



8TH INDIGENOUS RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES CONFERENCE APRIL 24 – 26, 2024

“At this conference, you'll have real opportunities to share perspectives, gain valuable insights, build relationships, and lay the groundwork for greater investment and new opportunities for Indigenous Peoples and the resource sector.” – Dallas Smith, Conference Chair and President, N_anwa_kolas Council

The BC Indigenous Resource Opportunities Conference 2024 is committed to honoring accomplishments and fostering dialogues aimed at ensuring equitable access to economic participation and partnership for Indigenous Peoples. The objective is to establish enduring benefits for Indigenous communities during sustainable resource development. By prioritizing these aims, the conference seeks to advocate for inclusivity, economic empowerment, and the overall welfare of Indigenous Peoples within the framework of resource development initiatives. The 8th Indigenous Resource Opportunities Conference in Nanaimo anticipates over 300 attendees, comprising First Nations representatives, NGOs, community members, government officials, and leaders from the resource industry. The event will serve as a platform to highlight successes, foster collaborations, and promote sustainable resource development practices that are inclusive of Indigenous communities.

The 2024 program will include panels on topics such as Indigenous business development and partnerships, sustainability in resource development, watershed restoration, land stewardship, coastal LNG, electrification, education, and indigenous governance. Keynote speakers include:

Chief Councillor John Jack, H_u-a_y-a_ht First Nations

Chief Judy Desjarlais, Blueberry River First Nations

Chief Ronnie Chickite, We Wai Kai First Nation

Hon. Josie Osborne, BC Minister of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation

Hon. Sheila Malcolmson, BC Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, MLA for Nanaimo

Bill Lomax, President & CEO, First Nations Bank of Canada

Chris O'Riley, CEO, BC Hydro

Dr. Deborah Saucier, President, Vancouver Island University

Karen Ogen, CEO, First Nations LNG Alliance

Keith Atkinson, Chair, BC Forest Practices Board

Full program details for the 2024 BC Indigenous Resource Opportunities Conference is available at www.bciroc.ca

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ABOUT THE BC INDIGENOUS RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES CONFERENCE

In 2008, informal discussions initiated between the Nanwakolas Council, Vancouver Island Indigenous leaders, community stakeholders, and BC government representatives emphasized the value of sharing success stories of collaboration among Indigenous communities, governments, resource developers, and business leaders. This led to the creation of the Aboriginal Peoples Resource Opportunities Conference, first held in 2009 at the Campbell River Indian Band's venue, garnering strong support and interest. The success prompted the expansion of the event, with subsequent conferences in 2010 and 2011 held at the Vancouver Island Convention Center in Nanaimo, BC.

The conference took place in person in 2019 and virtually in both 2020 and 2021. Throughout these years, the key theme focused on highlighting successful partnerships that deliver substantial benefits to Indigenous communities, resource developers, businesses, and various levels of government. Emphasizing these partnerships underscores the importance of collaboration and cooperation in fostering positive outcomes for all stakeholders involved in resource development initiatives.

ABOUT C3 ALLIANCE

C3 Alliance was founded on the belief that sustainable resource development requires mutual benefits to local communities, regional economies, and progressive businesses.

C3 Alliance stands out for its creative and collaborative approach, with a range of specialized services to Indigenous communities, government, and industry, including Advisory, Project Management, and Event Management.

We tackle complex challenges through innovative solutions and our commitment extends beyond transactions to building meaningful relationships. We genuinely care about the communities we serve, fostering lasting connections with all clients.