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Welcome from the Summit Co-Chairs



Dan Rogers

Executive Director of the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce

A big Kelowna welcome to all our delegates and a special thank you to our dynamic speakers and community minded sponsors. We know there are many demands on your time and appreciate your seeing the value in joining us to learn more about the state of the region's economy while working to create greater collaboration that will accelerate the region's prosperity. This conference was conceived almost two years ago and we are thankful for the partnership of MNP and the financial support of ETSI-BC and our other partners in making it a reality. This event was envisioned to bring together community leaders, economic development practitioners and Indigenous economic development professionals to strengthen the work that all of us do together. I hope our time together here leads to greater insights into our successes and challenges and is the impetus for greater collaboration in our region.

There's power in the crowd!



Tammy Verigin-Burk

Executive Director of the Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce

A warm welcome to all our delegates from your Steering Committee. I take this opportunity to thank our Committee volunteers who helped shape the content of this event; for suggesting topics, for taking endless Doodle polls; for your feedback and meetings time; and for promoting this inaugural event to your networks.

I believe there is great importance in our unique region of the province and this incredible opportunity in which we have to come together to collaborate and share as we move in to unprecedented times of economic growth and change.

I can't wait for the Summit to begin!

Welcome from the Economic Trust of the Southern Interior (ETSI-BC)



Laurel Douglas CEO, ETSI-BC

This inaugural Economic Summit focusing on the BC Southern Interior is the result of a shared vision that Dan Rogers (Executive Director, Kelowna Chamber) and I began discussing over a year ago.

Regional collaboration between Chambers, economic development and business support organizations can only make our region stronger. This Summit aligns clearly with the ETSI-BC mandate of adding value to the economic development ecosystem, and we are pleased to have provided seed funding for this unique event.

I hope this to be the first of many collaborative projects that focus on this distinctive area of the province that has so much economic potential. The series of panels and guest speakers is sure to stimulate big ideas, and we expect delegates will get inspired, forge new relationships, and take away some best practices and innovative ideas in economic development. I look forward to meeting many of you over the next few days. On behalf of ETSI-BC, welcome all.



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Minister of International Development and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada



Ministre du Développement international et ministre responsable de l'Agence de développement économique du Pacifique Canada

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As Minister of International Development and Minister responsible for PacifiCan, I welcome delegates to the inaugural Southern Interior Regional Economic Summit.

The growth and vitality of the Southern Interior region in recent years is a testament to your strength, innovation and perseverance. Despite challenging times, you have risen to new heights. You continue to show the world the amazing things happening here in British Columbia.

Kelowna is a perfect city in which to host this summit and there is no better time for your discussions on how to build resilience and prosperity for generations to come.

PacifiCan is the Government of Canada's new regional development agency focused on British Columbia's economy. With the launch of PacifiCan, you now have a dedicated federal economic development partner.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, thank you to the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce for organizing this summit, and to all the participants who are working together to continue building a strong economy in this beautiful region of our province.

En tant que ministre du Développement international et ministre responsable de PacifiCan, je souhaite la bienvenue aux participants au premier Sommet économique régional de la région Southern Interior.

Depuis les dernières années, la croissance et la vitalité de la région de Southern Interior reflètent votre force, votre esprit d'innovation et votre persévérance. Malgré des temps difficiles, vous avez atteint de nouveaux sommets. Vous continuez à montrer au monde entier les réalisations étonnantes qui ont lieu ici, en Colombie-Britannique.

Kelowna est une ville parfaite pour accueillir ce sommet et il n'y a pas de meilleur moment pour discuter de la manière de développer la résilience et la prospérité pour les générations à venir.

PacifiCan est la nouvelle agence de développement régional du gouvernement du Canada axée sur l'économie de la Colombie-Britannique. Avec le lancement de PacifiCan, vous avez maintenant un partenaire fédéral dédié au développement économique.

Au nom du gouvernement du Canada, je remercie la Chambre de commerce de Kelowna d'avoir organisé ce sommet, ainsi que tous les participants qui travaillent ensemble pour que cette belle région de notre province continue à profiter d'une économie solide.

