



First Nations Connect Conference

"Connecting Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to the World"



Agenda

Day 1 - Meet & Greet Monday, February 11

7:30 pm **Early Registration** - Valhalla Inn BALLROOM

8:00 pm **Meet & Greet Reception** - Valhalla Inn BALLROOM, Exhibit area opens

Welcome to the **First Nations Connect** Conference.

The goal of this conference and for all the partners involved in hosting the gathering is to identify strategies to bring all the Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities together onto a virtual highway (or as some people call it, a **BROADBAND NETWORK**). This conference is one step to begin working together to plan a network that can be modelled by other communities and regions across Canada and around the world.

This network will support new economic opportunities in each First Nation. It will be able to support a variety of new health services using a variety of telehealth technologies. Educational opportunities for our children and ourselves will be available at all levels of learning. Community members will be able to access high speed data services, videoconferencing and other on-line services. Businesses can market their products and services and maintain their purchases and inventories in a timely manner using this broadband network. Meetings and resource people can be arranged with people in other First Nations communities. Our children will venture far beyond our present position by expanding, exploring and creating many new opportunities using these modern communication tools.

It is with this challenge and vision in mind that we all come together to discuss ways to bring these new tools into every Nishnawbe Aski First Nation.



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Day 2 - Building Smart Applications
Tuesday, February 12

Session 1 - Smart Communities

- 8:00am **Registration / Breakfast Buffet - BALLROOM -**
- 9:00 **Welcome - MC**
Les Meekis
- 9:10 **Opening Prayers**
Fred Kakegamic (elder)
- 9:15 **Introductory Remarks**
Geordi Kakepetum, Keewatinook Okimakanak Executive Director
- 9:30 **Keynote Speaker**
Ken Thomas - Special Advisor to Matthew Coon Come - AFN
- 10:15 **Overview of Smart Initiatives**
Brian Beaton, K-Net Services Coordinator
- 10:30 **Networking Coffee Break - Sponsored by Hydro One Remote Communities**

Session 2 - ICT in Everyday Life

- 11:00 **Smart Initiative - ICTs & Our Communities**
*Marlene McKay **On-line Native Language Teacher, KiHS*
Panel members - Chief George Kakekaspan & Raymond Mason
How ICT Affects Our Families and Communities
Maintaining & Protecting Our Language
- 11:30 **Q & A Session**
- 11:45 **SERVED LUNCH with Guest Speaker **Rahil Khan - Project Officer,**
Smart Communities Program - Industry Canada

Session 3 - ICT & Health Matters

- 1:00pm **Smart Initiative - ICT & Health**
*Orpah MacKenzie ** KO Health Director*
Panel Members - John Rowlandson, Dr. Claudette Chase & Laurie Sherrington
First Nation Telehealth
- 1:30 **Q & A Session**
- 1:45 **Telehealth Demonstration**
Connection with First Nation Nursing Station

Session 4 - ICT & Education

- 2:00pm **Smart Initiative - ICT & Education**
*Lynda Kakepetum **KiHS Counsellor*
Panel Members - Marlene McKay & Madeleine Stoney
KiHS - Community Based Internet Secondary School
- 2:30 **Q & A Session**
- 2:45 **Distance Education Demonstration**
Connection with Contact North Network -
*Wayne Sajna Hebert ** Vice-President & Chief Information Officer*
- 3:00 **Networking Coffee Break - Sponsored by PLATO LEARNING CANADA INC.**

Session 5 - ICT & Network Infrastructure

- 3:30pm **Smart Initiative - Broadband Network Infrastructure**
*Dan Pellerin **Network Manager*
Panel Members - Peter Campbell & Angus Miles
The Kuh-ke-nah Network
- 4:00 **Q & A Session**
- 4:15 **Network Demonstration**
Connection with Fort Severn First Nation (and other First Nations)
Chief George Kakekaspan and Council
- 4:45 **Wrap up Session and Closing Prayer**
MC - Les Meekis
Elder - Fred Kakegamic
- 5:00 **Meeting Adjourns (supper is “on your own”)**
- 7:00 **Informal Evening Session (optional) - Telecommons Development Group -**
Helen Aitkin
 - *Network Demonstrations*
 - *Slide Show presentations **ICTs in other developing countries*
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Day 3 - Building Smart First Nations Wednesday, February 13

