

# BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS



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## BCAFN BUSINESS FORUM 2019

When: February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Where: Uda Dune Baiyoh / Hall of Our Ancestors, Lheidli T'enneh Territory  
355 Vancouver Street, Prince George, BC

### AGENDA (subject to change)

#### DAY 1 – Tuesday, February 19, 2019

#### *The BC Business and Economic Development Landscape and Opportunities*

7:30 am	<b>Hot Breakfast Buffet and Registration</b>
8:30 am	<b>Day 1 - Welcome</b> Prayer, Welcome and Opening Remarks (Regional Chief Teegee)
8:50 am	<b>Regional Chief Perspectives</b> Regional Chiefs Panel Discussion
9:30 am	<b>Panel: A Solid Foundation for Economic Success</b> What First Nations are doing: Taking the steps to build structures and accountability
10:30 am	<b>Health Break and Networking</b>
10:45 am	<b>Panel: Major Projects and Environmental Assessments (EAs)</b> This panel will discuss some of the larger scale opportunities that are taking place within the province, while also focusing attention on the Environmental Assessment process.
12:00 pm	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
1:00 pm	<b>Panel: Partnerships for Success</b> This discussion will highlight a variety of partnerships that First Nations are engaged in, all with the outcome of unlocking the potential of their First Nation
2:15	<b>Break</b>
2:30 pm	<b>Facilitated Discussion</b> What are your successes? What are your failures? This World Café style engagement will focus on overcoming roadblocks and building opportunities, along with learning from our mistakes.
3:30 pm	<b>Panel: Financing and Accessing Capital</b> Hear from experts that will share insights of financing and accessing capital for First Nations and their ventures, one of the most crucial aspects to growing an economy.
4:30 pm	<b>Closing comments – Regional Chief</b>
5:30 pm	<b>Evening Dinner, Keynote Speaker and Networking</b>

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**DAY 2 - Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

## ***Our Most Valuable Resources***

7:30 am	<b>Hot Buffet Breakfast and Registration</b>
8:30 am	<b>Day 2 - Welcome</b> Prayer, Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:00 am	<b>Opening Address – The Future of Business in BC</b> The opening address will focus on the Future of Business in BC, with special emphasis on the day's focus: Women and Youth.
9:45 am	<b>Growing First Nations Business Education</b> Hear from a sample of experts and institutions that are helping to grow the future of First Nations Business Education
10:30 am	<b>Networking and Refreshments</b>
10:45 am	<b>Charting Your Own Path – First Nations Women in Business</b> An exciting panel of First Nations Women in Business and Entrepreneurship
12:00 pm	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
1:00 pm	<b>Supporting Our Women and Youth</b> There are a variety of programs and institutions that support women and youth in the field, this panel will highlight just a few examples
2:00 pm	<b>Networking and Refreshments</b>
2:15 pm	<b>The Future of First Nations Trade</b> The provincial boundaries do not limit the potential of First Nations businesses. This discussion will dive into trade and the opportunities that exist beyond BC
3:30 pm	<b>Closing Comments</b>

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