

# Business & Political Leaders *for* Women

*Facing the Challenges*

*Canada's Aboriginal women have faced great hurdles in the past. While barriers to progress still exist, Aboriginal women are succeeding in areas that are having major impacts on families and communities, in commerce and the arts. Aboriginal women are forging new ground and overcoming challenges in business and politics. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the new era of development for Aboriginal women - a time of reinvention, changing dynamics, courage, and renewed hope.*



January 29–30, 2004  
Sheraton Cavalier Hotel  
Calgary, Alberta

# CONFERENCE AGENDA (provisional)

## DAY 1

7:30 **Registration**

8:30 **Opening Prayer** BEE CALLIOU-SCHADECK

8:40 **Welcome & Opening Remarks from Conference Chair and Introduction of Keynote Speaker**  
MARIE DELORME, President, imagiNATION Cards Inc, AB

9:00 **OPENING ADDRESS**  
HON. DR. LOIS HOLE, Lieutenant Governor of AB

### SESSION 1: THE CHALLENGES

9:30 **Life After Residential School**  
LILA BRUYERE, Alcohol & Drug Coordinator, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, ON

9:50 **Contributions of Dr. Mary Two-Axe Early to the Aboriginal Women's Struggle**  
ED TWO-AXE EARLY, Early & Associates, QC

10:10 **Aboriginal Representation within the Justice System**  
VAL MOWATT, NCCA, BC

10:30 **Networking Break**

### SESSION 2: THE JOURNEY

10:45 **The Success to Business: 'Doing What You Love and Loving What You Do'**  
KIM GHOSTKEEPER, Owner & Principal Consultant, Ghostkeeper Synergetics Ltd, AB

11:05 **Human Rights for Aboriginal Women - Where we are today**  
MURIEL STANLEY VENNE, President, Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women, AB

11:25 **Breakdowns and Upsets**  
PAT DONALDSON 'NOKOMIS', Artist, Nokomis Art, AB

12:00 **Luncheon Break**  
**Prayer** BEE CALLIOU-SCHADECK

12:30 **KEYNOTE LUNCHEON SPEAKER**  
HON. PEARL CALAHASEN, MLA, Lesser Slave Lake, Dept of Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development, AB

### SESSION 3: SUCCESSES IN BUSINESS

1:15 **Aboriginal Women for Tomorrow**  
AUDREY AHENAKAW, Regional Manager, CESO Aboriginal Services, SK

1:35 **Building Successful, Sustainable Aboriginal Ventures**  
ALDENE MEIS MASON, MBA FCCUI CMC CHRP, Lecturer/Consultant Leadership and Management Development, Faculty of Administration, University of Regina, SK

1:55 **What is Success? Analyzing the Passion, Not the Balance Sheet**  
LESLIE LOUNSBURY, BA, CAE - Publisher, SAY Magazine, MB

2:15 **Refreshment Break**

### SESSION 4: SUCCESSES IN POLITICS

2:30 **Reflections of the First Inuit Female MP**  
NANCY KARETAK-LINDELL, Member of Parliament, Liberal Party of Canada, Nunavut, NU (*speech followed by Q & A*)

2:50 **Aboriginal Women in the Political Realm**  
VICTORIA ARCAND, Chief, Alexander First Nation, AB

3:25 **The Power of Media and Politics**  
NICOLE ROBERTSON, Executive Assistant to Regional Chief of Alberta, Assembly of First Nations, AB

4:00 **Conference Adjourns**  
**Closing Prayer** BEE CALLIOU-SCHADECK

6:00-9:00 **"Mix it Up" Networking Reception\***

## DAY 2

8:45 **Opening Prayer** OLIVE MANITOPYES

9:00 **Opening Remarks from Conference Co-chair & Recap from Day 1**  
BRENDA CHAMBERS-TUCCARO, President, Brenco Media, BC

9:10 **Opening Video**

### SESSION 5: TAPPING YOUR RESOURCES

*Balancing the Emotional, Mental, Physical & Spiritual Aspects*

9:20 **Breathing Life into Your Dream**  
STEPHEN LESKIW, Manager, Aboriginal and Community Affairs, TRAVERS Food Service, AB

9:40 **Accepting Change**  
JESSIE JIM, Human Resource Development Officer, Champagne & Aishihik First Nations, YT

10:00 **Refreshment & Networking Break**

10:20 **From the Heart: Sharing Our Journey**  
CAROL CROWE, President & Aboriginal Relations Business Strategist, Indigenous Visions Inc., AB; and

10:40 BEE CALLIOU-SCHADECK, Aboriginal Advisor Devon Canada Corporation, AB

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## DAY 2 cont'd

- 11:00 *Paths & Pitfalls: Navigating your Business Path*  
GWEN REID, Managing Director, Northpoint Global Group, MB
- 11:20 *Reaching for Your Dreams: Empowering our Aboriginal Women*  
TINA HOUSE, President, House of Talent, BC
- 11:45 *Networking break*
- 12:00 **Luncheon Break**  
*Prayer* OLIVE MANITOPYES
- 12:30 **KEYNOTE LUNCHEON SPEAKER**  
COLLEEN KLEIN, AB

## SESSION 6: LIVING THE DREAM

### *Non-Typical Career Paths*

#### PANEL DISCUSSION

- 1:00 *Aboriginal Women in the Medical Profession*  
JUDITH BARTLETT, MD (2003 NAAA Recipient)  
Associate Director, Manitoba First Nation Centre for Aboriginal Health Research, Univ of Manitoba, MB
- 1:20 *Building Our Nation: Architecture and Sustainability for First Nations Communities*  
WANDA DALLA COSTA, Intern Architect, M. Arch, LEED(tm) Accredited Professional, WAUGH + BUSBY ARCHITECTS, AB
- 1:40 *Women in Technology*  
CHERYL SAVOIE, Technology Consultant, AB
- 2:00 *Law – A Flexible Degree*  
JUDY DANIELS, Lawyer, AB
- 2:20 *Women as Engineers*  
JOELY BIGEAGLE, Engineer in training, U of C, AB
- 2:40 *Q & A*
- 3:00 *Closing Remarks*  
BRENDA CHAMBERS-TUCCARO
- Closing Prayer*  
OLIVE MANITOPYES
- Round Dance Finale*  
CONFERENCE ENDS

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*Bringing Down the Northern Lights*  
by Christian Aquart

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Signature, Name, and Title of Approving Manager \_\_\_\_\_

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Single Person Registration Fee \$495.00 + GST \$34.65 = \$529.65 \_\_\_\_\_

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## EVENT DETAILS

### Conference and Trade Show Location

#### Sheraton Cavalier Hotel

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