

### AGENDA: MONDAY - JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

7:00am Pipe Ceremony - The Venue (All Welcome)

Brian Lightning

Ivy Raine

7:30 am Registration at The Venue

8:00 am Breakfast Buffet – the Venue

9:00 am Artisan Market Opens - Meeting Room Enoch C

9:00 am Opening Ceremonies at The Venue

Opening Remarks: Conference Hosts - Koren Lightning KC & Jerry Saddleback Jr.

Invocation: Elder - Josephine Buffalo

Honour Song: Performers - Newo Mistik Drum Group

Welcoming Remarks: Samson Cree Nation Chief - Vernon Saddleback

10:00 am Introduction of Ambassador: Consul John Szumlas

Keynote Speaker: International Trade

- Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada

10:45 am Networking Break

11:00 am "Voices of the Land: Chiefs' Circle on Trade, Sovereignty & Nationhood"

*A powerful conversation with respected leaders on asserting sovereignty and shaping our collective economic future.*

- Louis Bull Tribe - Chief Desmond Bull
- Samson Cree Nation - Chief Vernon Saddleback

Moderator: Izaiah Swampy-Omeasoo

12:00 pm Lunch Break (The Venue)

- Entertainment: Nipisihkopahk Powwow Dancers





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1:00 pm **Keynote Speaker: Carol Anne Hilton: Indigenomics**

2:15 pm **Networking Break**

2:45 pm **Best Practices Break out Sessions**

The Venue **Indigenous Trade & Commerce**

*“Restoring Trade Routes: Nation-to-Nation Commerce in the Modern Economy”*

- **Shannin Metatawabin, ICD.D** - CEO, NACCA
- **Dennis Meeches** - Tribal Councils Investment Group
- **Justin Jimmy** - CEO NGCI

Moderator: Derek Bruno

Enoch AB **First Nation Lead Food Sovereignty**

*“Harvesting Our Future: Pathways to Indigenous Food Sovereignty”*

- **Jacob Beaton** - Owner of Tea Creek

Moderator: Katherine Swampy

Enoch D **Natural Resources & Energy**

*“Powering Sovereignty: Indigenous Leadership in Natural Resources and Energy”*

- **Sara Jane Souliere** - Cambium Indigenous Professional Services
- **Mihskakwan James Harper** - Indigenous Clean Energy
- **Guy Lonechild** - First Nations Power Authority

Moderator: Reg Potts

Enoch EF **Consultation and Policy**

*“Beyond Consultation: Defining Jurisdiction, Consent, and Policy on Our Terms”*

- **Lori Mishibinijima** - Indigenous Bar Association
- **Anita Cardinal** - Mistikaskiy Ohipikihawasowin Mamawintowin

Moderator: Glinis Buffalo

4:00 pm **Closing Comments and Doors Prizes at The Venue**





# FIRST NATIONS TRADE SOVEREIGNTY CONFERENCE

JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup> 2025

River Cree Resort and Casino  
Enoch Cree Nation, AB, Canada

## AGENDA: JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 - *Sovereignty Gala*

5:45 pm

Doors Open:

- Book signing with Carol Anne Hilton

6:15 pm

Honour Song:

- Logan Alexis Singers

Welcoming remarks

6:30 pm

**Dinner Served**

7:00 pm

Keynote:

- Mallory Yawnghwe - Indigenous Box

7:30 pm

**Dessert Served**

7:30 pm

**Bearhead Sisters - Gala Entertainment**

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AGENDA: **TUESDAY** - JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

8:00 am	Breakfast Buffet – the Venue
9:00 am	Invocation: <b>Elder</b> - John Crier Morning Remarks: <b>Conference Hosts</b> - Koren Lightning KC & Jerry Saddleback Jr. Opening Song: <b>Performers</b> - Newo Mistik Drum Group
9:45 am	Welcoming Remarks: <b>AFN National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak</b> (Virtual)
10:00 am	Plenary Keynote Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Steven Saddleback</b> - Partner, Opimoyaso Group</li></ul>
10:45 am	Networking Break
11:00 am	Plenary Keynote Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Maeengan Linklater</b> - Director of Operations, Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council - International Trade</li></ul>
12:00 pm	Lunch Break (The Venue) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Entertainment:</b> Hoop Dance Performance</li></ul>
1:00 pm	Break out Presentations (facilitated conversations)  <i>Breakout sessions will be facilitated to create opportunities to engage in open, respectful dialogue centered on shared values, lived experiences, and collective vision. Each session is an opportunity to contribute your voice, insights, and leadership toward shaping Nation-led trade, policy, and economic frameworks that reflect our sovereignty and cultural identity.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Break out sessions and locations are on the next page.</i></li></ul>





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**1:00 pm**      **Break out Presentations (facilitated conversations)**

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**The Venue**      **Inter- Nation Trade**

*How can Indigenous Nations strengthen trade relationships with one another to build sustainable, trust-based, and culturally aligned economies?*

- Facilitator: **Glinis Buffalo**
  - Note taker: **Claudine Buffalo**
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**Enoch AB**      **International Trade**

*What role can First Nations play in shaping international trade relationships, and how do we ensure our values and rights are protected on the global stage?*

- Facilitator: **Izaiah Swampy-Omeasoo**
  - Note Taker: **Kim Potts**
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**Enoch D**      **Consultation & Engagement**

*How do we move beyond 'consultation' toward genuine consent and shared decision-making in economic development?*

- Facilitator: **Kyra Northwest**
  - Note Taker: **Priscilla Swampy**
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**Enoch EF**      **Culturally Grounded trade**

*In what ways can we design trade systems that reflect our cultural values, traditional knowledge, and community priorities?*

- Facilitator: **Katherine Swampy**
  - Note Taker: **Arlette Saddleback**
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**2:15 pm**      **Networking Break**

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**2:30 pm**      **Kyra Northwest - Buffalo Treaty**

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**3:15 pm**      **Conferences Shared Conclusions & Dialogue**  
• Koren Lightning KC & Jerry JR Saddleback

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**4:00 pm**      **Closing remarks and Doors Prizes**

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