

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

08:00 AM - 09:00 AM	Registration & Breakfast
09:00 AM - 09:15 AM	BC Broadband Conference 2026 Opens Opening remarks from the Master of Ceremonies BCBA Presidents Report & Welcome Address from the Minister Scott Grant - VP of Sales, Lite Access Technologies Bob Allen - President, BC Broadband Association Honourable Diana Gibson - Minister of Citizens' Services
09:15 AM - 09:45 AM	Keynote Speaker Nirmala Naidoo - Commissioner, AB and the Northwest Territories, CRTC
09:45 AM - 10:30AM	Introduction to Network BC; Panel Discussion: The Challenges of Placing Telecommunications Equipment on Public Infrastructure Moderator: Michael Jeffery - Senior Director, Connectivity Initiatives, Network BC Panelists: Daniel Mundall - Executive Director, Lyttonnet Bob Calbick - Director, Minto Communications Society Scott Grant - VP of Sales, Lite Access Technologies Dillon Stuart - Senior Director, Permitting & Policy, Network BC
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Operationalizing Intelligence: Real-World AI and Automation in TELUS Networks Osman Naeem - Director of Technology Strategy, TELUS
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Regulatory Update Christian Tacit - Barrister & Solicitor, Tacit Law
12:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Lunch
01:00 PM - 01:30 PM	Bridge River Valley Fibre Project Bob Calbick - Director, Minto Communications Society
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM	Business Models for Connecting BC First Nations – Financing & Multi-Stream Operations Keith Ponton - Delivery Director – Global Telecoms and Media Cabinet Leader, Arcadis
02:30 PM - 03:30 PM	Coffee Break
03:30 PM - 04:00 PM	Hyperscalers in North America Scott Jamieson - VP, Fiber Broadband Projects, Plenary Americas
04:00 PM - 04:30 PM	BC Broadband Forum Introduction Scott Grant - VP of Sales, Lite Access Technologies
04:30 PM - 04:40 PM	BCIT Introduction to BCBA Members Rick Davidson - Department Head, Digital Communications and Wireless Technologies, BCIT
04:40 PM	Vendor Speed Introductions & Closing Remarks
05:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Vendor Exposition Vendors booths will be open to visit from 9am – 6:30pm
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Dinner, Awards & Door Prizes

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- 08:00 AM - 09:00 AM **Registration & Breakfast**
- 09:00 AM - 09:30 AM **Zero-Trust Networking for Distributed IOT**
Nader Kashani - Founder, SOLIMEDIA Technology
- 09:30 AM - 10:00 AM **AI's Thirst for Power and Bandwidth - What is the Network's Role?**
John Frame - Systems Engineering Leader, Arista
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM **How to Specify Fibre Optic Cable**
Martin Stimpson - Regional Manager, FibreOne – a Division of Sales Outsource Solutions
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM **Better Network Data, Better Decisions**
Jeremy Austin - Senior Product Manager, Preseem
- 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM **Broadband TV: A Retention Play for BC Operators**
Stephan Cote - Head of TiVo Canada, Tivo
- 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM **Lunch**
- 01:00 PM - 01:30 PM **ISED Update: NCLL Licensing**
Chantal Davis - Senior Director, Regulatory Policy, Spectrum Policy Branch, ISED
- 01:30 PM - 02:15 PM **Panel Discussion: State of the 5G Marketplace in Canada**
Moderator: Bob Allen - President, BC Broadband Association
Panelists:
Ken Trudel - Account Executive, Trispec Communications
Dave Clelland - System Engineer, MBSI WAV
Michael Bond - Manager – Engineering, Star Solutions
Brenda Bouchette - Technical and Economics Advisor, Tacit Law
- 02:15 PM - 02:45 PM **Old Castle Infrastructure Presentation**
Peter Kocsis - Commercial Director, Communications Canada, Oldcastle Infrastructure
- 02:45 PM - 03:15 PM **Coffee Break**
- 03:15 PM - 03:45 PM **From connectivity to sustainability: how hybrid networks can strengthen and not replace local ISPs**
Serge Mushinzimana - Senior Account Executive, Telesat
- 03:45 PM - 04:15 PM **VANIX Presentation**
Tom Samplonius - Director, Network Services, VANIX
- 04:15 PM - 04:45 PM **Rural Spectrum Options**
Brenda Bouchette - Technical and Economics Advisor, Tacit Law
- 4:45 PM **Closing Ceremony**

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