The Honourable / L'honorable Harjit S. Sajjan
October / octobre
2022







Message from The Honourable Ravi Kahlon

Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

As the Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation for the Province of British Columbia, I am pleased to welcome everyone attending the first ever Southern Interior Regional Economic Summit.

The past two and a half years have been difficult. I want to thank the people and businesses in every part of our province, but especially those across the Cariboo, Thompson, Okanagan, and Kootenays for their efforts as we build back a better economy as part of our pandemic recovery. Throughout these times, you have continued to provide safe services and goods that people count on and came together as a community. This incredible determination and innovation is why our province continues to lead the country in economic recovery.

Earlier this year, we launched our StrongerBC Economic Plan – to help make life better for people today and to grow an economy that works for our future. It represents a fundamental shift in how we think about economic development and puts forward two big goals – clean and inclusive growth – with six core missions guiding our work together.

The economic plan is focused on setting British Columbians up for success. We're expanding childcare spaces while reducing fees, we're connecting people across all of B.C. to high-speed internet by 2027 and we're finding more ways to include traditionally underrepresented people as respected partners in the economy.

One of the six core missions of the plan is advancing true, lasting reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. We know that Indigenous leadership in the economy supports everyone in B.C., and we will continue to work together to make that a reality.

We continue to invest where it matters most – in B.C.'s greatest asset – people. To help fill the one million job openings in our province over the next decade, we have made a generational commitment to develop B.C.'s talent, so people have the skills needed for the jobs of tomorrow.

I regret that I cannot be there in person, but I thank Parliamentary Secretary of Rural Development, Roly Russell, for being there on my behalf. We have proudly seen firsthand the work that B.C. has accomplished, and this inaugural summit is another example of how we can work better together. Thank you all for your dedication and commitment as we build a more resilient and prosperous Southern Interior of B.C. I offer my best wishes for an inspirational and successful summit!



Mayor, City of Kelowna

Welcome to the Southern Interior Regional Economic Summit

I am pleased to welcome you all to Kelowna and the Southern Interior Regional Economic Summit. I would like to acknowledge that Kelowna is located on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the syilx/Okanagan people.

We are honored that you have chosen to host your conference in our beautiful, adventurous and inclusive city. Some of you may already call Kelowna home, some have visited before, and for others, this may be your first time enjoying our city. I hope that outside of the conference, you will get an opportunity to experience some of our amazing city. Our growing brewery district with restaurants, wineries and breweries, is a short walk from here, and our arts district is just across the street.

I hope you are all excited for the conference. The program looks packed with learning opportunities with an amazing lineup of panelist and speakers for what will be incredible professional development.

Kelowna has a special brand of community spirit and enjoys hosting events such as the 2022 Southern Interior Regional Economic Summit. It is a pleasure for City of Kelowna to welcome everyone involved in this special event.

Enjoy your time here!

Yours truly,

Colin Basran MAYOR



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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Salloum Room & Atrium

Monday October 24

Breakfast

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8:15am	Opening Remarks Mary Irwin Theatre, upper floor	
9:15am	Tradeshow + Networking Break upper lobby	
9:30am	State of the Economy: Southern Interior, BC and Canada	
11:45am	Tradeshow + Networking Lunch Break Salloum Room & Atrium	
12:45pm	Keynote: Indigenous Inclusion Advantage Mary Irwin Theatre	
1:30pm	Tradeshow + Networking Break upper lobby	
1:45pm	Recovery Through Tourism & Hospitality Mary Irwin Theatre	
2:45pm	Tradeshow + Networking Break upper lobby	
3:00pm	Labour Force Recovery Mary Irwin Theatre	
4:00pm	Tradeshow + Networking Break upper lobby	
4:15pm	Recovery Through Collaboration Mary Irwin Theatre	
	Presented by Rogers Business	
5:15pm	Time on Your Own	
6:15pm	Group Dinners Around Kelowna departs from the lobby	



Tuesday October 25

8:30am Breakfast Roundtables Salloum Room & Atrium

Tradeshow Open upper lobby

9:45am Tradeshow + Networking Break upper lobby

10:00am Opening Remarks Mary Irwin Theatre, upper floor

10:05am Economic Recovery Through Reconciliation Mary Irwin Theatre

11:30am Concluding Remarks

11:45am Summit Concludes

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State of the Economy: Southern Interior, BC and Canada



Andrew Ramlo Vice President - Advisory, rennie group

Andrew provides strategic management advice and analysis for leading real estate developers, investors, and retailers as well as many of Canada's most rapidly changing municipalities, crown corporation and public agencies. With a focus on the dimensions of change — demographic, societal and economic — his research and presentations provide the background knowledge for strategies to address the challenges and opportunities that organizations and individuals will face in the years to come.



