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Economic Reconciliation Business Forum

JUNE 13TH & 14TH, 2023

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Welcome Messages



GRAND CHIEF JERRY DANIELS

Southern Chiefs' Organization

Boozhoo, Aniin, and Wash-Tay

Hello my relatives! I want to begin by saying thank you for joining us for this important gathering. I am thrilled to welcome all of you to our Economic Reconciliation Business Forum, hosted by the Southern Chiefs' Organization and Southern Chiefs Economic Development LP.

As SCO Grand Chief, I often speak of wanting to see more opportunities for the 34 communities and over 83,000 peoples I so proudly represent. For generations, we were economically oppressed and denied access, ownership, or partnership in markets that other Canadians thrived in. When it comes to creating economic reconciliation, I see an unprecedented opportunity for First Nations to participate as full equal partners in private enterprise across Manitoba, Canada, and globally, that will bring prosperity for all. I am particularly excited to hear from our keynote speakers and presenters this week, and to learn how we can make those potential partnerships become reality.

Currently, and despite stubborn systemic barriers, Indigenous businesses, communities, and people in Manitoba contribute close to 10 billion dollars annually to the provincial economy alone. Imagine what we can achieve and contribute, if we completely rise above the walls of colonialism, as true and equal partners?

As the title states, I sincerely hope this forum will act as a vehicle for true reconciliation and positive economic change. My wish is that we come away with a shared conviction to create further economic wealth and social well-being for everyone who now shares our traditional lands.

I would like to extend a big thank you to the elders, the drum group, our special guests and dignitaries for providing remarks, all our sponsors and funders, and to the SCO and SCED LP staff that worked hard to put this forum together.

Together... We are ALL Better!

In pursuit of balance,

Ogema Mukwa

Grand Chief Jerry Daniels

Southern Chiefs' Organization



IAN CRAMER

CEO, SCED LP

Welcome everyone to the first SCO-SCED Economic Reconciliation Business Forum. We are excited to host and present a variety of topics, all pertaining in their own unique way to increased Economic Development, increased Economic Participation and increased Economic Wealth. This has always been an important part of our lives, but we collectively need to keep pushing these issues and opportunities to the top of the agenda.

Over the next two days we will hear from an impressive and dynamic list of speakers who will each bring their own perspective on how Indigenous Economic Growth can be increased. We will hear from Chiefs, entrepreneurs, CEO's, financiers, government procurement agencies, educators, Indigenous development corporations, a former National Chief and more!

We also have a diverse representation of companies and organizations in our Trade Show area where we can learn, in more detail, what these organizations have to offer. We also invite everyone to join us at the Networking Reception at 5:00 pm on Day 1 to get to know each other on a more casual level and build some key relationships that will hopefully turn into practical economic opportunities. Business development is about people working together and developing Partnerships that enhance the opportunities of all Partners. We are stronger together as we work towards a better future for all.

Finally, I want to thank our registered delegates, our government supporters and our private sector sponsors for your participation and generous contributions to the success of our first Economic Reconciliation Business Forum!

Thank you all for being here, and please meet new people, exchange ideas and build relationships!

Miigwetch, Pidamiye

Ian Cramer

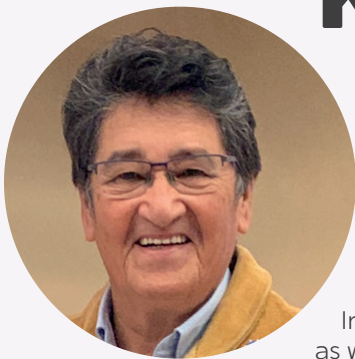
Forum Overview

SCO and SCED's upcoming Economic Reconciliation Business Forum will bring together leaders and economic development representatives from the 34 Anishinaabe and Dakota First Nations from southern Manitoba with Indigenous and non-Indigenous business leaders from across Canada. The forum offers opportunities for networking and learning from a highly regarded and diverse group of speakers.

Our two-day forum will feature presentations from prominent businesspeople and professionals who will share their experiences and insights regarding what economic reconciliation is and what it could be. One of the key themes of the forum is the importance of working together to build wealth and a better future for everyone.

Attendees will be able to closely engage and learn from Canada's top leadership and industry experts.

Keynote Speakers



OVIDE MERCREDI

former National Chief of The Assembly of First Nations.

Ovide Mercredi is a Cree, born in the northern community of Grand Rapids, Manitoba in 1946. A graduate of the University of Manitoba's Robson Hall Faculty of Law in 1977, he practiced criminal law and later specialized in constitutional law as an advisor to Manitoba Chiefs.

In 1989, Ovide was elected Regional Chief of the Assembly of First Nations for Manitoba as well as appointed a member of the Manitoba Human Rights Commission. He became a key strategist for the Assembly during the time of the Meech Lake Accord constitutional reform discussions. He had an active leadership role in helping to resolve the Oka Crisis in 1990.

