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# Event Agenda

2025 Atlantic Indigenous-Led Energy Symposium

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## Tuesday, October 28, 2025

- 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**      **2025 AILES: Energy Assets Tour - Ticket Holders Only**  
Location: Off-site
- 8:45 AM - 4:30 PM**      **2025 AILES: Two-Eyed Seeing Workshop - Ticket Holders Only**  
Location: Breakout Room B (Beauséjour B - Lower Level)
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**      **Welcome Reception & Tradeshow Opening**  
Location: Tradeshow Room (Shediac)
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## Wednesday, October 29, 2025

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**      **Breakfast Reception**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)
- 9:00 AM - 9:40 AM**      **Welcome and Opening Address**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
Speakers: Victoria LaBillois, Stoney Bear Singers, Elder Tulley Paul, Evan Sacobie, Chief Rebecca Knockwood, Jim Ward, Hon. René Legacy, Dylan MacLennan
- 9:40 AM - 10:10 AM**      **Opening Keynote: "Indigenous Clean Energy: Turtle Island Collaboration to Take Intentions to Implementation."**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
Speaker: Christopher Henderson
- 10:10 AM - 10:30 AM**      **Fireside Chat**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
Speakers: Victoria LaBillois, Kimberly Lavoie
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**      **Tradeshow and Wellness Break**  
Location: Tradeshow Room (Shediac)
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**      **Plenary Session: "Celebrating Momentum: Indigenous Leadership in Atlantic Canada's Energy Landscape"**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
Speakers: Fred Vicaire, Michael Peters, John Cloutier, Drew Bernard, Jamie Hewlett ; Moderator: Michelle Robichaud
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**      **Lunch Reception**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)
- 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM**      **Lunch Keynote: "Spilling the Tea - A Conversation with Aunties and Allies"**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
Speakers: Emily Whetung-MacInnes, Claire Harris, Karen Augustine, Jennifer Tidmarsh
- 1:05 PM - 1:55 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Wasoqonatl Intertie Project"**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
Speakers: Crystal Nicholas, Sashen Guneratna, Kristie Halka-Glazier, Mark Sidebottom ; Moderator: Karen Augustine
- 1:05 PM - 1:55 PM**      **Concurrent Session: Abegweit First Nation's Energy Strategy**  
Location: Breakout Room A (Beauséjour A - Lower Level)

- 1:05 PM - 1:55 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Unlocking the Potential of Energy Storage: Indigenous Leadership and Policy Alignment"**  
Location: Breakout Room B (Beauséjour B - Lower Level)  
Speakers: Mihsakwan James Harper, Homaira Siddiqui
- 1:05 PM - 1:55 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Clean, Efficient Long Duration Energy Storage"**  
Location: Breakout Room B (Beauséjour B - Lower Level)  
Speaker: Vincent Thomas
- 1:05 PM - 1:55 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Saint John Energy's Zero30 Program"**  
Location: Breakout Room C (Petitcodiac)  
Speakers: Andrew Ahearn, Will McGivney
- 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Collaborating for Clean Energy: Building Innovation Partnerships with Indigenous Communities"**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
Speakers: Terry Richardson, Wayne Groszko, David Rayworth, Dylan MacLennan ; Moderator: Andre Pelletier
- 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Millbrook First Nation: Art of the Possible - Project Pursuits"**  
Location: Breakout Room A (Beauséjour A - Lower Level)  
Speakers: James Steven, Ben Prashaw, Jake Dean, Tracy Primeau
- 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Unearthing Carbon Storage Opportunities in Eastern Canada (Quebec and Atlantic Canada)"**  
Location: Breakout Room B (Beauséjour B - Lower Level)  
Speakers: Christa Williams, Matt Scolah
- 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Grid Scale Long Duration Storage Opportunities in New Brunswick"**  
Location: Breakout Room B (Beauséjour B - Lower Level)  
Speaker: Richard Hawker
- 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Community Engagement in Site Selection: Prioritizing Indigenous Voices as Part of a Consent-Based Approach"**  
Location: Breakout Room C (Petitcodiac)  
Speaker: Joanne Jacyk
- 2:50 PM - 3:15 PM**      **Tradeshow and Wellness Break**  
Location: Tradeshow Room (Shediac)
- 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM**      **Plenary Session: "Inspiring Future Generations: Illuminating the Path Ahead in the Energy Transition"**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
Speakers: Terry Richardson, Sidney Peters, Hon. René Legacy, Brad Coady, Mark Sidebottom ; Moderator: Sashen Guneratna
- 4:30 PM - 4:40 PM**      **Day 1 Wrap Up**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
Speaker: Victoria LaBillois
- 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM**      **Gala Evening: Hosted by CANDU Energy, an AtkinsRéalis Company**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
Speakers: Hon. René Legacy, Tracy Primeau, Desiree Norwegian, David Novog ; Moderator, Opening Remarks: Carl Marcotte ; Evening Entertainment: Jason Cyrus

