



# 2024 Atlantic Indigenous-Led Energy Symposium

September 18-20 | Fredericton, NB



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We acknowledge that New Brunswick is situated on the unceded and unsundered territory of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik, and Peskotomuhkati Peoples.

The Treaties of Peace and Friendship signed between the British Crown and the Wabanaki in 1725 and 1726 did not deal with the surrender of lands and resources, but rather they recognized Mi'kmaq & Wolastoqiyik title and established rules for an ongoing relationship between nations.



# WELCOME • PJILA'SI • KULASIHKULPON

"Wela'lin, woliwon, and thank you for attending the 2024 Atlantic Indigenous-Led Energy Symposium!

It is with great pride that I welcome you to our third annual symposium, a signature event for both the North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council and the Atlantic energy sector. We are honored to have you join us for another year of meaningful dialogue and collaboration. This year, we will shine a light on Indigenous-led projects that are defining the energy landscape in Atlantic Canada.

This event would not have been possible without our partners and supporters – the Belledune Port Authority's Green Energy Hub, our Government of Canada funding partners, our valued sponsors, as well as our speakers and attendees.

We are also pleased to be joined by Indigenous artisans who will help highlight our cultural heritage throughout the event. Thank you to all for contributing to the success of this year's symposium.

Only together can we shape a more sustainable and inclusive future for the next seven generations.

Sincerely,

Jim Ward,  
General Manager  
North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council



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Welcome to the 2024 Atlantic Indigenous-Led Energy Symposium! We are honored to gather with you all on the unceded and unsundered territory of the Wolastoqey Peoples.

As organizing sponsor, the Port of Belledune team has had the pleasure of working alongside Jim, Kevin, and the NSMTC team to help put together a gathering of some of the best and brightest from the energy sector.

This year's focus on Indigenous-led projects aligns with our firm belief that Indigenous voices and perspectives will help shape Canada's energy future, and will continue to drive the success of projects such as our Green Energy Hub. A result of our 30 year Master Development Plan, this special development district welcomes clean energy projects and complementary, low-carbon industries.

Now in the 6th year of our historic Relationship, Engagement & Consultation Protocol, we continue to build a sustainable business future, together.

We are very grateful for our close relationship with our First Nation colleagues, and look forward to making new connections over the next few days.