Susan Mowbray Chief Economist, MNP

With more than two decades of experience in economic modelling, applying economic analysis and project management, Susan helps clients achieve their business goals and enhance their success.

Susan delivers demand forecasts, prepares community profiles and economic indicators for economic development agencies, models economic impacts and labour demand, develops cost estimates and prepares business cases. She analyzes information and delivers comprehensive information developing reports for audiences ranging from academics and government to business and community groups.

Susan works closely with public sector organizations, industry associations and private companies in the aquaculture, transportation, health care, not-for-profit, utilities, education, manufacturing and automotive sectors.

Susan earned a Master of Arts (MA) from Simon Fraser University in 1998. She has taught in the business school at the British Columbia Institute of Technology and is a member of the Association of Professional Economists of B.C. and the Canadian Association of Business Economists.



Stephen TappChief Economist, Canadian
Chamber of Commerce

Stephen Tapp is the Chief Economist at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. In this role, he is a key member of the Chamber's executive leadership team, responsible for the operations of the new Business Data Lab as well as all economic analysis and research. His current focus is on developing the Chamber's data and analytics capabilities to provide real-time, forward-looking insights for Canadian businesses of all sizes, in all sectors and regions of the country.

Stephen brings 20 years of diverse experiences at many of Canada's top economic organizations including at: Export Development Canada as the Deputy Chief Economist, the Bank of Canada, Parliamentary Budget Office, Finance Canada, two think tanks as well as academia.

He is a recognized thought leader, frequent commentator, and sought-out spokesperson on economic issues in Canada. Stephen's research was awarded the Purvis prize for Canadian economic policy and has been published in academic journals, such as the Canadian Journal of Economics and Canadian Public Policy. He has a Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics from Queen's University and an Honors B.A from Western. During his undergrad, he studied in the Netherlands and was the owner-operator of a student painting company.

Indigenous Inclusion Advantage



Kelly LendsayPresident & CEO, Indigenous Works

Kelly Lendsay, a social entrepreneur, is internationally recognized as one of Canada's foremost innovators and organizational development experts in Indigenous engagement and workplace inclusion systems, models, and corporate/Indigenous partnerships. His dynamic communications style and passion for innovation has earned him the reputation as an engaging thought leader and effective bridge-builder fostering trusted partnerships for workforce and economic development across Canada, USA, Australia and abroad. He was honored by the University of Saskatchewan as one of their "100 Alumni of Influence" in the last century whose accomplishments have been recognized for influencing the growth and development of the university, the province, and the world. A proud Canadian Indigenous leader of Cree and Métis ancestry, he moves seamlessly between both worlds fostering economic inclusion, wellbeing, and prosperity for all. He is a 2022 semifinalist for Indigenous Entrepreneur of the Year award hosted by the CANIES Innovation and Entrepreneurs Foundation.

Kelly is recognized for pioneering numerous 'innovative firsts' over the last 35 years including new lifeguarding and lifesaving rescue techniques in his first career as an Aquatic and Recreation Director, Swiftwater Rescue 3 Company, and was youngest person to serve as chair of the National Lifeguard Service of the Lifesaving Society. He earned his MBA in 1993 and in 1994-95 launched the first Aboriginal Business Education program in Canada at the University of Saskatchewan. In 1997, he led a team of consultants to produce the fifty-year economic forecast entitled: "Saskatchewan and Aboriginal Peoples in the 21st Century: Social, Economic and Political; Changes and Challenges - The Impact of the Changing Aboriginal Population on the Saskatchewan Economy: 1995-2045; this forecast was a unique first in Canada.