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## Thursday, October 30, 2025

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**      **Breakfast Reception**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)
- 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM**      **Breakfast Keynote: "Generating Change: Women at the Grid's Edge"**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
Speakers: Tanna Pirie, Michelle Francis-Denny, Journey Levi, Starr Blanchard ; Moderator: Penny Polchies
- 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM**      **Welcome Back: Day 1 Recap and Day 2 Look Ahead**  
Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
Speaker: Victoria LaBillois

- 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM**      **Plenary Session: "Empowering Indigenous Youth in Clean Energy Careers"**  
 Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
 Speakers: Montanna Labradore, Shalyn (Shay) Ward, John Pluff, Kelsey Bernard ; Moderator: Alex Lemay
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**      **Tradeshow and Wellness Break**  
 Location: Tradeshow Room (Shediac)
- 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM**      **Concurrent Session: "Energizing the Next Generation: Indigenous Youth, Innovation, and the Future Energy Workforce"**  
 Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
 Speakers: Drew Bernard, Geoff MacDonald, Jodi Stringer, Terri-Lynn Woods ; Moderator: Leon Morris
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Increasing Indigenous Capacity in STEAM"**  
 Location: Breakout Room A (Beauséjour A - Lower Level)  
 Speakers: Martha Barrett, Megan Wright
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Powering Tomorrow - Rexel Canada's Blueprint for Community First Energy and Growth"**  
 Location: Breakout Room A (Beauséjour A - Lower Level)  
 Speaker: Nathan Salmon
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Powering Progress: Labour Market Intelligence and Workforce Development in Canada's Electricity Sector"**  
 Location: Breakout Room B (Beauséjour B - Lower Level)  
 Speaker: Yoana Turmin
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**      **Lunch Reception**  
 Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)
- 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM**      **Lunch Keynote: "A Journey of Determination and Growth"**  
 Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
 Speaker: Lina Kabbani
- 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Three Sides of the Same Coin: The Project Positive+ Partnership"**  
 Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
 Speakers: Marco Romero, Terry Richardson, Karen Narvie
- 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Mesg'ig Ugnu's'n Wind Farm"**  
 Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
 Speaker: Kirt Dedam
- 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Exploring Indigenous-Led Distributed Energy Systems in New Brunswick"**  
 Location: Breakout Room A (Beauséjour A - Lower Level)  
 Speakers: Tracy Primeau, Claire Harris ; Moderator: Greg Robart
- 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Decentralized Residential Energy Systems on Reserve"**  
 Location: Breakout Room A (Beauséjour A - Lower Level)  
 Speaker: Michael Polak ; Moderator: Greg Robart
- 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Amlamgog Microgrid Innovation Challenge"**  
 Location: Breakout Room A (Beauséjour A - Lower Level)  
 Speakers: Tina Milner, Anisa Maruschak, Mujtaba Khan ; Moderator: Greg Robart
- 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "Harnessing the Wind, Honouring the Water: Offshore Wind and Mi'kmaq Sovereignty"**  
 Location: Breakout Room B (Beauséjour B - Lower Level)  
 Speaker: Tanya Martinez
- 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM**      **Concurrent Session: "The Role of the Canada Energy Regulator"**  
 Location: Breakout Room B (Beauséjour B - Lower Level)  
 Speakers: Melanie Loisel, Srikanth Venugopal
- 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM**      **Plenary Session: "Financing Indigenous Equity in the Energy Transition"**  
 Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)  
 Speakers: Michael Bonshor, Booker Cornea, Dan Simunac, Justin Lok ; Moderator: Steve Saddleback

**3:00 PM - 3:45 PM**

**Closing Ceremony**

Location: Plenary Room (Ballroom)