

## Embracing Possibilities And Navigating Uncertainty: The Role For Philanthropy In Advancing Sustainability

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. [Bay of Fundy Exploration Day](#). Meet in hotel lobby.

### MONDAY, JUNE 5

3:30 – 6:30 p.m. [Conference Registration](#) in Conference Office, first floor

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. [Pre-conference Professional Development](#). Partnership Brokering Course (Victoria Room)

Noon – 4 p.m. [Meeting of the Low Carbon Funders Group](#) (Carleton Room)

Noon – 5:30 p.m. [Meduxnekeag Valley Nature Preserve Tour](#). Meet in hotel lobby.

2:15 – 5 p.m. [Sustainable Cities Bike Tour](#). Meet in hotel lobby.

6:30 – 9 p.m. [Welcome Reception](#) at Delta Hotel: Remarks begin at 6:50 p.m.

[Welcome](#) by Wolastoq Grand Chief Ron Tremblay

[Remarks](#) by Hon. Serge Rousselle, Q.C., Minister of Environment and Local Government, Attorney General Government of New Brunswick

[Remarks](#) by David Coon, MLA Fredericton South and Leader of the Green Party of New Brunswick. Entertainment throughout the evening by Frantically Atlantic.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

All plenary sessions for the conference will take place in the Grand Ballroom DE, with the exception of the conference dinner and the June 6th lunch.

6:45 – 7:30 a.m. [Optional Morning Activities](#):

Yoga: Begin your day with a 45-minute, beginner-friendly yoga class themed around building renewable energy in the body. Meet on the back lawn of the hotel.

Morning Walk: Meet Molly Demma, St. John River Society, in the hotel lobby.

8 – 9 a.m. [Breakfast](#)

8:15 – 9 a.m. [Day One Breakfast Conversations](#) – These conversations are an optional opportunity to learn about issues and initiatives that may not be covered by the conference program. No pre-registration required. Confirmed conversations include:

- [A Once in a Generation Opportunity – Reforming Canadian Environmental Laws](#). Co-hosted by Fred Ackerman-Munson, 444S Foundation and Jen Lash, New Venture Fund
- [Our Living Waters: Tracking the Freshwater Community's Progress Towards All Waters in Good Health by 2030](#). Hosted by Wendy Cooper, Tides Canada
- [Opportunities for Ocean Funders](#) (this is a funders-only discussion). Co-hosted by Amy Buskirk, Donner Canadian Foundation, and Meaghan Calcari Campbell, The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- [Connecting People and Nature](#). Co-hosted by Karen Shelstad, The Lawson Foundation and Karen Keenleyside, Parks Canada

- [Where Are the Grant Dollars Going? What the Data Tells Us.](#) Co-hosted by Sandy Hoang, CEGN, and Michael Lenczner, Powered by Data
- [Nurturing More Sustainability Funding for Atlantic Canada.](#) Co-hosted by Andre Chenard, Environment and Local Government, Government of New Brunswick, Sandy Thurber, Fundy Community Foundation, Colleen McNeil, Environment Canada, and Carolyn Scotchmer, TD Friends of the Environment

9 – 9:30 a.m.

### Conference Opening

[Welcome](#) by Imelda Perley, Elder in Residence, Mi'kmaq Wolastoqey Centre, University of New Brunswick, and Miigam'agan, Elder in Residence, St. Thomas University.

[Welcome and Orientation](#) by Conference Co-chairs Burkhard Mausberg, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, and Megan Tate, The Winnipeg Foundation.

9:30 – 10 a.m.

[Forging a Sustainable Future in Uncertain Times:](#) Opening Keynote by Bruce Anderson, Summa Strategies.

10 – 10:45 a.m.

[The Mouse and the Elephant: Perspectives on the Canada/U.S. Relationship and Implications for North American Environmental Goals.](#) Panel discussion moderated by Dave Secord, Barnacle Strategies. The panelists are: Bruce Anderson, Summa Strategies; Erin Flanagan, Pembina Institute; Aileen Lee, The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation; and Anthony Swift, NRDC.