- 7:15 **Served Breakfast**
- 8:15 **Welcome**
MC Peter Campbell
- 8:20 **Opening Prayers**
Fred Kakegamic
- 8:25 **Introductory Remarks**
Geordi Kakepetum, Keewatinook Okimakanak Executive Director
- 8:30 **Keynote Speaker**
Grand Chief Stan Beardy, Nishnawbe Aski Nation

Session 6 - ICT & First Nations Communities

- 9:15am **ICT & Smart First Nations**
*Les Meekis **Community Manager*
Panel Members - Oscar Meekis & Susan Owen
Community Engagement and Planning in the use of ICTs
- 9:45 **Q & A Session**
- 10:00 **Sharing Lessons Learned**
Connection with community members in North Spirit Lake First Nation
*Darlene Rae **e-Centre Manager & staff*
- 10:30 **Networking Coffee Break**

Session 7 - ICT & Economic Development

- 11:00 **ICT and Economic Development**
*Harvey Yesno **CEO - NADF*
The NAN Economic Development Officers' Network
- 11:30 **Q & A Session**

Session 8 - ICT & Community Planning

- 11:45 **ICT and Community Planning**
*David Neegan **Business Development & Marketing*
Panel Member - Mike Belliveau, Innovations Officer, FedNor
Preparing a Smart Community Business Case
- 12:15 **Q & A Session**
- 12:30 **Served Lunch Sponsored by BELL CANADA**
Guest Speakers - Gordon Kakegamic **NAN Telecom Technician &
Jacques Drouin ** Manager of Connectivity Policy - Industry Canada

Session 9 - ICT & Women and Youth

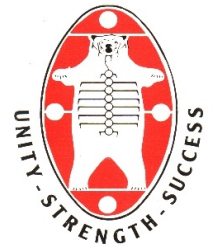
- 2:00 **ICT and Women and Youth**
*Madeleine Stoney **e-Centre Manager*
Panel Members - Darlene Rae & Jesse Fiddler
Developing Economic & Employment Opportunities using ICTs for Women and Youth
- 2:45 **Q & A Session**
- 2:30 **Networking Coffee Break - Sponsored by TELESAT CANADA**

Session 10 - ICT & Government

- 3:00 **ICT & Government Funding Programs**
*Rob Stinchcombe **Manager, FedNor - Northwestern Ontario*
Panel Members - Carl Seibel , FedNor & Wally Bannon, Aboriginal Business Canada
“Supporting the Broadband Agenda in Northern Ontario”
- 3:30 **Q & A Session**
- 3:45 **ICT & Government On-line**
*Matthew Chan **Project Manager - Government On-line, INAC*
Moving Government Services On-line
- 4:30 **Q & A Session**
- 4:45 **Wrap up Session and Closing Prayer**
MC - Peter Campbell
Elder - Fred Kakegamic
- 5:00 **Meeting Adjourns (supper is “on your own”)**
- 7:00 **Informal Evening Session (optional) - Telecommons Development Group -**
*Helen Aitkin & Galin Kora **Network Demonstrations*
 - *Slide Show presentations **ICTs in other developing countries*
 - *Planning Meetings (proposals and strategies)*



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Day 4 - Planning Our Future Thursday, February 14

- 7:30 **Breakfast**
- 8:30 **Welcome - M.C.**
Geordi Kakepetum, Keewatinook Okimakanak Executive Director
- 8:35 **Opening Prayers**
Fred Kakegamic
- 8:40 **Introductory Remarks**
Geordi Kakepetum, Keewatinook Okimakanak Executive Director
- 8:45 **Keynote Speaker**
*Paul Bush **Vice President Corporate Relations, Telesat*

Session 11 - Taking the Information Home

- 9:15 **ICT in First Nations Communities**
*David Paul Achneepineskum **Executive Director*
Panel Members - Stan Beardy, Harvey Yesno & Geordi Kakepetum
Video Conference - George Kakekaspan
Taking the information learned and applying it in your Community
- 10:15 **Coffee Break - News Conference**
- 11:00 ***Recommendations and Next Steps***
- 12:00 **Concluding Discussions and Remarks**
- 12:30 **Conference Adjourns**
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