Sincerely,

Denis Caron,  
President and CEO



# VENUE

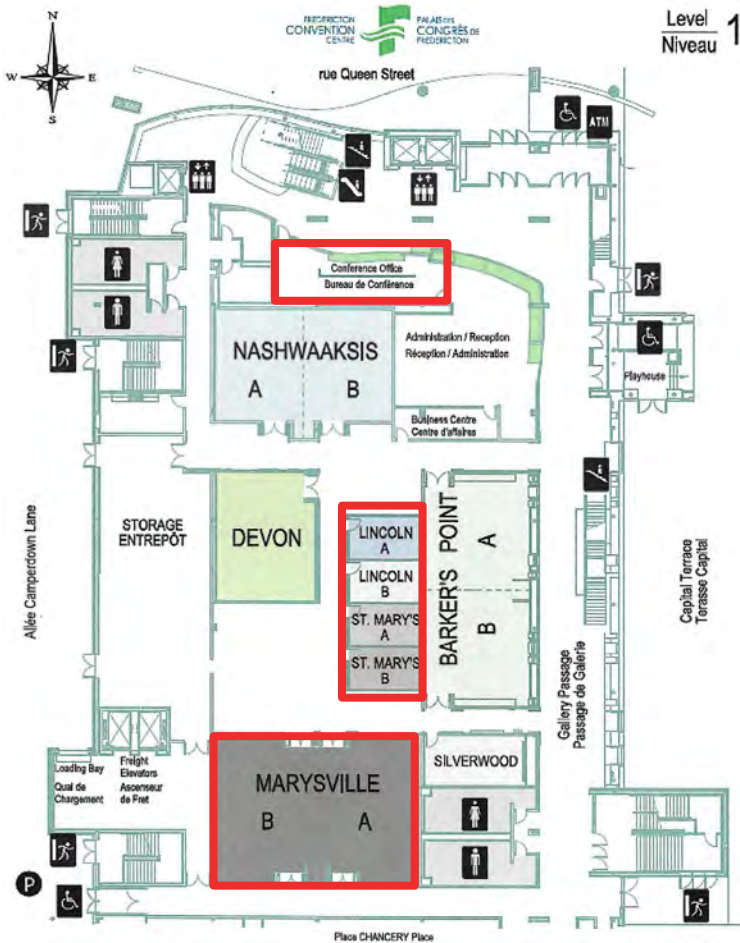
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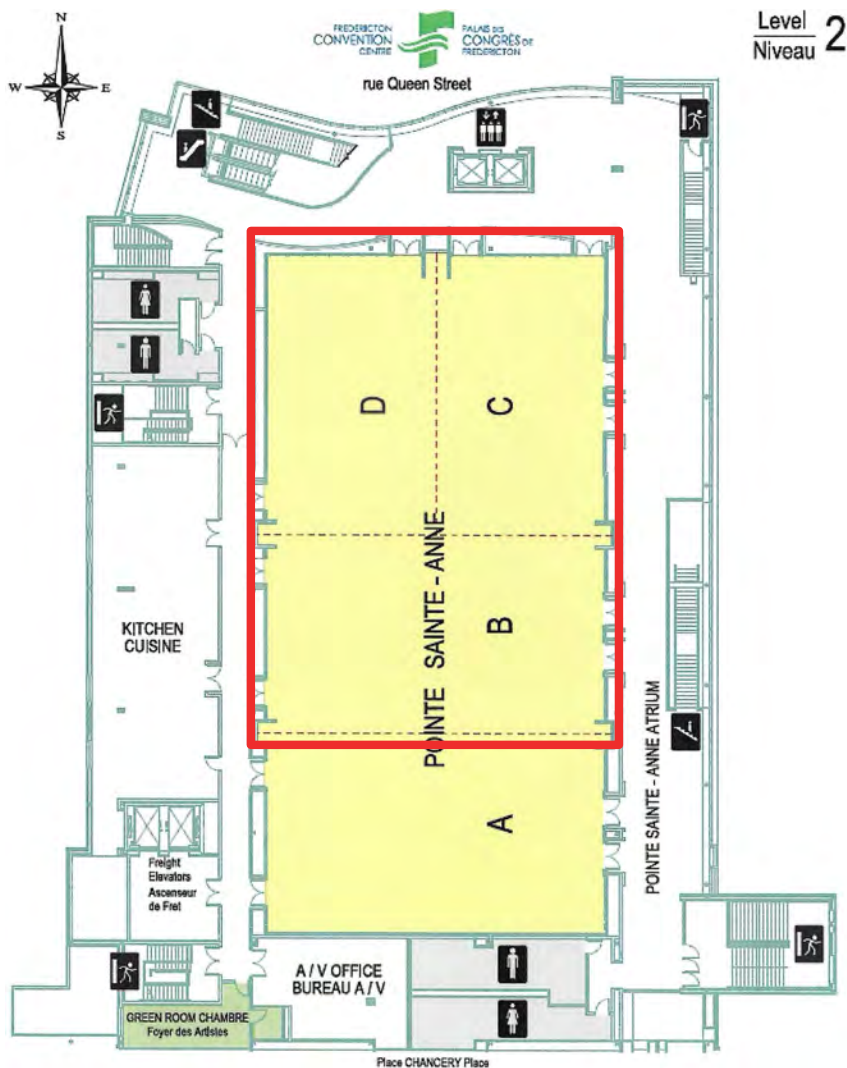
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Level 1 - Marysville A & B

Level 2 - Pointe Sainte-Anne B,C,D



# VENUE



# AGENDA

## Pre-Conference Day Wednesday, September 18

Pre-Conference Options A & B: Advance purchase of tickets is required to participate in Pre-Conference elements. To register, please reach out to the Organizing Committee at [energy@nsmtc.ca](mailto:energy@nsmtc.ca).

### Pre-Conference Option A: Site Tours of Energy Assets and Installations

Departure: 9:00am  
Departure Location: Crowne Plaza Main Entrance (Queen Street)

This pre-conference option includes a guided tour of NB Power's Mactaquac Generating Station with an opportunity to learn more about the Mactaquac Life Achievement Project; a visit to Dunphy Farms, the first barn to incorporate battery backup storage in Atlantic Canada; and a tour of NB Power's Energy Control Centre in Marysville.

Lunch and transportation to be provided for all registered participants.

The tour will conclude at approximately 3:30pm, and return participants to the Crowne Plaza.

### Pre-Conference Option B: Workshops and Knowledge Sharing

Location: Fredericton Convention Centre, Marysville A  
Start Time: 9:30am  
End Time: 3:30pm

The morning session will be facilitated by Derek Simon and Cheryl Simon and cover topics including Aboriginal Title, the duty to consult, UNDRIP, the Peace and Friendship Treaties, impact assessments, self-government, and Indigenous law. The afternoon session will be facilitated by Nisa Kennedy from JEDI and will introduce two-eyed seeing in the workplace.

