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7:15AM – 8:00AM	Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors Sponsored by Entrust Solutions Group Canada	
8:00AM – 8:05AM	Welcome & Introduction	
8:05AM – 8:10AM	Opening Remarks The Honourable Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries	
8:10AM – 8:25AM	Fiber Broadband: Leave No Community Behind Gary Bolton, President & CEO, Fiber Broadband Association	
8:25AM – 8:45AM	Redefining Connectivity: Marketing Research on FTTH and Canada's Digital Horizon Michael Render, President, RVA LLC	
8:45AM – 9:15AM	Opening Keynote – Connecting for Success: How Broadband is Transforming Accessibility and Socioeconomic Realities Chelsey Legge, Senior Research Specialist Future of Canada Centre, Deloitte Canada	
9:15AM – 9:50AM	New AI Driven Fiber Broadband Requirements AWS, Google, Microsoft and Meta are all in on AI and are funding an enormous AI data center buildout along with many other industry players. We are at an inflection point in the industry driven by investments in high-density computational infrastructure for AI, for large training clusters and distributed inference clusters at the edge. The demand for low latency connectivity between hyperscale data centers and out to the edge driven by AI is only starting to be felt by consumers. If the fibre broadband market is to keep pace with the deployments of computational infrastructure for AI, the time to act is now. Of course, the hard question is how can communication service providers monetize the investment needed in our communities and across Canada. This panel session will discuss the implications of AI for communications networks and consider AI enabling fibre deployment scenarios. 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.	

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- Bradford Stimpson, Director - Network Technology, Bell Canada
- Hamid Arabzadeh, President & CEO, Ranovus

9:50AM – 10:20AM **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

10:20AM **Breakfast Sponsor Remarks**
Tim Scott, Vice President Business Development, Entrust Solutions

10:20AM – 10:55AM *Networking Break with Exhibitors sponsored by AFL*

10:55AM **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, KGPCo.

Panelists:

- Dave Jalowica, Director of Technical Services, Clearcable
- Peter Leaton, CEO, Sichuun
- Madeleine Redfern, COO, CanArctic

11:40AM – 12:20PM **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.

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- Christine Marion, Presidente, DigiCom
- Tim Axelsson, President, Ocius-X

12:20PM

Lunch Sponsor Remarks – Sponsored by Sterling

Shawn Arnot, Upfit Specialist, Sterling Fleet Outfitters, Inc.



12:20PM – 12:50PM

Networking Lunch

12:50PM – 1:30PM

Networking Dessert with Exhibitors

1:30PM – 2:00PM

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

2:00 PM – 2:25PM

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

Sip & Stretch Coffee and Snack Break

2:40PM

Networking Reception Sponsor Remarks

Dr. Kalai S. Kalaichelvan, Chairman & CEO, PomeGran

2:40PM – 3:20PM

Fibre Economics in Canada: Enabling an Industry at Scale

Over the next five years, Canada's fibre optics sector is poised for significant growth, driven by increasing demand for high-speed internet and advancements in telecommunications infrastructure. According to Grand View Research, 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. However, growth also brings challenges. Regulatory compliance, supply chain constraints, and distribution hurdles must be addressed. Additionally, M&A activity is expected to play a key role in consolidating market players, expanding capabilities, and accelerating infrastructure deployment. This panel will explore these challenges along with the broader network ecosystem elements that must scale to meet the demands of this evolving market.

Moderator: Paul Park, Reporter, The Wire Report

Panelists:

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- Joe Hickey, President, PomeGran
- Brett Allen, Senior Director, Business Development, Wesco
- Sachin Jayapalan, Partner, Deals Practice, PwC Canada

3:20PM – 3:25PM

Closing Remarks

3:25PM – 4:30PM

Networking Reception in Expo Hall – ***Sponsored by
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