



2019 Regional Business Forum

October 22 & 23, 2019

Nechako Community Church - 1393 Hwy 16, Vanderhoof

Draft Agenda – Subject to Changes

October 21

7:00pm Preconference networking event @ Scott's Grille – 189 Columbia St E

October 22

8:30am Registration

9:00am Welcome

9:15am Keynote Address: **Jeremy Stone**

Director, Simon Fraser University's Community Economic Development Program

10:15am Refreshment Break

10:45am Tourism Panel

Brian Peech, Northern BC Tourism

Dan Brooks, Upper Nechako Wilderness Council

11:15am RDBN Startup Business Contest Presentations:

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Cooperative Panel

Aasa Marshall, Co-operatives First

Shellie Gleave, Fraser Lake Eco Co-op

1:45pm Breakout sessions

Session 1 - Sanctuary

Attraction & Retention

Brad McRobert, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Session 2 - Library

Non-Profits

Krystin Dubuc and Mary Mytting, Community Futures Fraser Fort George

Session 3 - Basement

Ideas to Market

Graham Stanley & Tom Bulmer, Community Futures Stuart Nechako

3:00pm Wrap Up/Door Prize

We hope you will take this opportunity to head into Vanderhoof and explore some of the great retail locations, restaurants, and activities available.

6:00pm Gala Dinner @ the Community Event Centre – 474 Victoria St E

Designated Drivers will be available

6:30pm Dinner Served

7:30pm RDBN Startup Business Contest Announcement of Winner

October 23

8:30am Registration

9:00am Welcome

9:15am Keynote Address: **Dr. Alan Winter**

BC's Innovation Commissioner

10:15am Refreshment Break

10:45 am Agriculture Panel

Wyatt Schlamp, Agri Green Ent.

Michelle Roberge, Bioscape Farm

11:30am Local Business Panel Discussion

Shay Bulmer, Northern Homecraft Ltd.

Cheryll Wagner, Business2Mobile

Tim Johnson, Advanced Millwright Services

12:15pm Lunch

1:15pm Manufacturing Panel

Sam Ahad, Renewgen Systems Inc.

2:15pm Innovation in Industry Panel

Joanna Miller, Centerra Gold

Ross Lennox, Canfor Plateau

TBD – NewGold

3:00pm Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