Lunch to be provided for all registered participants.

6:00pm -  
8:00pm

**Location: Pointe Sainte-Anne B**  
Welcome Reception | Grand Opening of Tradeshow

### Keynote

- Hugh Adsett | Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of the Netherlands



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# AGENDA

Day 1

Thursday, September 19

8:00am **Pointe Sainte-Anne C&D**  
Breakfast and Networking

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9:00am 2024 AILES Opening Ceremony

- Jim Ward | General Manager, North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council
- Stoney Bear Singers | Eskasoni, Nova Scotia
- Elder Evan Sacobie | Sitansisk (St. Mary's First Nation)
- Chief Joanna Bernard | Assembly of First Nations New Brunswick Regional Chief
- Chief Allan Polchies Jr. | Sitansisk (St. Mary's First Nation)
- Chief Terry Richardson | Oinpegitjoig (Pabineau First Nation)
- Jennifer Cleversey Moffitt | Chief Administrative Officer & General Counsel, Belledune Port Authority

9:30am Opening Keynote: Assessing the Impact of Energy Projects on Indigenous Cultural Rights

- Angel Ransom | SVP Environmental Services, First Nations Major Projects Coalition

10:00am Building Relationships: Project Success through Early Engagement

- John Cloutier | Nihkanatpat/Executive Director, Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick
- Dean Vicaire | Executive Director, Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Inc.
- Tracy Menge | Benefits Officer, Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn (KMK)
- Jenene Wooldridge | Executive Director, L'nuey

Moderated By: Karen Augustine | Director, Economy Building, Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Inc.

# AGENDA

Day 1

Thursday, September 19

10:45am **Pointe Sainte-Anne B**  
Nutritional Break in Tradeshow Area

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11:15am **Pointe Sainte-Anne C&D**  
The Toolbox: Technologies for a Net Zero Future

Nuclear Energy Panel

- Sean Conway | Indigenous Participation Specialist, AtkinsRéalis
- Lori-Anne Ramsay | Chief Business Development Officer, Prodigy Clean Energy Ltd.
- Pascal Zulow | Customer Account Manager, Westinghouse
- Lance Clarke | Vice President, Commercialization and Strategy, ARC Clean Technology
- Rose Robinson | Director, Advanced Reactor Development Team, NB Power
- Sean Belyea | Senior Project Officer, Advanced Reactor Licensing Division, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Moderated By: Mario Pieries | Associate and Global Director, Nuclear, Hatch Ltd..

12:00pm Lunch • **Pointe Sainte-Anne C&D**

12:30pm **Pointe Sainte-Anne C&D**  
Fireside Chat: Benefits of Indigenous Partnerships on Energy Projects

- JP Gladu | Principal, Mokwateh
- Tracy Primeau | Founder and Principal, Agile Bear Consulting

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Day 1

Thursday, September 19

1:15pm

## Pointe Sainte-Anne C&D

The Toolbox: Technologies for a Net-Zero Future  
Wind, Solar, and Energy Storage Systems Panel

- Jason Parisé | Development Director, SWEB Development LP
- Kristina Hamernik | Development Manager - Energy Storage, Innergex
- Bob Cleaves | Co-Founder, Dirigo Solar LLC
- Elisa Obermann | Executive Director, Marine Renewables Canada

Moderated By: Ken Paul | Principal / Owner, Pokiok Associates

## Marysville A

The Toolbox: Community Focused Technologies and Strategies for a Net-Zero Future

- Drew Bernard | Energy Lead at Lennox Island First Nation
- Michael Porter | First Nations Program Lead – Energy Efficiency Services,
- NB Power
- Josh McLean | Strategic Planning Manager, EfficiencyOne
- Jonathan Levesque | General Manager, Biomass Solution Biomasse (BSB)
- David Isaac | President & CEO, W Dusk Energy Group

Moderated By:

Dylan MacLennan | Founder, L'nu Energy

2:05pm

## Pointe Sainte-Anne C&D

The Toolbox: Technologies for a Net-Zero Future  
Fuels for the Future Panel

- Michelle Robichaud | President, Atlantica Center for Energy and Secretary/Treasurer of the Atlantic Hydrogen Alliance
- Bradley J. McPherson | Director of Innovation, UNB Centre for Nuclear Energy Research

