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Ontario Economic Summit

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November 1- 2 | Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building

OPENING NIGHT | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

3:15 - 7:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN
3:45 - 4:00 PM	<p>WELCOME REMARKS</p> <p><i>Joaquim Ballès, Chair, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Trudell Medical Limited</i></p> <p><i>Her Worship Olivia Chow, Mayor, City of Toronto</i></p>
4:00 - 4:45 PM	<p><i>Presented by Colleges Ontario</i></p> <p>PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>Building Big: Indigenous Partnerships for Major Infrastructure Projects in Ontario</p> <p>As Ontario’s economy grows, the province will need big investments in electricity, energy, broadband, transportation, and other critical infrastructure. Those projects will only be successful and sustainable over the long term if they are developed through meaningful partnerships between industry and Indigenous nations. This panel will explore best practices and models for collaboration to drive big infrastructure projects in Ontario, reflective of Indigenous values around corporate governance, environmental stewardship, and equity ownership.</p> <p><i>Tabatha Bull, President and CEO, Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business</i> <i>Niilo Edwards, Chief Executive Officer, First Nations Major Projects Coalition</i> Penny Favel, Vice President, Indigenous Relations and Sustainability, Hydro One <i>President and CEO, Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.</i> Andre Leite, Vice President Ontario Operations, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.</p> <p>Moderator: Claudia Dessanti, Senior Manager of Policy, Ontario Chamber of Commerce</p>

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4:45 - 5:00 PM	SPECIAL PRESENTATION
5:00 - 5:20 PM	<i>Presented by Bruce Power</i> KEYNOTE ADDRESS In Conversation with the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
5:20 - 5:30 PM	TRAVEL TIME
5:40 - 6:40 PM	CABINET MINISTER ROUNDTABLES Participating delegates will exchange policy ideas with senior government representatives.
7:00 - 9:30 PM	<i>Presented by Meridian Credit Union and Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport</i> NETWORKING RECEPTION - RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM OF CANADA This year's Summit will boast several opportunities for connection and dialogue with industry professionals, thought leaders, and decision-makers. The first-night reception will take place at the world-renowned Ripley's Aquarium of Canada. Embark on an evening of discovery, exploring over 2000 species of fish while enhancing your personal network.

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8:15 AM - 2:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN
8:15 - 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST <i>Presented by Turkish Airlines</i>
9:00 - 9:10 AM	WELCOME REMARKS <i>Rocco Rossi, President and CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce</i>
9:10 - 9:35 AM	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</p> <p>Housing and the Economy: Addressing Canada’s Housing Supply Gap</p> <p>Canada needs 3.5 million more homes by 2030 to restore housing affordability. Shifting economic and demographic realities are impacting both supply and demand, with a slowing economy, skilled-labour shortages and the decline in housing construction as key aggravating factors. Housing supply and affordability challenges are mutually reinforcing as mid-to-high-income earners are priced out of the real estate market, they are increasingly occupying market rental housing for longer, contributing to low vacancy rates and rising rental rates. Join the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation’s President and CEO, Romy Bowers, as she discusses the state of housing in Canada, current projections, and their impact on the economy.</p> <p><i>Romy Bowers, President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation</i></p>

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9:35 -
10:25 AM

Presented by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Charging Ahead: Ontario's Critical Minerals Advantage and the Future of Transportation

As the province embarks on its ambitious goal to build an end-to-end electric vehicle (EV) industry - of which critical minerals are a key component – there are three key areas of opportunity that the panel will explore:

- **Ensuring all-round growth** in the process of connecting the mineral wealth in Ontario's north to the manufacturing capacity in the south.
- **Building a supportive ecosystem** to accompany recent investments, comprised of a pipeline of skilled workers, a culture of innovation, and effective coordination among industry, academia, and research centres.
- **Emphasizing collaboration** with Indigenous Peoples and small to medium-sized enterprises as equal partners in this economic opportunity

Trent Mell, *Chief Executive Officer, Electra Battery Materials Corporation*

Abbas Ali Khan, *Partner, Bennett Jones*

Raed Kadri, *Head of the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN), Ontario Centre of Innovation*

Jaimie Lickers, *Senior Vice President, Indigenous Markets, CIBC*

Moderator:

Jayson Myers, *Chief Executive Officer, NGen Manufacturing Canada*

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<p>10:25 - 11:00 AM</p>	<p>NETWORKING BREAK <i>Presented by 407 ETR and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)</i></p>
<p>11:00 - 11:50 AM</p>	<p><i>Presented by Google</i></p> <p>PANEL DISCUSSION Exploring Responsible AI Use Cases for Economic Growth</p> <p>With increased attention on the opportunities and challenges posed by advances in artificial intelligence (AI), this engaging session will delve into the transformative potential of AI across various sectors, including generative AI, analytics, and health-related applications. Panelists will share real-world use cases and applications, highlighting the business and social benefits of AI. From fostering ongoing innovation and scaling to promoting adoption and commercialization, we will discuss the essential elements for creating an environment conducive to AI's growth and success while exploring the regulatory landscape needed to promote responsible AI deployment.</p> <p><i>Aliya Ramji, Partner, McCarthy Tétrault LLP Toronto</i> <i>Raquel Urtasun, Founder and CEO, Waabi</i> <i>Tony Gaffney, President and CEO, Vector Institute for Artificial Intelligence</i> <i>Sam Sebastian, Vice President and Canada Country Manager, Google Cloud</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>John Ruffolo, Founder and Managing Partner, Maverix Private Equity</i></p>