In 1998, Kelly stepped onto the national stage as the inaugural president and CEO of Indigenous Works, created by the recommendations in the 1996 Report from the Royal Commission of Aboriginal People. He has been leading the charge designing new systems and Indigenous engagement strategies, growing the organization into an award winning, ISO-certified enterprise. In 2008, he was invited by the Australian Government (Education, Employment and Workplace Readiness Department) to conduct public and private sector workshops in Canberra, Sydney, and Brisbane sharing models and practices in Indigenous workplace inclusion strategies and systems. In 2009, he developed a partnership with the National Native American Human Resource Association in the United States; and over the past decade Kelly has generated more than a dozen sectoral partnerships in Canada and abroad including the World Indigenous Higher Education Consortium in 2022.

In 2020, Lendsay founded "Luminary: Advancing Indigenous Innovation for Economic Transformation, Employment and Well-Being" with more than 140 Luminary partners from the academic, Indigenous business and NGO communities from Canada, USA, and Australia. This new Indigenous innovation eco-system is a 'global first' to accelerate research, innovation, and research talent development in Canada and abroad.

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Recovery through Tourism & Hospitality



Ellen Walker-Matthew CEO, Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association

Ellen is passionate about setting the Thompson Okanagan apart as a responsible, sustainable tourism destination and is part of the team that saw the Thompson Okanagan Region achieve Biopshere Gold Certification from the Responsible Tourism Institute in 2017 and each year since.

Prior to joining TOTA, Ellen had a long career in the tourism industry, and specifically the hotel industry joining CP Hotels in 1979. Her career continued with Delta hotels as the Western Director of Sales and Marketing and eventually relocated to the Okanagan, taking on the role of Sales and Marketing Vice President with Tepic Management, which later became Rim Hospitality Canada, opening and overseeing over 45 hotels in BC and Alberta and throughout the western United States. Ms. Walker-Matthews has also worked as a sales and management trainer, co-owning a training company for many years.

She is the Founder and Chair of the Giants Head Grind - Christopher Walker Memorial Race, now in its 10th year; this event is in honour of her son, who died of Colorectal Cancer in 2013 and has raised funds for initiatives focused on the early detection of Colon Cancer in young persons as well as building and enhancing the trail system on Giants Head Mountain Park in Summerland.



Paula Amos
Chief Marketing and
Development Officer,
Indigenous Tourism BC

Paula is of Hesquiaht and Squamish
Nation descent, born and raised in the
Nuu-chah-nulth Territory on Vancouver
Island. She has worked in several positions
with Indigenous Tourism BC for almost 20
years and has been working with
Indigenous communities for 25 years,
bridging the opportunities between the
Indigenous tourism industry and
mainstream tourism.



Kelsey Millman
Communications Manager,
Media Relations, BC Hotel
Association

Driven by a deep-rooted passion to support BC's tourism and hospitality sector, Kelsey is a trusted resource and tireless advocate for the industry as Communications Manager for the BC Hotel Association (BCHA). With over a decade of industry experience, Kelsey utilizes her portfolio of communications skills to facilitate positive change for the sector, specializing in media and public relations, communications strategies, crisis continued...



Richard Porges
President & CEO,
Destination BC

Richard Porges is Destination BC's President and CEO, appointed in August 2021. Richard previously served as the corporation's Acting CEO, and Vice President of Corporate Development, prior to that. Richard joined the corporation's research department in 1999, and moved to progressively more senior roles within the BC Provincial Government, and with Destination BC.

As Vice President of Corporate
Development, Richard provided strategic
leadership for Destination BC's corporate
communications, research and analytics,
human resources, and corporate services
departments. Before joining Destination
BC, Richard taught in the Economics,
MBA and MPA programs at the
University of Victoria, and was a
consultant for several government and
non-profit organizations.

Kelsey continued...

management, government relations, social media, branding, and event management.

Kelsey completed the public relations program at BCIT, with honours, and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Cultural Studies at the UBC. Having studied intersectionality and interlocking systems of oppression, Kelsey is devoted to building a safe and equitable hospitality sector that is welcoming to all.

Labour Force Recovery



Nicole Kleemaier-Raaijen

RCIC and Owner, Red Moose Immigration

Nicole is a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant, located in Kelowna, BC. She originally received her master's degree in Dutch notarial law in 1993 from Leiden University in the Netherlands, where Nicole spent the next 9 years working as a (senior) prospective civil-law notary in small and mid-sized practices. In 2002, Nicole and her husband Robert moved their young family 'back' to Kelowna, where Robert was born and raised.

