

## Monday, June 19, 2023

**3:00PM**

### Arrival at StFX

- Hotel/residence check-in & registration.
- Tours of Mulroney Hall.

**5:00 PM**

**MULRONEY HALL – JOYCE FAMILY ATRIUM**

### Cocktail reception & networking

**5:45 PM**

### Welcoming remarks & Indigenous land acknowledgment

- DR. ANDY HAKIN, President of StFX

### Indigenous Ceremonial Opening

- Smudging/Dance/Drumming

**6:00 PM**

### Introduction of keynote speaker

- RT. HON. BRIAN MULRONEY

### **TAKING STOCK OF THIS MOMENT: Global Change & Inclusive Regional Economic Growth Opportunities for Atlantic Canada**

*Keynote speaker to be announced.*

**6:45 PM**

### Thank you & presentation to keynote speaker

**7:30 PM**

**KEATING MILLENNIUM CENTRE**

### Dinner

**8:00 PM**

### Welcoming remarks on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia

- HON. TIM HOUSTON, Premier of Nova Scotia

**9:00 PM–10:00PM**

### Post-dinner reception & networking

# Tuesday, June 20, 2023

8:00–9:00 AM

MULRONEY HALL

## Breakfast

9:00–10:15 AM

MULRONEY HALL – BARRICK AUDITORIUM

## Opening plenary session:

Sponsored by MITACS

### INCLUSIVE EMPLOYMENT, YOUTH SKILLS ENTRY & INNOVATIVE JOB MARKETS

#### Keynote Speaker:

- **TASHMIA ISMAIL-SAVILLE**, Chief Business Development Officer, MITACS

### KEY TRENDS & DEVELOPMENTS IN ATLANTIC CANADA'S ECONOMY SINCE 2010: Demographic Change, Trade & Productivity, Emerging Strengths & Weaknesses

#### Keynote Speaker:

- **DR. HERB EMERY**, Vaughan Chair in Regional Economics, University of New Brunswick

*Additional keynote speakers for the opening plenary session to be announced.*

10:15–10:45 AM

## Networking break

10:45–12:00 PM

MULRONEY HALL

## Concurrent panel sessions:

Atlantic Canada's economic challenges and opportunities

### A TRANSFORMING LABOUR FORCE: Diversity, Immigration, Workplace Culture, & Skills Shortages

#### Panelists:

- **ANDREW PARKIN**  
Executive Director,  
Environics Institute
- **KELLY LENDSAY**  
CEO, Indigenous Works
- **CHRISTIANE FOX**  
Deputy Minister of  
Immigration, Refugees  
and Citizenship Canada

### URBAN GROWTH & HOUSING CHALLENGES IN ATLANTIC CANADA: Urban & Rural Dynamics in Atlantic Economic Development - Risks & Opportunities

#### Panelists:

- **DR. ROBERT GREENWOOD**  
Director of the Leslie Harris  
Centre of Regional Policy and  
Development at Memorial  
University of Newfoundland
- **AMANDA MCDUGALL**  
Mayor, Cape Breton  
Regional Municipality
- **WENDY LUTHER**,  
President & CEO,  
Halifax Partnership

### PUBLIC FINANCES & SUSTAINABLE SERVICES: Post-Pandemic Prospects & Choices

#### Panelists:

- **KAREN OLDFIELD**  
CEO, NS Health
- **PATRICIA HEARN**  
NL Deputy Minister,  
Department of Immigration,  
Population Growth and  
Skills, Deputy Minister of  
Intergovernmental Affairs

*Moderators and additional panelists to be announced.*

**12:00–1:15 PM**

**Lunch**

Sponsor by **Sodexo**

**1:15–2:30 PM**

**MULRONEY HALL**

**Concurrent panel sessions:**

Atlantic Canada's economic challenges and opportunities

**NEXT GENERATION  
TECHNOLOGY SECTORS:  
Start-ups, Education,  
Finance, & Infrastructure**

**Panelists:**

- **DR. DHIRENDRA SHUKLA**  
ACOA Chair, University  
of New Brunswick
- **MICHELLE SIMMS**  
President and CEO,  
Genesis
- **JULIA RIVARD DEXTER,**  
Co-Founder, Shoelace  
Learning