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<p>11:50 - 12:30 PM</p>	<p><i>Presented by NGen Manufacturing Canada</i></p> <p>FIRESIDE CHAT</p> <p>Scaling Up Tech Companies to Manufacture in Ontario</p> <p>Cutting-edge technologies like artificial intelligence, blockchain, augmented reality, and robotics are fundamentally altering our economic landscape. To bolster competitiveness and growth, it is imperative for Ontario to lead the charge in supporting a resilient tech manufacturing sector. This session will delve into the unique perspectives and expertise of leaders from OmniaBio and Myant, showcasing their journeys of growth, success, and impact. Collectively, they'll emphasize the vital elements necessary for success – strong industry and government partnerships, a skilled workforce, an effective intellectual property ecosystem, efficient supply chains, and low regulatory burdens.</p> <p>Mitch Sivilotti, <i>Chief Executive Officer, OmniaBio Inc.</i> Tony Chahine, <i>Chief Executive Officer, Myant</i></p> <p>Moderator: Stephanie Holko, <i>Director of Project Development, NGen Manufacturing Canada</i></p>
<p>12:30 - 1:20 PM</p>	<p>NETWORKING LUNCH</p> <p><i>Room 205</i></p>
<p>1:20 - 1:30 PM</p>	<p>SILENT AUCTION RESULTS</p>

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1:30 - 2:15 PM

Presented by Bruce Power

PANEL DISCUSSION

The Vital Triad of Government, Builders, and Labour in Sustaining Ontario’s Workforce

In an era when the Ontario government is embarking on ambitious infrastructure projects, the demand for skilled labour and construction capacity is paramount. This challenge becomes even more pressing in the face of an aging workforce. To tackle these issues head-on and ensure the successful completion of critical projects, innovative and strong partnerships are imperative. Join our panel of experts as they underscore the importance of collaboration between government, builders, and labour to attract and retain talent to develop the workforce of the future:

Honourable David Piccini, *Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Government of Ontario*

Victoria Mancinelli, *Director of Public Relations, Marketing and Strategic Partnerships, LiUNA*

Karen Renkema, *Vice President Ontario, Progressive Contractors Association of Canada*

Marketa Evans, *President and CEO, Colleges Ontario*

Moderator:

Adrienne Batra, *Editor-In-Chief, Toronto Sun*

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2:15 - 3:20 PM	<p><i>Presented by the University of Toronto</i></p> <p>DEBATE</p> <p>Be It Resolved: Fixing the Competition Act Is the Best Way to Bring More Competition to Canada</p> <p>As Canadians grapple with high inflation, competition policy is becoming a significant topic of discussion, from podium debates to everyday conversations at kitchen tables. This comes as the federal government is reviewing competition laws. This spirited debate will delve into the one of the central questions underpinning Canada’s approach to competition: is reforming the Competition Act the best way to foster more competition in Canada?</p> <p>Vass Bednar, <i>Executive Director, Master of Public Policy in Digital Society, McMaster University</i></p> <p>Ryan Manucha, <i>Author, Lawyer, Interprovincial Trade Expert</i></p> <p>Mark Schaan, <i>Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Innovation, Science and Economic Development, Government of Canada</i></p> <p>Robin Shaban, <i>Co-Founder and Board Member, Canadian Anti-Monopoly Project, and Policy Lead and Economist, Public Policy Forum</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Steve Paikin, <i>Canadian Journalist, Author, and Documentary Producer</i></p>
3:20 - 3:40 PM	<p>NETWORKING BREAK</p> <p><i>407 ETR and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)</i></p>

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3:40 - 4:25 PM	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>Empowering Ontario: Overcoming Red Tape, Harnessing Diversity, and Igniting Innovative Growth</p> <p>Ontario stands as a beacon of economic potential, marked by its bustling cities, rich cultural diversity, and a resilient entrepreneurial spirit. To harness this potential and turn it into tangible prosperity, it's crucial to address both opportunities and challenges in a holistic manner. In this session, our panel of experts will delve into how fostering innovation can drive consistent and robust economic growth throughout the province. Emphasis will be placed on recognizing the strength that lies in diversity and how an inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem, where varied perspectives and ideas converge, can set Ontario apart on the global stage. Panelists will also explore the collaboration necessary for businesses to overcome ongoing barriers that they face, from red tape to interprovincial barriers to trade and labour mobility. This conversation promises to provide actionable insights on how businesses, regardless of their origin or size, can thrive and contribute meaningfully to the economy.</p> <p>Honourable Filomena Tassi, <i>Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, Government of Canada</i></p> <p>Dr. Wendy Cukier, <i>Founder and Academic Director of the Diversity Institute, Academic Director of the Women Entrepreneurship Hub and Research Lead of the Future Skills Centre</i></p> <p>Giles Gherson, <i>President and CEO of the Toronto Region Board of Trade and Former DM for the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Rocco Rossi, <i>President and CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce</i></p>
4:25 - 4:30 PM	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>Rocco Rossi, <i>President and CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce</i></p>
4:30 - 5:30 PM	<p><i>Presented by Hydro One</i></p> <p>CLOSING RECEPTION</p>

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