From 2002 to 2012, Nicole supported her husband in his translation agency, mostly editing legal documents.

In 2012 Nicole went back to school to become a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant, founding Red Moose Immigration Services the following year. Nicole works with both employers and employees, finding tailored solutions.



Leigha HorsfieldExecutive Director, Community Futures North Okanagan

For 20 years, Leigha has been involved with supporting business and economic development in the North Okanagan region. In her role as Executive Director of Community Futures North Okanagan, Leigha works as part of a dynamic team who supports business retention and expansion, workforce development and economic development planning. Leigha is active in the community through various groups, committees and organizations in the region.



Julien Picault Professor of Teaching, Economics, UBC Okanagan

An economics educator at the Irving K. Barber Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at UBC Okanagan, Julien did his doctoral studies at HEC Montreal and is currently teaching various economics courses including Industrial Organization, Cost-Benefit Analysis, and Women in the Economy. His research interests are in Economics Pedagogy, Labour Economics and, Industrial Organization.



Tanja Halsell, MA, CPHR, SHRM-SCP

Potential Human Resources

Tanja provides consulting services to various local businesses through her consulting company Potentia Human Resources Inc. and is also an Adjunct Professor with the Faculty of Management at UBC Okanagan. Tanja draws on her 30 plus years of progressive management, operations, and strategic Human Resource experience as well as her Master's degree in Leadership and executive coaching training to support businesses in developing exceptional People, Culture and Leadership practices. Potentia HR has been recognized as a finalist for Small Business of the Year in 2021 from the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce and most recently being awarded the 2022 Professional business of the Year by the Business Examiner.

Recovery through Collaboration



Krista Mallory

Manager, Central Okanagan Economic Development Council

Krista is the leader of the Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission (COEDC), a service of the Regional District of Central Okanagan based in Kelowna BC. A believer in the power of working together, Krista supports Canada's Fastest Growing Metro Area by developing and nurturing relationships and connecting newcomers, businesses and entrepreneurs to community resources and networks.

In addition to acting as a connector, Krista leads a team of six highly skilled professionals and a 45-member Advisory Council in advancing workforce development, business retention and expansion and investment and talent attraction initiatives.

Krista joined the Commission in 2016 after a decade of experience in the financial sector and nonprofit sector supporting female entrepreneurs as a loans analyst/business advisor. She also serves in a leadership role as vice-chair of Community Futures Central Okanagan and sits on a variety of boards and committees including the Okanagan College Regional Advisory Committee, and YLW Air Route Task Force.



Joel McKay
CEO, Northern Development

Joel McKay is the CEO of Northern Development, a regional development corporation focused on stimulating economic growth in Northern BC.

Joel is an award-winning public relations professional and journalist and a proud British Columbian with family roots in the Robson Valley. He currently serves on Destination BC's board of directors, the University of Northern B.C.'s Board of Governors and is a published author. Joel, his wife Debra and their two daughters call Prince George home.



Laurel Douglas CEO, ETSI-BC

Laurel joined ETSI-BC in May 2020, prior to this she was CEO of Women's Enterprise Centre (now WeBC), an award-winning nonprofit business support organization that provides business loans, advisory services, training, mentoring, and export support to women entrepreneurs throughout BC.

Laurel spent 16 years in the tech sector before making the shift to economic development, her corporate career spanned senior underwriting, business development, and strategic planning roles in the tech sector in Canada, France, Germany, and the UK, with major telecom equipment manufacturers and financial services firms.



Dale WheeldonPresident & CEO, BCEDA

Dale joined the BCEDA team in 2007. As the President and CEO he is responsible for leading the association through the development of programs and initiatives to support communities and economic development organizations. With over 25 years of economic development experience, Dale has successfully developed several award winning economic development programs, developed strategies and other initiatives in small and large communities. His excellent working relationships with all levels of government and industry associations have helped to ensure that BCEDA is well positioned to provide member services. Dale works extensively with other organizations including the International Economic Development Council as a course instructor, and with other Provincial economic development associations developing partnerships across Canada.