On June 12, 1991, Ovide was elected National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, a role which he held for two terms from 1991 to 1997, where he represented a diverse group of people who embraced differing traditions and at times, represented conflicting interests. During his first term, he led the negotiations for the First Nations in the Charlottetown Accord. In his efforts to find consensus for policies and to foster unity, he spent much of his time traveling across Canada to meet people and to learn firsthand of their aspirations.

He served his community as Chief of Misipawistik Cree Nation from 2005 to 2011 and acted as a counsellor for three years after his terms as Chief.

Ovide became the first chancellor of Manitoba's University College of the North in 2007. He was selected in a traditional manner as the National Spokesperson for Treaties 1 to 11 from 2006 to 2014. For his work as an advocate of non-violent methods for change, he was nominated by the Government of India for the Gandhi Peace Prize.

He has received honorary law degrees from Bishop's University, St. Mary's University, Lethbridge University, Athabasca University, Cape Breton University, The Law Society of Ontario and The University of Manitoba.

In 2005 he was awarded the Order of Manitoba. Ovide became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2022 in recognition of his advocacy for Indigenous people in Canada.

He served on the National Board of the Heart and Stroke Foundation as well as the board of the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

Ovide co-authored a book called In the Rapids with Mary- Ellen Turpel and wrote a book of poetry called My Silent Drum.

Currently, Ovide is advocating to help to transform health services for those living in First Nations communities in Northern Ontario.

Presently he is volunteering and supporting the development of a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons. He spoke at the United Nations in May 2023.

In his spare time Ovide enjoys playing golf, writing poetry and creating woodworking projects.



MARK CHIPMAN

Executive Chairman & Governor, True North
Sports & Entertainment - Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club

Mark Chipman is the Executive Chairman of the Board of True North Sports & Entertainment Limited and Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club. In addition, he serves as the Governor of the Winnipeg Jets on the NHL's Board of Governors.

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Mark attended St. Paul's High School and later, the University of North Dakota where he played varsity football while earning an Honors B.A. in Economics and a Juris Doctorate in Law. Mark entered the business of professional hockey in 1996 and led the team that developed Canada Life Centre and ultimately the acquisition and relocation of the NHL Atlanta Thrashers. The club was re-named the Winnipeg Jets by Mark at the 2011 NHL entry draft. In December of 2016, he was named to the Executive Committee of the NHL's Board of Governors. In addition to his business and hockey interests, Mark is actively involved in a number of community efforts. He established the True North Youth Foundation in 1996 and founded Gonzaga Middle School in 2016. Mark was named to the Selection Committee of the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2019 and is the chairman of the Winnipeg Downtown Community Safety Partnership.



C.T. (MANNY) JULES

Chief Commissioner, First Nations Tax Commission

C.T. (Manny) Jules is a member of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, formerly known as Kamloops Indian Band, and served as Chief from 1984 to 2000. Manny led the amendment to the Indian Act in 1988 so that First Nations could exercise the jurisdiction to levy property taxes on-reserve. The Indian Taxation Advisory Board (ITAB) and the current First Nation property tax system were created as a result of his vision and efforts. He served as Chair of ITAB from 1989 to 2003 and 2005 to 2007. Manny was the driving force behind the First Nations Fiscal Management Act, passed by Parliament in 2005, creating the First Nations Tax Commission, the First Nations Financial Management Board, and the First Nations Finance Authority. On November 11, 2006, Manny was appointed Chief Commissioner of the First Nations Tax Commission. He was the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from both the University of British Columbia in 1997 and Thompson Rivers University in 2006, the Order of British Columbia in 2009, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal in 2013. Mannuy was also awarded the Aboriginal Lifetime Achievement Award by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business in 2013.



CAROL ANNE HILTON

CEO and Founder of the Indigenomics Institute and the Global Center of Indigenomics

Carol Anne is of Nuu chah nulth descent from the Hesquiaht Nation on Vancouver Island, and a author, speaker, director, and senior adviser with an international Master's Degree in Business Management (MBA) from the University of Hertfordshire. Carol Anne is the award winning, bestselling author of *Indigenomics - Taking A Seat at the Economic Table* and is currently authoring a second book. Carol Anne served as a senior advisor on the Canadian Economic Growth Council, on the BC Emerging Economy Taskforce, and the BC Indigenous Business and Investment Council. Carol Anne currently serves as a Director on the McGill University Institute for the Study of Canada, MITACS Research, and the BC Digital Supercluster. Carol Anne's work has been most recently recognized with the Mastercard Game Changer Indigenous Entrepreneur Award in 2022, the inaugural Nation Builder Award from the National Angel Capital Organization in 2022, the BC Achievement Foundation's Award of Distinction in Indigenous Business as well as the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business's national Award of Excellence in Aboriginal Relations.



