



Indigenous-Led Critical Minerals and Mining Summit

March 25, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Atlantic Host Hotel, 1450 Vanier Blvd, Bathurst, New Brunswick

A G E N D A

9:00-9:30 **Arrival and Continental Breakfast**

Opening Prayer and Welcome Remarks

9:30-9:45

Elder Tulley Paul, Metepenagiag Mi'kmaq Nation
Chief Chris George, Ugpi'gangjig (Eel River Bar First Nation)
Kevin Woods, Director of Energy Services, NSMTC
Michael Fox, President/CEO, Indigenous Community Engagement

9:45-9:55

Provincial Perspective

Honourable John Herron, New Brunswick Minister of Natural Resources (virtual)

9:55-10:05

National and Global Perspectives

Andrew Ghattas, Senior Director of Natural Resources Canada's Critical Minerals Centre of Excellence (virtual)

10:05-10:30

Introduction to NSMTC's Critical Minerals Project

Shawn Dalton, Senior Strategist, NSMTC
Qasim Saddique, Principal Consultant and CEO, Suslop Inc.
Morgan Peters, Consultant, Suslop Inc.

10:30-10:45

Networking Break

A G E N D A (continued)

- 10:45-11:15** **New Brunswick's Comprehensive Minerals Strategy**
Neil Jacobson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Mines Division,
New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources
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- 11:15-11:45** **How Regulatory Frameworks Shape Outcomes on the Ground**
Andrew Sullivan, Senior Geotechnical Engineer, Klohn Crippen Berger
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- 11:45** **Buffet Lunch**
- 12:00-1:00** **Lunch Keynote: Indigenous Experiences in Mining in Ontario**
Jason Batise, Executive Director, Wabun Tribal Council
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- 1:00-1:30** **Cross-Cultural Joint Venture**
Amit Sharma, North American ERM Partner and Joint Venture Lead, Ka·kin Environmental
Consultants (KEC)
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- 1:30-2:00** **Mine with the Land in Mind - Landform Design for Closure and Reclamation**
Gord McKenna, Board Chair, Landform Design Institute (virtual)
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- 2:00-2:20** **Networking Break**
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- 2:20-3:30** **Panel Discussion: Opportunities to Participate in the Mineral Development Sequence**
Michael Fox, President/CEO of Indigenous Community Engagement (Facilitator)
Jason Batise, Executive Director, Wabun Tribal Council (Panelist)
Mike Taylor, President/CEO, Slam Exploration (Panelist)
Marcel Robillard, President/CEO, Puma Exploration (Panelist)
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- 3:30-4:00** **Closing Remarks**
Michael Fox, President/CEO, Indigenous Community Engagement
- Closing Prayer**
Elder Tulley Paul, Metepenagiag Mi'kmaq Nation
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- 4:00-5:00** **Networking Reception (Lounge)**