



# NETWORKING CONFERENCE INTERIM SCHEDULE

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APRIL 10 – 13, 2024

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## TIME

## SCHEDULE

**3:30pm**

**Check in Begins**

**5:00pm**

**Doors Open**

**6:00PM–6:10PM**

**Opening Remarks**

Michael Binnion, Chair, CSFN

Adam Bolek, President and CEO, CSFN

**6:00PM – 7:00PM**

**SPECIAL KEYNOTE**

- Hon. Tony Abbott, Former Prime Minister Australia
  - Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson, Former Prime Minister, UK
- Moderator: John O’Sullivan

**7:05PM**

**Networking Reception**

# THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

**7:00AM–8:00AM**

**Check-in & Light Breakfast**

**8:00AM–8:45AM**

**PANEL: Parental Rights**

- Heidi Mckillop, ASN Productions Ltd.
  - Suzanne Sexton, Consultant
  - Christa Nicholson, Nicholson Law
- Moderator: Lindsay Wilson, Alberta Proud

**8:45AM–9:00AM**

**Presentation of CVT Certificates**

- Adam Bolek, Canada Strong and Free Network
- Paige MacPherson, Canada Strong and Free Network

**9:30AM–10:00AM**

**PANEL – Regulating the Internet: The Power, Potential, and Peril of Social Media**

- David Frieheit, Content Creator
  - Dr. Michael Geist, University of Ottawa
  - Jen Gerson, The Line
- Moderator: Paul Taillon, MASH Strategy

**10:00AM–10:30AM**

**SPECIAL KEYNOTE**

- Hon. Blaine Higgs, Premier of New Brunswick
- Moderator – Andrew Lawton, True North

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- 10:30AM-10:45AM** **Networking Break**
- 10:45AM-11:30AM** **PANEL - Demographics, Education, Childcare and Family Policy**
- Ginny Roth, Crestview Strategy
  - Andrea Mrozek, CARDUS
  - Paige MacPherson, Fraser Institute
- Moderator: Brian Dijkema, CARDUS
- 11:30AM-12:15AM** **SPECIAL KEYNOTE**
- Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada
- 12:15PM-1:15PM** **Networking Lunch**
- 1:15PM - 2:15PM** **PANEL - Carbon Tech, Not Taxes**
- Amy Henry, Eunike Ventures
  - Cherie Copithorn-Barnes, CL Ranches
  - Michael Binnion, Questerre Energy Services
- Moderator: Dan McTeague, Canadians for Affordable Energy
- 2:15PM - 3:00PM** **PANEL - Immigration**
- Eric Duhaime, Conservative Party of Quebec
  - Sean Speer, The Hub
  - Aaron Wudwick, MacDonald Laurier Institute
- Moderator: Tom Kmiec, MP
- 3:00PM - 3:45PM** **PANEL - Issues in Our Cities- A Conservative Response**
- Matthew Spoke, Moves
  - Anthony Furey, Executive Director, The Stronach Foundation for Economic Rights
  - Luke Niforatos, Foundation for Drug Policy Solutions
  - Aaron Gunn, CPC Candidate for North Island - Powell River
- Moderator: Katy Merrifield, Wellington Advocacy

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**3:45PM-4:15PM**

**Networking Break**

**4:15PM – 4:45PM**

**PANEL – Europe’s Net Zero Rebellion and the coming North American reckoning**

- Dr. Benny Peiser, American Friends of the GWPF
- Francis Menton, American Friends of the GWPF

Moderator: Gina Pappano, InvestNow Inc.