Moderated By: Gilles Volpé | President NB Gas - Liberty NB Gas

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Day 1

Thursday, September 19

2:50pm **Pointe Sainte-Anne B**  
Nutritional Break in Tradeshow Area |  
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3:20pm Indigenous Project Financing and Deal Structuring

- René Jeddore | Director of Training and Economic Development, Miawpukek First Nation
- Stephanie Aldersley | Director, Investments, Canada Infrastructure Bank
- Jaimie Lickers | Senior Vice President, Indigenous Markets, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
- Cherie Brant | Partner, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

Moderated By: Steve Saddleback | Senior Advisor, External Relations, First Nations Major Projects Coalition

4:20pm Day 1- Closing Remarks

5:30pm **Pointe Sainte-Anne C&D**  
Gala Reception and Dinner  
Reception at 5:30pm | Dinner at 6:15pm

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Gala Dinner Keynotes:

- Chief Terry Richardson | Oinpegitjoig (Pabineau First Nation)
- Julianne den Decker | Senior Vice President - Candu Energy Inc., an AtkinsRéalis company

Drum group: Stoney Bear Singers



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Live Entertainment

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- The Snooty Fox
- 66 Regent Street, Fredericton, NB
- Join us for an evening of networking and rock n' roll featuring Route 134 from northern New Brunswick

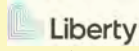
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Day 2

Friday, September 20

8:00am

**Pointe Sainte-Anne C&D**  
Breakfast and Networking  
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8:30am

Case Study Series: Indigenous Leadership in the Energy Transition (Session 1)

Mesgi'g Ugju's'n Wind Farm

- Fred Vicaire | CEO, Mi'gmawei Mawiomi Business Corporation
- Patrick Beaudoin | VP Operations, Innergex

9:00am

Day 2 Opening Remarks

9:15am

Atlantic Utilities Executive Panel

- Lori Clark | President, CEO & Chief Nuclear Officer - NB Power
- Glen Fillmore | Executive Director, Strategic Growth and Transformation - Saint John Energy
- Gilles Volpé | President NB Gas - Liberty NB Gas
- Stephen MacDonald | President & CEO - EfficiencyOne

Prefaced and moderated by: • Emily Whetung-MacInnes | Director of Indigenous Partnerships, Ontario Power Generation  
• Greg Robart | CEO, Smart Grid Innovation Network with an overview of the Canadian Electricity Advisory Council Report

10:30am

**Point Sainte-Anne B**  
Nutritional Break in Tradeshow Area

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Day 2

Friday, September 20

11:00am

## Pointe Sainte-Anne B

Case Study Series: Indigenous Leadership in the Energy Transition (Session 2)

WMA Led Energy Developments

- Crystal Nicholas | Interim General Manager, Wskijinu'k Mtmo'taqtuow Agency Ltd
- Alex Ryan | Director of Investments, Canada Infrastructure Bank
- Mark Sidebottom | Chief Clean Energy Officer | Nova Scotia Power

## Marysville A

Case Study Series: Indigenous Leadership in the Energy Transition (Session 3)

An Exploration of Green Hydrogen Developments in Newfoundland and Labrador and New Brunswick

- Sean Fleming | Development Lead - Atlantic ABO Energy Canada
- Chief Jake Caplin | Ugpi'ganjig (Eel River Bar First Nation)
- Chief Terry Richardson | Oinpegitjoig (Pabineau First Nation)
- René Jeddore | Director of Training and Economic Development, Miawpukek First Nation

11:30am

## Pointe Sainte-Anne B

Case Study Series: Indigenous Leadership in the Energy Transition (Session 4)

Port of Belledune Green Energy Hub

- Jennifer Cleversey Moffitt | CAO & General Counsel, Belledune Port Authority
- Chief Terry Richardson | Oinpegitjoig (Pabineau First Nation)
- Rishi Jain | Managing Director, Cross River Infrastructure Partners

## Marysville A

Case Study Series: Indigenous Leadership in the Energy Transition (Session 5)

Glooscap's Journey to Energy Sovereignty

- Michael Maracle-Polak | Director of Administration at Glooscap First Nation & President of Akwekon Enterprises

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Day 2

Friday, September 20

12:00pm Lunch • **Pointe Sainte-Anne C&D**

12:30pm Lunch Keynote - A Holistic Approach to Accelerating Adoption of Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Solutions

- Jeanette Jackson | CEO, Foresight

1:00pm **Marysville A**  
Workshop | Building Capacity: Aligning with Employment Opportunities in the Energy Transition