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

### Networking Break

11:15 a.m. –  
12:15 p.m.

[Perspectives from Indigenous Leaders and Allies on Advancing a Sustainable Future.](#) Panel discussion will be moderated by Dr. Heather Castleden, Canada Research Chair in Reconciling Relations for Health, Environments and Communities. The panelists are: Merrell-Ann Phare, Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources; Lana Lowe, Fort Nelson First Nation; Miigam'agan, Elder in Residence, St. Thomas University; and Patricia Saulis, Maliseet Nation Conservation Council.

12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

### Lunch (Governor's Ballroom AB)

Lunch will include brief presentations on three Sustainability Initiatives in Atlantic Canada

- [The Peace and Friendship Alliance's Work to Build Common Cause in Support of a Healthy Environment for New Brunswick,](#) with remarks by Wolastoq Grand Chief Ron Tremblay
- [Ecology Action Centre's Work to Transform Fisheries to Ensure the Health of Both the Ocean and Coastal Communities,](#) with remarks by Katie Schleit
- [WWF Canada and ACAP Saint John's Work to Ensure Watershed Health Throughout New Brunswick,](#) with remarks by Simon Mitchell and Graeme Stewart-Robertson

1:30 – 3 p.m.

[Conundrum Sessions: Wrestling with Thorny Problems in Advancing Sustainability.](#) This session will be facilitated by Tim Merry. Participants need to pre-select their conundrum before the conference in response to on-line survey or at the registration desk.

- [Grant Dollars Aren't Enough: How Do We Harness Foundation Endowments to Advance a Sustainable Future?](#) Co-hosted by Andrea Nemtin, The Inspirit Foundation, and Andrea Moffat, Ivey Foundation
- [We're on Board with Reconciliation, But How Do We Get There?](#) Co-hosted by Wanda Brascoupe Peters, The Circle on Philanthropy and Aboriginal Peoples in Canada, and Bruce Lawson, The Counselling Foundation
- [We're Trying to Change Policy. How Do We Know if We're on Track?](#) Hosted by Jamie Gamble, Independent Evaluation Consultant
- [The Science on Climate Change Is Clear, But Action Is Slow. How Do We Ramp Up Public Support to Ensure a Sustainable Future?](#) Co-hosted by Dr. Louise Comeau, Conservation Council of New Brunswick and Bernard Rudny, Independent Consultant
- [Moving Forward, How Can We Ensure that our Sustainability Goals Are Inherently Linked to our Goals for Greater Social and Economic Equality?](#) Co-hosted by Jenn Miller, Atkinson Foundation, and Saeed Selvam, Laidlaw Foundation

- [The Federal Government's Commitment to Ocean Health Is Impressive, Welcome, and Ambitious. How Can We Work Together to Ensure that Canada Meets the Goal of Having 20% of Canada's Coastal Waters Protected by 2020?](#) Hosted by Meaghan Calcari Campbell, The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- [The Irving Group of Companies Has a Major Influence on New Brunswick's Economy, Politics, and Natural Resources. How Do We Work Collaboratively Towards Environmental Sustainability in this Context?](#) Co-hosted by Dr. Tom Beckley, University of New Brunswick; Lois Corbett, Conservation Council of NB, and Sabine Dietz, Nature NB
- [Achieving a Sustainable Future Is a Task for All Generations. How Do We Engage Youth?](#) Co-hosted by Renata Woodward, Nature Trust of New Brunswick, and Karen Shelstad, The Lawson Foundation
- [We Protect What We Love, But Canadians Are Increasingly Disconnected from Nature. How Do We Restore the Relationship?](#) Co-hosted by Paula Noel, Nature Conservancy of Canada, and Karen Keenleyside, Parks Canada
- [Canada Needs to Be a Smarter Mouse When There's a Bucking Elephant Down South. How Can Funders and NGOs Influence, Lead, Inform, and Defend Wise North American Policies and Decisions in Trumpish Times?](#) Co-hosted by Dave Secord, Barnacle Strategies, and Aileen Lee, The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

3 – 3:30 p.m.