JAMIE WILSON

VP Indigenous Strategy, Research and Business Development

Jamie is from Opaskwayak Cree Nation in Treaty 5 territory and is passionate about building bridges between First Nations and business communities, as a pathway to a strong and prosperous economic future for all. With a background as a Deputy Minister, educator, a member of the US Army's 75th Ranger Regiment and as Manitoba's Treaty Commissioner, Jamie works with innovative organizations looking to tap into Canada's hidden potential. Jamie's greatest leadership strengths are as a facilitator and relationship builder where his calm and thoughtful demeanor enables him to navigate complex and often highly charged situations, to positive and successful outcomes. He is currently the Vice President of Indigenous Strategy, Research and Business Development with Red River College Polytechnic in Treaty 1 territory.

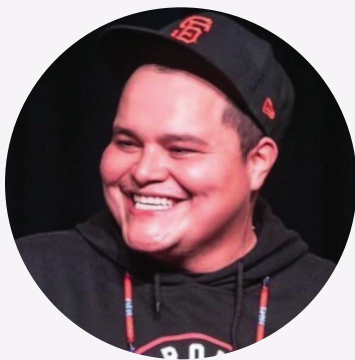
As a teacher and Director of Education for Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Jamie was involved with establishing OCN's Land Based Education programs with significant community support. The program is considered to be one of Canada's best and a model for communities looking to build their relationships with the land.

As Treaty Commissioner for Manitoba Jamie led a team that gained support for treaty education from a diverse network including The Manitoba Teachers Society, Manitoba Superintendents,

Manitoba School Boards, Chambers of Commerce, Rotary and church groups and all political parties. This work culminated in the province supporting the Treaty Education Initiative and making Treaty Education mandatory in Manitoba. Manitoba students are now learning about treaties in Kindergarten through Grade 11 at every school in the province.

Jamie was also employee #1 at the First Nations owned Arctic Gateway Group, operators of the rail line to Churchill and the Port of Churchill, and was a key member of the team that gained access to significant federal and provincial investment totalling over \$170 million. AGG's Indigenous staffing numbers were raised during his tenure from well under 50% to over 70%, with 90% of all new hires during his time there being Indigenous – mainly First Nations from northern Manitoba.

Jamie just finished teaching the first class offered at the Asper School of Business MBA program focused on Indigenous Business Relations, a class that many of the students are now lobbying to be a mandatory part of the MBA program.



PAUL RABLIAUSKAS - (RECEPTION)

Canadian Stand-up Comedian from Poplar River First Nation

Paul Rabliauskas is an accomplished stand-up comedian, writer, and actor.

He's performed in theatres and festivals across Canada including Oddblock Comedy Festival, Winnipeg Comedy Festival, Just For Laughs, Just For Laughs Northwest, and the Arctic Comedy Festival. In July 2021, Paul taped his first stand up special at the Just For Laughs Festival for Crave TV. His debut television series, Acting Good, went to air on CTV Comedy Channel in October 2022. Paul's comedy can regularly be heard on CBC and SiriusXM.

Dennis Meeches and Jim Bear will share emcee duties throughout the forum.

The 2-day forum includes a continental breakfast buffet, health break refreshments, and lunch included in your registration, and also the Networking Reception from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on June 13th, 2023, featuring the Comedy of Paul Rabliauskas.

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is proud to announce their 1st

Economic Reconciliation Business Forum Agenda

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DAY ONE

Breakfast Buffet 8:00 am
Health Break 10:45 am
Lunch 12:00 noon
Health Break 2:30 pm

NETWORK EVENING RECEPTION

Tuesday, June 13th, 2023
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Comedian - Paul Rabliauskas
Music and Audio by Primetime Empyre

DAY TWO

Breakfast Buffet 8:00 am
Health Break 10:20 am
Lunch 12:00 noon
Health Break 2:30 pm

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DAY 1 – TUESDAY JUNE 13TH, 2023

Day 1 Master of Ceremonies
Dennis Meeches

8:00 am **BREAKFAST BUFFET** – Registration, and visit Business Booths

9:00 am **Day 1 Forum Kickoff**

- Dennis Meeches, President of the Tribal Council Investment Group (TCIG) and Chair of the Board of Indigeno Travel
 - Drum Group
 - Opening Prayer

9:20 am **Opening Remarks**

- Grand Chief Jerry Daniels, SCO

Welcome Remarks

- Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Grand Chief Garrison Settee
- The Honourable Eileen Clarke, Minister of Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations
- Ian Cramer, CEO of SCED LP

