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| 7:15AM | Registration Opens |
| 7:15AM – 8:00AM | Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors |
| 8:00AM – 8:10AM | **Welcome & Introduction:** Gary Bolton, President & CEO, Fiber Broadband Association |
| 8:10AM – 8:40AM | **Opening Keynote: Alberta Broadband Strategy: Investments to Build Strong Communities and a More Competitive and Resilient Province**<br>The Honourable Nate Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation, Alberta |

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:** Kimberly McKinley, Chief Marketing Officer, Utopia Fiber and Vice Chair, FBA Board of Directors
**Panelists:**
- Megan Lee, PhD MBA, Managing Director, Quantum City
- Jordan Smith, Co-Founder/CEO, Quantized Technologies Inc.
- Rainer Iraschko, Principal Technology Architect, TELUS

9:10AM – 9:40AM **Keynote:**
Sachin Jayapalan, Partner, Value Creation, PwC Canada

9:40AM – 10:10AM *Networking Break with Exhibitors*

10:10AM – 10:15AM **Calgary White Hat Ceremony**

10:15AM – 10:50AM **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:** Jimmy Todd, CEO and General Manager, Nex-Tech and Chairman FBA Board of Directors
**Panelists:**
- E.J. "Bud" Keys, President and CEO, Westman Communications Group
- Joe Hickey, President, POMEGRAN INC.
- Johann Reimer, Director of Business Development, Canadian Fiber Optics

10:50AM – 11:25AM     **Fireside Chat: TELUS How Fibre Impacts Your Communities**
Shazia Sobani, Vice President, Network Planning, TELUS with Bob Knight, President and CEO, Harry Marketing

11:25AM – 11:50AM     **Keynote: The CRTC Broadband Fund Goals and Objectives**
Leila Wright, Executive Director, Telecommunications, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission

11:50AM     **Lunch Sponsor Remarks**

11:50AM – 12:30PM     *Networking Lunch, Sponsored by Graybar and Fujitsu*

12:30PM – 1:00PM     *Networking Dessert with Exhibitors*

1:00PM – 1:30PM     **Fireside Chat: Telecom Priorities, the Industry Perspective**
Robert Ghiz, President and CEO, Canada Telecommunications Association, moderated by Gary Bolton, President and CEO, Fiber Broadband Association

1:30PM – 1:40PM     **Building Your Future Workforce with FBA OpTIC Path™**
Deborah Kish, Vice President, Workforce Development and Research, Fiber Broadband Association

1:40PM – 2:10PM     **Fireside Chat: Changing the Technology Opportunity Paradigm for Indigenous Learners**
Daryl Silva, Instructor, First Nations Technology Council with Deborah Kish, Vice President, Workforce Development and Research, Fiber Broadband Association

2:10PM – 2:50PM     **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:** Shane Vail, National Sales Manager Canada, AFL Telecommunications
**Panelists:**
- Balgovind Pande, Corporate Secretary, Sichuun
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- Jason Neepin, Executive Director, Broadband Communications North

*2:50PM – 3:20PM*     *Networking Break with Exhibitors*

3:20PM – 4:00PM     **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% of rural Albertans and 805 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:**
- Steve Kielley, Director of Business Development, Cambium Networks
- Curtis Shaw, President, Northwestel Inc.
- Ron Huinink, Vice President of Operations, Algonquin Fiber

4:00PM – 4:40PM     **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 a possibility 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, President, Digicom
- Rob Davidson, Director of Data Science, ICTC
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4:40PM     **Closing Remarks**

4:40PM – 5:30PM     Networking Reception

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