

CRRBC 2020 WEST

Tuesday, May 5, 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 6, 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 7, 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 21st 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.