10:00 am Keynote Speaker

- Jamie Wilson, VP Indigenous Strategies Research and Business Development for Red River College Polytechnic
 - **Topic:** Economic Reconciliation a Business Development Perspective
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10:45 am HEALTH BREAK

11:00 am Keynote Speakers

- Mark Chipman, Executive Chairman & Governor of True North Sports & Entertainment
 - Bram Strain, CEO, Business Council of Manitoba
 - **Topic:** Economic Reconciliation and Future Business Possibilities
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12:00 pm LUNCH

1:00 pm Welcome Back

- Dennis Meeches, President of the Tribal Council Investment Group (TCIG) and Chair of the Board of Indigeno Travel
 - Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Manitoba Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse
 - Opening Remarks on Economic Reconciliation Forum
 - Kandice Leonard Regional Director General, Indigenous Services Canada, Manitoba Region.
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1:10 pm Guest Speakers

- Joy Cramer, CEO of SCO, Wehwehneh Bahgahkinahgoohn, or 'it is visible' HBC Project
 - **Topic:** Overview on the SCO Hudson Bay Company Building Project
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1:45 pm Guest Speakers

- Chief Gordon Bluesky, of Brokenhead Ojibway Nation and Board Director of Treaty 1 Development Corporation
 - Whelan Sutherland, CEO of Treaty 1 Development Corporation
 - **Topic:** Urban Business Development Treaty One
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2:30 pm HEALTH BREAK

2:45 pm Guest Speakers

- Vitaly Galiulin, Vice President of ATCO Frontec
 - **Topic:** Reconciliation Partnership
 - Don Ross, Senior Vice-President, George Gordon Developments
 - **Topic:** George Gordon Development Ltd. Partnership
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DAY 1 – TUESDAY JUNE 13TH, 2023

Day 1 Master of Ceremonies
Dennis Meeches

3:30 pm **Guest Speakers**

- Michelle Cameron, owner of Dreamcatchers Promotions and Indigenous Nations Apparel Company
 - **Topic:** TBD

4:00 pm **Guest Speakers**

- Clinton Lawrence Whyte, Director General Procurement Assistance Canada
- Kelsey Debets, Regional Director of Procurement Assistance Canada (Western Region)
 - **Topic:** Procurement Assistance Canada Federal Government Procurement Opportunities

4:40 pm **Closing Remarks**

- Dennis Meeches
 - Thanking guests and Business Booths
 - Start of Networking Reception

DAY 1 – EVENING RECEPTION – 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Comedian Entertainment by Paul Rabliauskas

Music and Audio by Primetime Empyre

DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY JUNE 14TH, 2023

Day 2 Master of Ceremonies
Jim Bear

8:00 am **BREAKFAST BUFFET** – Registration, and visit Business Booths

9:00 am **Day 2 Forum Kickoff**

- Jim Bear, Former Chief of Brokenhead Ojibway Nation
 - Opening Prayer

9:05 am **Welcome Remarks**

- Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Grand Chief Cathy Merrick
- Scott Gillingham, Mayor of City of Winnipeg
- The Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada
- Coty Zachariah, Policy Analyst, SCO and SCO Youth
 - Congratulating 2 SCO Youth Entrepreneurs in Business

9:35 am Keynote Speaker

- Ovide Mercredi, former National Chief of The Assembly of First Nations
 - **Topic:** Economic Reconciliation Issues and Opportunities for Business

10:20 am HEALTH BREAK**10:35 am Guest Speakers**

- Chief Dave Ledoux, Gambler First Nation
 - **Topic:** Reconciliation Partnership
- Daymon Guillas, PADCOM Ltd
 - **Topic:** Potash Mine - Potash & Agri Development Corp

11:15 am Keynote Speaker

- Manny Jules, Chief Commissioner from First Nations Tax Commission
 - **Topic:** Urban Business Development and Taxes

12:00 LUNCH**1:00 pm Welcome Back**

- Jim Bear, Former Chief of Brokenhead Ojibway Nation
- Minister Jeff Wharton, Minister of Economic Development, Investment and Trade

1:05 pm Keynote Speaker

- Carol Anne Hilton, Founder of Indigenomics Institute
 - **Topic:** Indigenous Wealth Building

1:50 pm Guest Speaker

- Nathan McCorrister, Relationship Manager for First Nations Financial Management Board
 - **Topic:** Economic Reconciliation and Capital Opportunities

2:30 pm HEALTH BREAK**2:45 pm Guest Speaker**

- Andrew Thunder, Director of Corporate Responsibility, The North West Company
 - **Topic:** Overview on how Economic Reconciliation is doing within The Northwest Company Inc

3:15 pm Guest Speaker

- Frank Busch, Director of Economic Development for Strategies North Advisory Inc
 - **Topic:** Capital and Partnership Building

4:00 pm Closing Remarks, Closing Prayer, and Drum Group

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