



7:15AM	Registration Opens, sponsored by TBC
7:15AM – 8:00AM	Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors, sponsored by TBC
8:00AM – 8:07AM	Welcome & Introduction: Gary Bolton, President & CEO, Fibre Broadband Association
8:07AM – 8:10AM	Platinum Sponsor Welcome & Introductions
8:10AM – 8:40AM	Opening Keynote: Alberta Broadband Strategy: Investments to Build Strong Communities and a More Competitive and Resilient Province <i>The Honourable Nate Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation, Alberta</i>
8:40AM – 9:10 AM	Calgary: Building the Quantum City The University of Calgary has formed a strategic partnership with the Government of Alberta and Mphasis, its first industry partner, to create Quantum City. Quantum City's mandate is to establish quantum-focused fabrication infrastructure, new talent development programs, and adoption pathways to support the development of a vibrant economic and scientific hub based in Calgary. These combined assets will create a unique, once-in-a-generation opportunity to position Alberta as a national and international jurisdiction in the new quantum economy. This panel, comprised of leaders from the Quantum City Program and some companies that are part of the developing ecosystem, will explain progress to date and where quantum communications and networking can take our community and our lives. Moderator: TBC Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Megan Lee, PhD MBA, Managing Director, Quantum City• Jordan Smith, Co-Founder/CEO, Quantized Technologies Inc.• Rainer Iraschko, Principal Technology Architect, TELUS
9:10AM – 9:35AM	Keynote: John Simcoe, National Media & Telecom Lead, PwC Canada
9:35 – 9:37AM	Breakfast Sponsor Remarks – TBC
9:37AM – 10:00AM	<i>Networking Break with Exhibitors, sponsored by TBC</i>
10:00AM – 10:02AM	Networking Break Sponsor Remarks –
10:02AM – 10:40AM	The Community Connection: How Fibre Impacts Economics and Opportunity As the industry moves to close the Digital Equity Gap, what does this mean for local stakeholders in terms of economic impact and opportunity? What role does fibre play in improving GDP, creating job opportunities, and new business development? What impact can it have on education, community services, and home prices? Does fibre present the best catalyst

for growth as local operators decide what technology is best to ensure every community has full access to the digital economy?

Moderator: TBC

Panelists:

- E.J. “Bud” Keys, President and CEO, Westman Communications Group
- Joe Hickey, President, PomGran
- Johann Reimer, Director of Business Development, Canadian Fiber Optics

10:40AM – 11:10AM **Fireside Chat: TELUS How Fibre Impacts Your Communities**
Shazia Sobani, Vice President, Network Planning, TELUS with TBD

11:30AM – 12:00PM **Keynote: The CRTC Broadband Fund Goals and Objectives**
Leila Write, Executive Director, Telecommunications, Canadian Radio-television, and Telecommunications Commission

12:00PM – 12:02PM **Lunch Sponsor Remarks**

12:02PM – 12:45PM *Networking Lunch, Sponsored by Graybar and Fujitsu*

12:45PM – 1:15PM *Networking Dessert with Exhibitors*

1:15PM – 1:50PM **Fireside Chat: Telecom Priorities, the Industry Perspective**
Robert Ghiz, President and CEO, Canada Telecom Association, moderated by Gary Bolton, President and CEO, Fibre Broadband Association

1:50PM – 2:00 PM **Building Your Future Workforce with FBA OptIC Path™**
Deborah Kish, Vice President, Workforce Development and Research, FBA

2:00PM – 2:40PM **Fibre Broadband and Indigenous Communities**
Better connectivity in our communities means that Indigenous people will have better access to the global economy, health, and education. Broadband also supports Indigenous economic diversification initiatives by providing opportunities to build new workforce skills and support growth in new sectors. This panel will discuss progress today in connecting Canada’s Indigenous communities, what is still missing, and how operators can best help move these communities forward.

Moderator: TBC

Panelists:

- Balgovind Pande, Corporate Secretary, Sichuun
- Asennaienton Frank Horn, Senior Advisor, Indigenous Connectivity Institute
- Jason Neepin, Executive Director, Broadband Communications North

2:40PM – 3:00PM *Networking Break with Exhibitors, sponsored by TBC*

3:00PM – 3:02PM **Networking Reception Sponsor Remarks –**

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Deployment Challenges and Opportunities: Optimizing the Fibre First Priority

Canada's vast landscape, with its varying geography and climate, presents unique challenges to the provision of high-quality broadband Internet access services for all Canadians. Today, 67 percent of rural Albertans and 80 percent of Indigenous communities do not have access to reliable high-speed internet at federal target speeds. Factors contributing to Alberta's digital divide include low population density, distance from core network infrastructure, and challenging terrain. This panel of industry experts will share best practices and lessons learned and discuss the challenges ahead and the industry looks to connect every Canadian community and household, no matter how remote or hard to reach.

Moderator: Barry Walton, Senior Broadband Solution Architect, Corning

Panelists:

- Dr. Alireza Bayat, Director, Canadian Underground Infrastructure Innovation Centre
- Curtis Shaw, President, Northwestel Inc.
- Ron Huinink, Vice President of Operation, Algonquin Fibre

3:35PM – 4:15PM

Capacity Drivers: Edge, Cloud, AI, IoT, Quantum, and Machine Learning

As fibre broadband reaches more communities and households, the ability for companies, governments, and people to better leverage the power and potential of AI, Quantum Networking, Machine Learning, Edge technologies, and IoT devices is an order of magnitude greater. What has only been theoretically possible becomes probable as these capacity-intensive applications, technologies, and services have the potential to change all aspects of everyday life and business. This panel will discuss the fibre dependencies that will enable these technologies to take root in our communities and across Canada.

Moderator: TBC

Panelists:

- Christine Marion, Presidente, Digicom
- TBC
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4:15PM – 4:35PM

Closing Remarks

4:35PM – 5:15PM

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