- Terri Lynn Morrison | Director of Engagement, Creative Fire
- Nour Hachem | President and Founder, Build A Dream
- Nathan Salmon | General Manager Market Strategy & Supplier Relations, Rexel Atlantic
- Jodi Stringer | Dean - School of Engineering Technologies, New Brunswick Community College

Facilitated By: Karen Gillam | Founder and CEO, Workforce Warriors

**Marysville B**  
Workshop | Exploring Indigenous Business Opportunities in the Energy Transition

- Denise Pothier | Chief Operating Officer, Canadian Council for Indigenous Business
- Desiree Norwegian | Manager, Indigenous Relations, Aecon
- Geoff Capelle | Director, Project Development & Collaborative Delivery, Bird

Facilitated By: Laura Englehart | Economic Development Manager, Joint Economic Development Initiative Inc. (JEDI)

2:30pm **Pointe Sainte-Anne C&D**  
The Role of Government in Supporting Indigenous Participation in the Energy Transition

- Natasha Kilpatrick | Acting Director of Indigenous Inclusion for the Regional Energy and Resources Tables, Natural Resources Canada
- Ben Laserson | Senior Policy Advisor – Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways Program, Natural Resources Canada
- Becca Connolly | Senior Economic Development Officer, Indigenous Services Canada

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Friday, September 20

3:30pm

Pointe Sainte-Anne C&D  
2024 AILES Closing Ceremony

- Kevin Woods | Director of Energy Services, North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council
- Elder Gordon LaBillois | Ugpi'ganjig (Eel River Bar First Nation), North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council
- Stoney Bear Singers | Eskasoni, Nova Scotia



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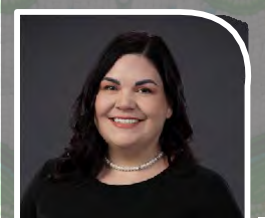
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## Keynote Speakers



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## Elder



Elder Evan Sacobie  
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## Event MC



Victoria LaBillois  
Co-Owner & President,  
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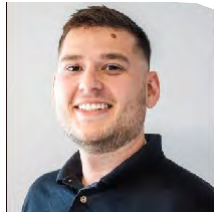
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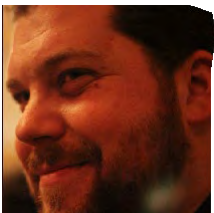
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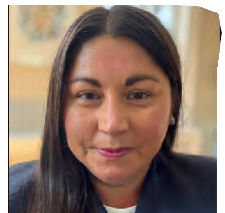
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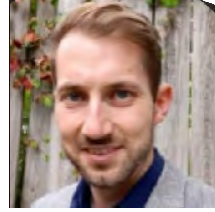
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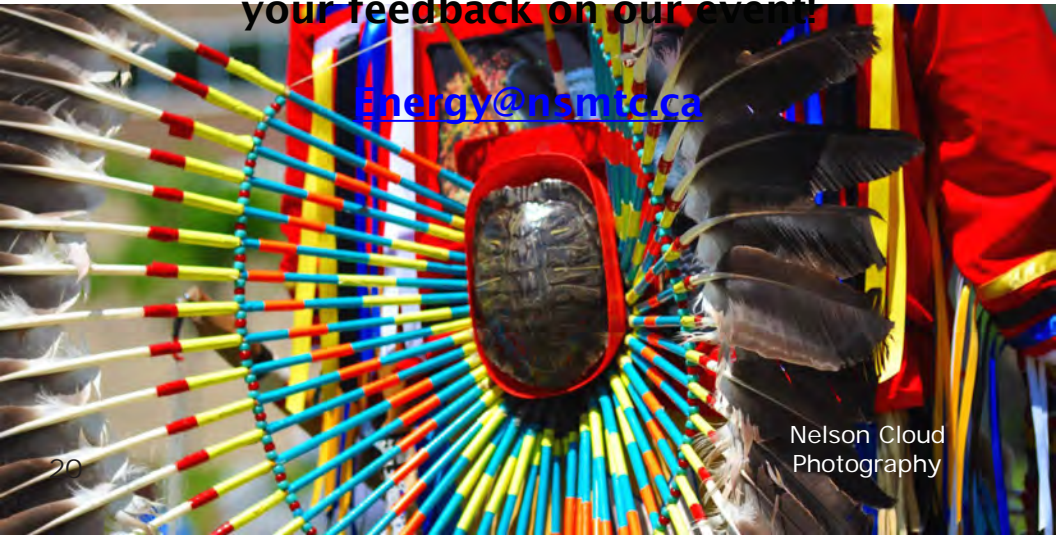
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