

June 19 – Building a 21st Century Workforce Learning Summit
8:30 am – 4:00 pm



8:30 am – 8:50: Coffee, registration, networking

8:50-9:00: Welcome, overview, introductions

9:00-10:00: Keynote, Dr. Sean Markey, Simon Fraser University

- Title: Building a 21st Century Work “Place” in Rural British Columbia

10:00-11:30: Rural Workforce Development: Ideas, Innovations, and Examples

- Dr. Ryan Gibson, University of Guelph - *Rural Immigration and Welcoming Communities*
- Dr. Heather Hall, University of Waterloo - *Rural Innovation and Entrepreneurship*
- Wayne Kelly, Brandon University - *Broadband, Technology and Our Future Workforce*
- Dr. Lukas Bichler, University of British Columbia-Okanagan – *Applied Research with the Metals Cluster and Building our Future Engineering Workforce*
- Amber Hayes, MIDAS – *Innovation and Workforce Development in Metal Tech Alley*
- Scott Weatherford, CEO, ATCO Wood Products - *Innovation in our Region’s Forestry Cluster*

11:30 – 12:15: Lunch

12:15 – 2:00: Think Tanks Part 1: Building Competitive Clusters

- Target Clusters:
 - Forestry
 - Mining & metals
 - Technology
 - Advanced Manufacturing
 - Tourism
 - Education
 - Service Providers / Support
- What do we know?
- What don’t we know?
- Potential strategies and actions?

2:00 - 2:15: Coffee Break

2:15 – 3:45: Think Tanks Part 2: Advancing Regional Workforce Development

- Workforce Development Themes:
 - Building a 21st Century workforce
 - Facilitating inclusive access to quality jobs
 - Enhancing & building regional industry-education-community collaborations
- What related assets to we have in place?
- How can we link and leverage these assets to advance workforce development?
- What are some short and medium term opportunities for collaborative action?

3:45-4:00: Wrap up and next steps



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