**4:45PM – 5:15PM**

**FIRESIDE CHAT – Fuelling the Future: Lessons Learned and Next Steps for Natural Resource Revival**

- Tim McMillan, Garrison Strategy
- Shannon Stubbs, MP

**5:15PM – 5:30PM**

**A Tribute to The Rt. Hon. Brian Mulroney**

**5:30PM – Late**

**Hospitality Suites** – Conservative Values Tomorrow, Imperial Tobacco, Modern Miracle Network

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

**7:00AM – 8:30AM**

**Check-in & Light Breakfast**

**8:30AM – 9:15AM**

**SPECIAL KEYNOTE**

- Hon. Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta

Moderator: Andrew Lawton, True North

**9:15AM-10:15AM**

**PANEL – Manufacturing Renaissance: Creating Canada’s Next Industrial Revolution**

- Shawn Fried, Medicom
- Andrea van Vugt, Wellington Advocacy
- Brian Kingston, CVMA

Moderator: Yaroslav Baran, Pendulum Group

**10:15AM-10:30AM**

**Presentation of In Memoriam and Cliff Fryers Award & Recognition of Outgoing Board Members**

- Kate Harrison, Canada Strong and Free Network

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<b>10:30AM–11:00AM</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>
<b>11:00AM–11:45AM</b>	<b>SPECIAL KEYNOTE</b>
<b>11:45AM–12:30AM</b>	<b>PANEL – First Nations: First Principles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stephen Buffalo, Indian Resource Council</li><li>• Jennifer Elle Laewetz, Warshield</li><li>• Malcolm MacPherson, White Law</li></ul> Moderator: Jauvonne Kitto, Saa Dene Group of Companies
<b>12:30PM–1:30PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:30PM–2:15PM</b>	<b>PANEL – Foreign Policy Focus: The Threat of Iran and Qatar, and their proxies to the west</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Richard Goldberg, FDD</li><li>• Nazanin Afshin-Jam MacKay, Human Rights Activist</li><li>• Dr. Orlando Gutierrez Boronat, Cuban Resistance Assembly</li></ul> Moderator: Shuvaloy Majumdar, MP
<b>2:15PM–3:00PM</b>	<b>PANEL – Foreign Policy Focus: Russia and Ukraine</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Balkan Devlen, Macdonald Laurier Institute</li><li>• Mark Spiro, Crestview Strategy</li><li>• Matthew Bondy, Enterprise Canada</li></ul> Moderator: Laryssa Waler, GT and Company
<b>3:00PM–3:30PM</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>
<b>3:30PM–4:15PM</b>	<b>PANEL – Foreign Policy Focus: Foreign Interference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sheryl Saperia, Secure Canada</li><li>• Hon. Tony Abbott, Former Prime Minister of Australia</li><li>• Hon. Michael Chong, MP</li></ul> Moderator: Sam Cooper, The Bureau
<b>4:15PM–4:45PM</b>	<b>SPECIAL KEYNOTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sohrab Ahmari, Compact Magazine</li></ul> Moderator: Jamil Jivani, Member of Parliament for Durham and Former President of Canada Strong and Free Network

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*Best Practices Forum - Training Sessions and Practitioner-Focused Dialogue*

<b>8:00AM-9:00AM</b>	<b>Check-in &amp; Light Breakfast</b>
<b>9:00AM-9:05AM</b>	<b>Opening Address</b>
<b>9:05AM-10:00AM</b>	<b>Training Session: Campaigning in Social Media</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stephen Rowe, Leadership Institute</li></ul>
<b>10:00AM-11:00AM</b>	<b>Indigenous 101: Engaging First Nations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Duke Peltier, Ogimaa First Nation</li><li>• Malcolm MacPherson, White Law</li><li>• Alexandria Shrake, Warshield</li></ul>
<b>11:00AM-11:30AM</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>
<b>11:30AM-12:30PM</b>	<b>Training Session: Communications Strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brent Lowder, Leadership Institute</li></ul>
<b>12:30PM-1:15PM</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
<b>1:15PM-2:15PM</b>	<b>Training Session: Artificial Intelligence for Campaigns</b> Stephen Rowe, Leadership Institute
<b>2:15-2:45PM</b>	<b>Keynote: Integrating Data with Ballot Box Questions</b> Hamish Marshall, ONE Persuades
<b>2:45PM-3:15PM</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>
<b>3:15PM-4:15PM</b>	<b>Training Session TBD</b>