

DAY 1 WEDNESDAY
JUNE 19TH

3 PM - 5:30 PM

REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY OPEN

3 PM - 6 PM

TRADE SHOW

TRADEVIBE: IGNITING INNOVATION IN BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

6:30 PM - 10 PM

WELCOME NETWORKING RECEPTION

SKYLINE CONNECTIONS AT KING TAP'S ROOFTOP



DAY 2 THURSDAY JUNE 20TH

7 AM - 8 AM

TRADE SHOW

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7 AM - 8 AM

BREAKFAST + WELCOME

RISE AND SHINE

8:00 AM

WELCOMING REMARKS

8:15 AM - 9:15 AM

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: IT'S COMPLICATED

JENNIFER LEE, BMO CAPITAL MARKETS ECONOMICS

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

OPENING KEYNOTE

WILL BOWEN, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

TRADE SHOW

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10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

NETWORKING BREAK

11:15 AM - 12 PM

AI: A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE



DAY 2 THURSDAY JUNE 20TH

12 PM - 1:30 PM

LUNCH

12 PM - 1:30 PM

TRADE SHOW

TRADEVIBE: IGNITING INNOVATION IN BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

GROW YOUR WEALTH

THE PETTICREW GROUP OF BMO NESBITT BURNS

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

NAVIGATING THE NUMBERS: BC'S CURRENT LABOUR LANDSCAPE

KLAYTON GONÇALVES, BUILDFORCE CANADA

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

2024 AGM

6 PM - 7 PM

NETWORKING RECEPTION

SUNSET SUMMIT: THE GRAND CONNECTION (FORMAL ATTIRE)

7 PM - 10 PM

GALA DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

STARLIT SPLENDOR: GALA BANQUET (FORMAL ATTIRE)



DAY 3 **FRIDAY** **JUNE 21ST**

7 AM - 8 AM

BREAKFAST

KICKSTART

7 AM - 8 AM

TRADE SHOW

TRADEVIBE: IGNITING INNOVATION IN BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

8 AM - 9 AM

LABOUR SHORTAGE INTEGRATING COMPANIES AND COMMUNITIES

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

DEEP DIVE: THE INDUSTRY'S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

TRADE SHOW

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9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

NETWORKING BREAK

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

(TBA)

11 AM - 12 PM

BEYOND HELMETS: WORKSITE SAFETY

STEVE HOWE, WORKPLACE SAFETY ACCIDENT SURVIVOR & SAFETY EXPERT

12 PM

LUNCH 'N LEARN

12:30 - 1:30 PM

CLOSING ON A HIGH NOTE

DEREK STROKON, LEAN IN TO LEADERSHIP



CONFERENCE **SPEAKERS**



Will Bowen

Certified Speaking Professional
National Speakers Association

Will Bowen is the founder of the Complaint Free movement. More than 15 million people worldwide have taken Will's 21-Day Complaint Free challenge. Will's been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show, NBC's Today show, People, Forbes, Newsweek, The Wall Street Journal, and Chicken Soup for the Soul.

Will holds the CSP (Certified Speaking Professional) designation and is a top keynote speaker and trainer for businesses and associations worldwide. Will's speaking clients include Volvo, Kimberly Clark, and The Million Dollar Roundtable. All five of Will's books are international bestsellers.



Derek Strokon

**Business Coach & Consultant, TedX
Speaker**
Sacred Line Consulting

Derek Strokon is a 2x international best-selling author, TEDx Speaker, leader and philanthropreneur whose practice focuses on resilience development and process implementation. His award-winning approach to sales excellence is driven by a team-centered approach of 'Strength Through Vulnerability'. His relentless passion for evangelizing the 'Human Journey', is both inspiring and contagious.

Derek lives in Sun Peaks, BC, Canada, with his wife and 2 children. They love the outdoors, know what is sacred to them, and focus on lifestyle integration. His positive, essential approach is infectious and always 100% authentic.

CONFERENCE **SPEAKERS**



Klayton Gonçalves

Senior Economist and Head of Business
Intelligence
BuildForce Canada

Klayton Gonçalves is Senior Economist and Head of Business Intelligence with BuildForce Canada. He is at the forefront of producing BuildForce Canada's annual labour market forecasts, producing insightful reports and delivering engaging presentations.



Jennifer Lee

Senior Economist & Managing Director
BMO Capital Markets Economics

Jennifer has been with BMO Capital Markets Economics for over two decades and is perhaps best known for her analysis on the U.S. economy, as well as her commentary on global financial market and economic activity. Her entertaining, easy-to-understand and call-it-like-it-is style has earned her a devoted following.

Jennifer is a regular in the media and is a frequent guest on Bloomberg. Most recently, she took the #3 spot in the 2023 Focus Economics Survey for Euro Area policy rates among 31 global firms.



Steve Howe

Workplace Accident Survivor, Safety
Expert, Inspirational Speaker

With over 18 years in the construction industry, Steve Howe understands the daily hazards faced by workers and why safety is often viewed as an impediment. In the spring of 2006, while working as a young tree faller on the Sea to Sky Highway project in British Columbia, Steve suffered an unimaginable injury.

As a safety consultant, Steve travels across the country sharing his story and inspiring audiences to trust their gut. He reminds us that he used to live to work but now he works to live. This keeps what's important - his family, his health, his life - at the forefront of every safety decision he makes today.

PANELISTS



Elizabeth Petticrew

Senior Portfolio Manager & Senior
Wealth Advisor

The Petticrew Group, BMO Nesbitt Burns

This session will be facilitated by one of the Globe & Mail's top-ranked wealth advisors of 2021 and 2022. Specializing in individual and corporate portfolio management, Elizabeth is the lead portfolio manager on her team. Since entering the investment business in 1988, Elizabeth has been an active participant in education initiatives. She has delivered educational seminars for the UBC Law Society, BC Women's Hospital, BCIT, SFU, local companies, associations, and investment clubs. In addition, she was sponsored by the Investment Dealers Association as night school instructor in the areas of financial planning and investing.

A supporter of community initiatives, Elizabeth has held the position of co-president of the Western Businesswomen's Association, participated in the YWCA mentorship program, and sat on the Ethics Committee of Women's Hospital. Elizabeth was nominated for the prestigious YWCA Women of Distinction Award; in 2015 she became one of the founding contributors to the SheEO's year of radical giving campaign, and in 2016 she became a full member of the Women Presidents Organization.



Kimiko Comeau

CFA, FEA

Director, Business Advisory & Transition
Planning

BMO Nesbitt Burns

A member of the Business Advisory and Transition Planning team, Kimiko contributes to providing high-net-worth business owners in transition with a sophisticated, forward-thinking wealth management plan. She works with individuals and business owners in the areas of business succession, transition, sale, mergers and acquisitions (M&A), and valuations for the purposes of wealth planning and transfer. With a background as a mid-market M&A advisor at a Big Four professional services firm, Kimiko brings a breadth of experience, particularly on the sell-side for private companies in a range of industries including construction, manufacturing, distribution, and oil and gas services.



Holly Castle,

CPA, CA, CFP®, TEP

Wealth and Tax Planner

BMO Nesbitt Burns

Providing tax and estate planning expertise to families and business owners, Holly offers guidance on business succession, tax structuring, estate planning, post-mortem planning, and charitable giving. Holly brings insight from her extensive career in public accounting and in senior tax roles where she focused on tax and estate planning issues related to individuals, privately held corporations, trusts, and estates.