Economic Recovery through Reconciliation



Greg Hopf
Co-owner/Operator,
Moccasin Trails Inc

Greg Hopf is a Dene Indigenous tourism leader and Indigenous youth advocate who is passionate about building vibrant and thriving Indigenous communities.

Greg Hopf shares stories and cultural traditions in an authentic and meaningful way, while working towards reconciliation through his philosophy of 'Living in Two Worlds'.



Jordan Coble
Councillor,
Westbank First Nation

Jordan is married to Chelsea Coble and is the proud father of Keyara, Hadley, and Nyelle. He was one of the original attendees of what was then the Westbank Indian Band school, now Sensisyusten, and attended high school at MBSS. Jordan earned his degree from UBCO, and also graduated from the 4-year adult immersion language program at the Syilx Language House. Additionally, he has completed numerous courses and programs related to Indigenous governance, leadership, and project management.

Okanagan people have always been the hardest working people and Jordan strives to lead by example in this regard. Moving forward as a community and government will require a balanced approach, holding up our ways of being in order to protect our resources, rights, and responsibilities while also ensuring we continue to focus on caring for our people.

Jordan believes in the power of our knowledge and language as the source of our understanding of our responsibilities. He is focused on working with our members to bring more of this knowledge to the forefront while setting a good example and creating a healthier path for the next generations of leaders.



Devin GamblerBusiness & Economic
Development Manager,
Tk'emlups te Secwepemc

Devin Gambler is responsible for the professional development, delivery. direction, planning, and operational implementation for economic development for TteS and members. Mr. Gambler is a member of the Woodland Cree, Jean Baptiste-Gambler Reserve, Northern Alberta, and moved to Kamloops where he completed his high school education at NorKam Senior Secondary. Mr. Gambler proudly lives a holistic life with his wife and three amazing sons. He is a huge proponent of community building and is the President of Volunteer Kamloops, and an active volunteer with TRU. He credits family, community and his high school's staff for helping him build resiliency and recognize the importance of community support for all.

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Economic Recovery through Reconciliation



Danalee Baker
Assistant Manager,
Economic Development,
Tk'emlups te Secwepemc

Danalee has excelled in many roles including COO of an international school in Vancouver, Executive Director of the United Way, IT support for bclc and now her current position as Assistant Manager of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Business and Economic Development Department. She is passionate about innovative. sustainable indigenous economic development rooted in environment stewardship and genuine, mutually beneficial partnerships. Danalee is honoured to serve the Tkemlúps community and leverage the benefits of the department's success to improve the lives and futures of the membership.

As a lifelong learner, Danalee continues to earn certifications in a variety of areas including Indigenous land development, leadership, finance, and project management, as well as consult for the non-profit sector through her company Staircase Solutions.



Hugh Moore
CEO, Ka-kin Resource
Corporation

Over the course of a twenty-plus year career in First Nation business, not-for-profit, business and post-secondary education sectors across the prairie provinces Hugh has been involved in initiatives and projects from the ground floor to the executive suite which have brought benefit to the communities and the people he has worked with.

Hugh is currently the CEO of Ka-kin Resource Corporation, the wholly owned business arm of Yaqit?a-knuqii 'it (the Tobacco Plains Indian Band), Lead at HuMAN Consulting Group, a partner in Red Sun Consortium, a Director with the East Kootenay-Columbia Community Investment Co-op, and Chair of the Economic Development Practitioners Network.

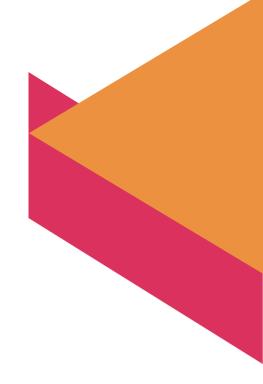


Mike J. CampolCOO, Osoyoos Indian Band

Mike has extensive experience working with multiple levels of Government and First Nations. As a visionary and achiever, he can confidently lead organizational change, and effectively work with startups.

Mike provides a unique perspective on building organizations through the lens of economic development to meet all social needs, both within an organization as well as outside of its boundaries.





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Working together to elevate businesses and communities and in turn, the potential of our region.

Thank you for joining in a collaborative regional approach to economic development to help local communities achieve greater community prosperity.

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