

# 2017 ECONOMIC SUMMIT **SCHEDULE**



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 – DAY ONE

8:30 AM **BONUS SESSION**

## **Tech Showcase – featuring emerging and innovative companies**

With a focus on “at” or “near revenue” products & services this year’s showcase will feature 7 local companies who have successfully moved past early-stage prototyping on their march to commercialization.

10:30 AM **TRADESHOW OPENS**

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12:00 PM **OPENING LUNCHEON**

## **Earning Trust In an Untrusting World**

Presenter – Dan Tisch, President, Argyle Public Relationships

1:30 PM **FOUR CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

## **#1 Vancouver Island Clean Tech – A home-grown industry poised for growth**

- Moderator, Bert Zethof, Principal, Zethof Consulting Group
- Tom Zaban, Executive VP, Reliable Controls
- Judith Sayers, Director, Clean Energy BC
- Voytek Klaptocz, Technical Director, Mavi Innovations Inc

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## **#2 Spotlight on Cowichan – Changing Times, Changing Priorities, Changing Perceptions**

- Moderator, Peter van Dongen, Regional Marketing Manager, MNP
- Amy Melmock, Manager, Economic Development Cowichan
- Caroll Taiji, Director of Strategy, Taiji Brand Group
- Alana Elliot, President, Libre Naturals
- Kathy Robertson, GM, Community Futures Cowichan
- Julie Scurr, President, Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce

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## **#3 Aboriginal Business Development on Vancouver Island**

- Moderator, Maynard Harry, Co-Owner, Aboriginal Business Match
- Conrad Browne, CEO, Ka'wat'si Ec Dev Corp.
- Erralyn Thomas, EDO, Snuneymuxw First Nation
- Watch for updates ...

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## **#4 Trade & Transportation – Optimizing Our Corridors**

Join this panel of industry experts as they bust assumptions about Vancouver Island's role as a transportation and trade corridor linking local, regional, and international opportunities. Marine, road, and rail infrastructure are key components for community growth and economic prosperity to ensure goods can be cost effectively transported across many borders, home and abroad. The Island's world class short sea shipping services just 30kms from Canada's largest port – Vancouver, as well as our international deep sea facilities in Nanaimo, Victoria, and Port Alberni provide a direct global link with capacity to transform export activity on Vancouver Island.

- Moderator, Robert Lewis Manning, President, Chamber of Shipping BC
- Peter Amat, Chair VI Shipping Committee
- Tabare Dominguez, Commercial Director, DP World
- Allison Bouton, Program Manager, Export Navigator
- AdamCook, Sales Director, CN Rail

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3:00 PM

## TRADESHOW – NETWORKING BREAK

With a full 30 minutes between afternoon sessions, you'll have plenty of time to grab a coffee and network in the Tradeshow.

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3:30 PM

## FOUR CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### **#5 Truth or Consequences... 'Fake News', 'Alternative Facts', Where do we go from here?**

- Moderator, Bruce Williams, South Island Prosperity Project
- Dan Tisch, President, Argyle Public Relationships
- Dan Hurley, VP Advancement & External Relations, Lester Pearson College
- Kerry Slavens, Editor-in-Chief, Douglas Magazine

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### **#6 Renewable Energy on VI – The future is here!**

Find out about geo exchange in a dirty coal mine, turning green waste into renewable natural gas, and prospects for solar energy on Vancouver Island.

- Moderator, John Hankins, CEO, Mid-Island Business Initiative
- Alan Cumbers, Executive Director, Facilities, VIU
- Colton Aston, Energy Solutions Manager, Fortis BC
- Michel de Spot, President & CEO, EcoSmart Foundation

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### **#7 Vancouver Island Agriculture: Where are we? Where would we like to go? What do we need to get there?**

- Moderator, James Street, Food Processing Consultant, Ministry of Agriculture
- Carmen Wakling, CEO, Eat More Sprouts
- Brenda Hetman-Craig, Co-Owner, 40 Knots Estate Winery
- Janet thony, President, Coombs Farmers' Institute

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## #8 Vancouver Island – A Foreign Trade Zone

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5:30 PM **COCKTAIL HOUR**

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6:30 PM **SUMMIT DINNER, WELCOME & PRESENTATION**

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8:30 PM **DESSERT RECEPTION**

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