

## FUNDING APPLICATION

### 2025 BC Economic Summit

May 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Penticton Trade & Convention Centre



**Includes complimentary registration, up to \$500 travel & accommodation allowance and 2025 BCEDA Organizational Membership\***

The BC Economic Summit serves as a remarkable convergence of Indigenous and local governments, regional, provincial, and federal staff, economic developers, and other stakeholders dedicated to fostering robust, sustainable economies. It stands as the primary platform in British Columbia specifically designed to unite Indigenous and local government leaders on topics related to economic development, offering insightful sessions aimed at fortifying local economies. This year's Summit, **Connecting the Dots: Collaboration.**

IN-PERSON CONFERENCE  
**3 KEYNOTES**  
**20+ BREAKOUTS**  
EC DEV MARKETPLACE  
FUN NETWORKING  
**SILENT AUCTION**  
**BC EC DEV AWARDS**

**Innovation. Resilience.** promises a wealth of informative and educational sessions encompassing a wide array of topics, including housing, economic reconciliation, business retention and attraction, AI, entrepreneurship, healthcare, and much more.

The program will include numerous keynote presentations, breakout sessions, think groups, networking opportunities, panel discussions and discussion forums on reconciliation and economic resiliency. Recipients of the BCEDA 2025 Economic Development Awards will be recognized in a variety of ways. The Economic Reconciliation award category includes submissions for partnerships, agreements and activities that advance shared reconciliation work. Examples include MOUs, tourism partnerships, forestry agreements

and cultural centres. Three awards are presented per category – less than 10,000 population, 10,000 to 25,000 population and greater than 25,000 population.

#### Who Can Attend?

This complimentary invitation is limited to one Economic Development Officer (EDO) and one Land Management Officer (LMO) from each First Nation. Where an EDO or LMO is not available to attend, the First Nation may designate an alternate community delegate, subject to approval. Travel and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed for the first 30 pre-approved delegates and will be capped at \$500 per delegate. A waiting list will be developed for those that are not part of the first 30. If additional funds are available additional approvals will be granted. This professional development opportunity is not a political event. Additional delegates are welcome to [register](#) using promo code *FIVEOFF* to save 5% off regular rates, and are responsible for their own travel and accommodations.

\*A complimentary BCEDA Membership is available to First Nations that are not currently members of BCEDA. The complimentary membership will roll into a paid membership in the 2026 calendar year, and you can choose to cancel at any time.

## Program

Summit sessions will focus on a variety of topics critical to supporting and encouraging local and Indigenous economic development, including:

- Cando Certification Course – ACED 151 Leadership Development; Competency 3: Governance and Leadership
- Keynote: Bill Stainton
- Exploring Innovation in Agriculture
- Health Care as an Ec Dev Driver
- Powering Progress by Partnering with BC Hydro
- CEDI Partnerships
- Keynote: Geena Jackson
- Housing, Commercial and Industrial Development
- Urban Reserves
- Investment Readiness
- BDC's Economic Outlook 2025: Trends and Insights for Entrepreneurs
- Exploring Data with CityViz
- and more!

[Click to view Full Agenda](#)

\* Subject to change



**The deadline for submitting your application is March 28th, 2025.**

**Funding made available by Indigenous Services Canada and Cando.**

## **Policies**

AN EXPENSE FORM WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REGISTRATION. THE FINAL EXPENSE FORM WILL BE DUE MAY 31ST. ALL RECEIPTS SHOULD BE ATTACHED.

REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE RESTRICTED TO EXPENDITURES THAT CONFORM TO THIS POLICY. IN APPLYING TO ATTEND, APPLICANTS ARE AGREEING TO THE TERMS OF THE ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL POLICY.

### **Accommodation and Meal Policy**

- All delegates are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements
- Only room costs and tax for standard hotel room will be reimbursed (as part of the \$500 subsidy)
- The following meals are included in your registration:
  - Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> - Lunch
  - Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast, lunch & dinner
  - Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast, lunch & dinner
  - Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast
- No other meal costs are available. No incidentals for out-of-pocket expenses
- **No reimbursements for any costs will be made for no-shows**

### **Travel Policy**

- Travel should be booked on the most economical basis. Please take into consideration the limit of \$500 that is available for travel and accommodation.
- No substitutions unless preauthorized by host.
- Per National Joint Council [Travel Directive](#)
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**Maximum travel, accommodation and meal subsidy available is \$500, subject to the conditions expressed in the above policies.**

## **Accommodation Booking Information**

### **Conference Official Host Hotel:**

#### **Four Points by Sheraton**

**Conference room rates start at \$169.00.** Rates include complimentary wireless internet access in all guest rooms and public areas, complimentary fitness center and pool access, complimentary parking for all registered guests and complimentary local and 800 calling. Book your stay by March 28<sup>th</sup>.

*5-minute walk to PTCC*

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#### **Fairfield Inn & Suites Penticton**

**Conference room rates start at \$179.00**

*10-minute walk to PTCC*

Please complete the following registration application.

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### ***Funding Registration Application***

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION. ALL REPLIES ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

In what ways do you feel that attending this conference will benefit you and/or your community?

Optional: Has your community participated in any joint initiatives with a local or regional government.

If yes, are you willing to speak on this project if time was available.

We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for participation will be contacted.

Please send completed application to Ashleigh Volcz by email [info@bceda.ca](mailto:info@bceda.ca) or fax (604) 795-7119.