities and regions discuss how they are trying to address their broadband challenges.*
- 10:15am – **Break**  
10:45
- 10:45am – **Building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Municipal Infrastructure**  
11:15am *One Municipality’s perspective*
- 11:15am - **The Promise of 5G, LEO and the Next Big Thing**  
noon *The potential for a new technology to deliver communications to rural areas including an overview of the realities of 5G, Low Earth Orbit satellites and other advancements.*
- noon - **Lunch**  
1:15pm

1:30pm – **Panel: Economic Realities of Funding Rural Projects**  
2:45pm *Rural and Remote Broadband projects have challenging business cases and are difficult to sustain. Are there different models to consider?*

2:45pm – **Break**  
3:15pm

3:15pm – **Panel: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly - Lessons Learned from Deploying Broadband Projects**  
4:45pm *Vendors and Customers talk about the realities of implementing their projects and share their painful truths.*

4:45pm – **Conference Closing Remarks**  
5:00pm

**Topics and times subject to change.**