**AGRI-FOOD, FISHERIES,  
& FOOD SECURITY:  
New Markets, New  
Products, & New Players**

**Panelists:**

- **SYLVAIN CHARLEBOIS**  
Director, Agri-food Analytics  
Lab, Dalhousie University
- **CHIEF TERRY PAUL**  
Membertou First Nation,  
Clearwater
- **SUE COUESLAN**  
Vice President, Natural Products  
Canada

**GREEN ECONOMY,  
CARBON REDUCTION,  
& ENERGY FUTURES**

**Panelists:**

- **JENNIFER WAGNER**  
Breakthrough Energy Fellow
- **ALISDAIR MCLEAN**  
Executive Director,  
NetZero Atlantic
- **LARRY HUGHES**  
MacEachen Institute for  
Public Policy and Governance,  
Dalhousie University
- **TRENT VICHIE**  
CEO, Everwind Fuels

*Additional panelists to be announced.*

**2:30–3:00 PM**

**Networking break**

**3:00–4:30 PM**

**MULRONEY HALL – BARRICK AUDITORIUM**

**Plenary session:**

Sponsored by **Business Council of Canada**

**Opening remarks:**

- **GOLDY HYDER,** CEO, Business Council of Canada

**REALIZING ECONOMIC POTENTIAL IN ATLANTIC CANADA:**

**An Investor's Perspective – A Discussion with Ken Langone, CEO at Invemed**

**Interviewer:**

- **ANNETTE VERSCHUREN,** Chair and CEO, NRStor Inc.





Tuesday, June 20, 2023 (continued)

6:00 PM	KEATING MILLENNIUM CENTRE
<b>Cocktails</b>	
6:30–9:00 PM	
<b>Dinner &amp; fireside chat:</b> Sponsored by <b>Emera</b>  <b>COALITION FOR A BETTER FUTURE:</b> <b>Emerging Economic Opportunities for Atlantic Canada &amp; the CFB Scorecard</b>  • <b>HON. LISA RAITT</b> • <b>HON. ANNE MCLELLAN</b>  <i>Moderator to be announced.</i>	
9:00–10:00 PM	KEATING MILLENNIUM CENTRE
<b>Post-dinner reception &amp; networking</b>	

## Wednesday, June 21, 2023

### National Indigenous Peoples Day

7:30–8:30 AM	MULRONEY HALL
<b>Breakfast</b>	
8:30–10:00 AM	MULRONEY HALL – BARRICK AUDITORIUM
<b>Closing plenary session:</b> <b>INDIGENOUS BUSINESS &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ATLANTIC CANADA</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> • <b>JOHN PAUL</b> , Executive Director, Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat  <b>Panelists:</b> • <b>JARVIS GOOGOO</b> , Atlantic Indigenous Economic Development Integrated Research Program • <b>CHIEF TERRY PAUL</b> , Membertou First Nation, Clearwater • <b>KELLY LENDSAY</b> , CEO, Indigenous Works • <b>CHRIS GOOGOO</b> , We'koqma'q First Nation and CEO, Ulnooweg • <b>MARY BETH DOUCETT</b> , Purdy Crawford Chair in Aboriginal Business Studies, Shannon School of Business, Cape Breton University	





Wednesday, June 21, 2023 (continued)

**10:00–10:30 AM**

**Networking break**

**10:30–12:15 PM**

**Policy leaders panel:**

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION & NEXT STEPS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ATLANTIC CANADA**

**Panelists:**

- HON. BLAINE HIGGS
- HON. SEAN FRASER
- HON. ANDREW FUREY
- HON. DENNIS KING

*Moderator and additional panelists to be announced.*

**12:15–12:30 PM**

**Rapporteur's summary & concluding remarks**

**Rapporteur:**

- **CHARLES MCMILLAN**, Author, Professor of Strategic Management and International Business, York University

**12:30 PM**

**Lunch**

**12:30–1:00 PM**

**Media scrum/press conference**

**12:30–3:00 PM**

**Breakout spaces available for further discussions/networking**



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