

7:15AM	Registration Opens
7:15AM – 8:00AM	Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors Sponsored by Entrust Solutions
8:00AM – 8:05AM	Welcome & Introduction
8:05AM – 8:20AM	Fiber Broadband: Leave No Community Behind Gary Bolton, President & CEO, Fiber Broadband Association
8:20AM – 8:40AM	Redefining Connectivity: Marketing Research on FTTH and Canada's Digital Horizon Michael Render, RVA LLC
8:40AM – 9:10AM	Opening Keynote – Connecting for Success: How Broadband is Transforming Accessibility and Socioeconomic Realities Chelsey Legge, Senior Research Specialist Future of Canada Centre, Deloitte Canada
9:10AM – 9:35AM	All in on AI, and What About Sustainability? As AI-driven demand for low-latency connectivity grows between hyperscale data centers and edge locations, consumers are beginning to feel the impact. To keep pace with these developments, the fibre broadband market must act swiftly. The challenge for service providers is figuring out how to monetize the significant investment required in communities across Canada. This panel will explore the implications of AI for communications networks and discuss potential scenarios for AI-driven fibre deployment. Moderator: Cliff Grossner, Ph.D., Chief Innovation Officer, Open Compute Project Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle McCrindle, Co-Founder & Chief Officer, Technology, Denver Dataworks Corp. • Bradford Stimpson, Director - Network Technology, Bell Canada
9:35AM – 10:00AM	Keynote: The Virtual Health Hub and the Future of Healthcare Delivery Dr. Ivar Mendez, MD, PhD, FRCSC, FACS, FCAHS Professor Emeritus of Neurosurgery and Director of Virtual Care and Remote Presence Robotics Program, University of Saskatchewan Director, Virtual Health Hub
10:00AM – 10:05AM	Breakfast Sponsor Remarks Tim Scott, Entrust Solutions
10:05AM – 10:55AM	<i>Networking Break with Exhibitors sponsored by AFL</i>

- 10:55AM – 11:00AM **Networking Break Sponsor Remarks**
Sean Wood, Regional Sales Manager, AFL
- 11:00AM – 11:40AM **Best Practices for Broadband Deployment in Indigenous Lands**
Building broadband infrastructure on Indigenous lands requires a deep understanding of consultation processes, regulatory frameworks, and community engagement. Many ISPs and network builders face delays due to unclear or inefficient processes when seeking approvals from Indigenous communities. This panel will cover what ISPs need to know to gain proper approvals, legal obligations and best practices for engaging Indigenous communities and examples of broadband projects that have successfully navigated Indigenous partnerships.
Moderator: Ashley Travers, Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, KPGCo.
Panelists:
- Dave Jalowica, Director of Technical Services, Clearcable
 - Peter Leaton, CEO, Sichuun
- 11:40AM – 12:15PM **Fibre in Remote Locations – Deployment Challenges & Opportunities**
From rugged terrain to shortened deployment schedules due to extreme weather, service providers must navigate numerous obstacles to bring broadband services to unserved and underserved areas. This session will explore the hurdles, technologies, and new approaches to collaboration among utilities, municipalities, and broadband providers that drive successful rural broadband projects.
Moderator: Barry Walton, Senior Broadband Solutions Advisor, Corning
Panelists:
- Curtis Shaw President, Northwestel Inc.
 - Christine Marion, President, DigiCom
 - Tim Axelsson, President, OciousX
- 12:15PM – 12:20PM **Lunch Sponsor Remarks – Sponsored by Sterling**
- 12:20PM – 12:50PM *Networking Lunch*
- 12:50PM – 1:30PM *Networking Dessert with Exhibitors*
- 1:30PM – 1:55PM **Afternoon Keynote: CRTC's Broadband Fund Update: Accelerating the Deployment of Broadband**
Mr. Ian Baggley, Director General of Strategic Planning, Broadband Fund and Networks, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission

1:55 PM – 2:30PM	Fireside Chat: Telecom Priorities Richard Waterhouse, Director of Technology Initiatives, Ontario Centre of Innovation with Gary Bolton, President & CEO, Fiber Broadband Association
2:30PM – 2:40PM	<i>Sip & Stretch Coffee and Snack Break</i>
2:40PM – 2:45PM	Networking Reception Sponsor Remarks
2:45PM – 3:25PM	Fiber Economics in Canada: Enabling an Industry at Scale Over the next five years, Canada's fiber optics sector is poised for significant growth, driven by increasing demand for high-speed internet and advancements in telecommunications infrastructure. Projections indicate a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of approximately 5.4% from 2024 to 2030, with market revenue expected to reach around USD 1.18 billion by 2030. Growth also creates challenges. Challenges in regulatory compliance, supply chain and distribution need to be addressed and resolved. This panel will discuss these topics as well as other areas of the network ecosystem that will need to scale to meet the demands of growth ahead. Moderator: Paul Park, Reporter, The Wire Report Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joe Hickey, President, PomeGran• Brett Allen, Senior Director, Business Development, Wesco
3:25PM – 3:30PM	Closing Remarks
3:30PM – 4:45PM	Networking Reception in Expo Hall – <i>Sponsored by PomeGran</i>