### Networking Break

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

[Personal Perspective on Advancing a Sustainable Future:](#) Ed Whittingham, Executive Director of Pembina Institute

3:45 – 5 p.m.

[Advancing a Sustainable Future: The Role for Funders.](#) This panel discussion will be moderated by Tim Merry. Panelists are: Marcel Lauzière, the Lawson Foundation; Jenn Miller, the Atkinson Foundation; Stephen Huddart, The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation; and Andrea Nemtin, Inspirit Foundation.

5 – 5:30 p.m.

[CEGN AGM.](#) All participants are welcome to attend the AGM (and enjoy some local beer).

6:30 – 10 p.m.

[Reception and Dinner](#) at the Fredericton Boyce Farmers Market (665 George Street). Reception will start at 6:30 and will include songs by [Wolastoquey Sisters](#), [Judie Miksovsky](#) and [Angee Acquin](#). Dinner will follow at 7:15 p.m. The evening will include a brief presentation by [The Gordon Foundation](#) and [WWF Canada](#), [Data To Action: Empowering Communities and Protecting Watersheds](#).

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

6:45 – 7:30 a.m.

### Optional Morning Activities:

Yoga: Meet on back lawn of hotel.

Morning walk: Meet Paula Noel, Nature Conservancy of Canada, in hotel lobby.

8 – 9 a.m.

### Breakfast

8:15 – 9 a.m.

[Day Two Breakfast Conversations](#) – These conversations are an optional opportunity to learn about issues and initiatives that may not be covered by the conference program. No pre-registration required. Confirmed conversations include:

- [Canada's Place in the Global Agenda to Save Biodiversity and Wild Places. How Is the Country Faring?](#) Hosted by Justina Ray, Wildlife Conservation Society Canada
- [Getting Results that Matter: Working in Partnership with Grantees to Generate Better Evaluation.](#) Hosted by Ben Liadsky, Ontario Nonprofit Network
- [Data-Driven Initiatives to Monitor and Improve the Health of Freshwaters.](#) Co-hosted by Carolyn DuBois, The Gordon Foundation and Liz Hendriks, WWF Canada
- [A Once in a Generation Opportunity – Reforming Canadian Environmental Laws.](#) Co-hosted by Fred Ackerman-Munson, 444S Foundation and Jen Lash, New Venture Fund (offered a second time)

- **Reconciliation and Philanthropy: The Conversation Continues.** Hosted by Wanda Brascoupé Peters, The Circle on Philanthropy and Aboriginal Peoples in Canada and Valerie Lemieux, The Catherine Donnelly Foundation
- **Catalyzing Innovation and Entrepreneurship.** Co-hosted by Karina Leblanc, Pond Deshpande Centre, University of New Brunswick and Stephen Huddart, The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation
- **Advancing a Low Carbon Economy: Shifting the Investment Priorities of Pension Holders.** Co-hosted by Andrea Moffat, Ivey Foundation and John Cook, Greenchip Financial

- 9 – 9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Recap** by Conference Co-chairs
- 9:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Public Policy, Advocacy and Political Activities: Uncertainties and Possibilities.** The panel will be moderated by Shari Austin. The panelists are: Hilary Pearson, Philanthropic Foundations of Canada; Tim Gray, Environmental Defence; and Susan Manwaring, Miller Thomson
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Networking Break**
- 10:45 – Noon **Frontline Perspectives on Advancing Sustainability.** Panel Discussion of ENGO Leaders moderated by Lois Corbett, Conservation Council of New Brunswick. The panelists are: Justina Ray, Wildlife Conservation Society Canada; Josh Laughren, Oceana; Devon Page, Ecojustice; and Catherine Abreu, Climate Action Network.
- Noon – 2 p.m. **Lunch with Keynote Speaker** – Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Inuit activist and author of The Right to Be Cold
- 2 – 2:15 p.m. **Closing Remarks**



### CEGN thanks this year's Conference Planning Committee:

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