

ARCTIC DIVISION - AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

Tuesday October 9th

- 8:30am-12:00pm** **Arctic Division - American Association for the Advancement of Science Sessions**
- 12:00pm-1:00pm** **Lunch**
- 1:00pm-5:00pm** **Arctic Division - American Association for the Advancement of Science Sessions**
- 6:00pm-8:00pm** **Reception – Saskatoon Inn**
Hosted by the Arctic Division - American Association for the Advancement of Science Sessions
All AAAS and CRRF delegates are welcome to attend

CANADIAN RURAL REVITALIZATION FOUNDATION CONFERENCE

Tuesday October 9th

- 9:30am-6:00pm** **Registration**
- 10:00am-4:00pm** **Optional CRRF Conference Tours**

Tour #1 – Advanced Water Recovery and Reuse Tour 10am-12pm, \$30+gst per person

The Advanced Wastewater treatment and recovery center is located on the NW side of Saskatoon 2 km past SaskTel Center. It is the first of its kind in Saskatchewan, however hundreds exist across Canada and USA.

This state-of-the-art technology is called an MBR (or Membrane Bio-Reactor) and converts municipal sewage it into clean, recycled water. The equipment is packaged/turn-key and mobile (so can be moved, expanded, etc. to adapt to future land use planning, environmental and population changes). The equipment fits within 40-foot-long sea containers, for example a population of 1250 people (350 meters cubed per day) can be treated by a set of 7 containers.

This tour will allow participants to:

- See how the technology is used to recycle and purify water
- Understand the health, safety and environmental risks from traditional systems
- Learn the economic and future analytics benefits

Tour #2 - Stone's Throw Rural, 1-5pm, \$55+gst per person

Kristen Johannesson of the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority will be your guide on a rural experience just a stone's throw from Saskatoon proper. First stop is a tour of food processor Key Brand Foods where you will see where your next salad at A & W and KFC comes from. Distributing across western Canada, Key Brand Foods also produces ZIGGY packaged foods for Loblaws. A short distance away is award winning Black Fox Farm & Distillery. Join these third-generation farmers on their non-traditional operation that now produces award winning spirits and flowers. Hosts John and Barb will share their story as they provide a tour along with cocktails and charcuterie. On the way back to the Saskatoon Inn, a quick stop at 'Simply Grounded Coffee' in Delisle will ready you for an evening of networking with fellow delegates.

Tour #3 – Urban Reserves, 2-4pm, \$30+gst per person

Saskatoon became linked to the phenomenon of urban reserves with the establishment of Muskeg Lake Cree Nation's Asimakaniseekan Askiy Reserve in 1988, in the south east neighbourhood of Sutherland. At the time there were many unknowns and some concern about the implications. Today, the process is well established and procedural, with six urban reserves in the city, one ATR in the surrounding Rural Municipality, and at least 7 other First Nations land holdings held in fee simple in the Saskatoon region, most with plans to convert to reserve. This tour, led by Shaun Soonias, the Executive Director of the Saskatchewan First Nations Economic Development Network, will visit several of the urban reserves in Saskatoon, including Asimakaniseekan Askiy and the English River Reserve in Grasswood. Participants will learn about the legal structure, economic benefits and history of urban reserve creation, as well as common business models.

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Wednesday October 10th

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| 7:30am-4:30pm | Registration |
| 7:30am-8:30am | Breakfast |
| 8:30am-9:00am | Welcome |
| 9:00am-9:45am | Plenary Session - Rural Then & Now Members of the 30 th Anniversary Team |
| 9:45am-10:15am | Plenary Session - Community Navigators John MacArthur, Pheasant Rump |
| 10:15am-10:45am | Poster Session & Coffee Break |
| 10:45am-12:00pm | Plenary Panel - Rural Mental Health Duane Favel, Mayor, Village of Ile a la Crosse Karen Dyck, Psychologist, former Director of the Rural and Northern Psychology Program, U of M Megz Reynolds, Farmer and Mental Health Advocate <i>*Additional speakers to be confirmed</i> |
| 12:00pm-1:00pm | Lunch |
| 1:00pm-2:30pm | Concurrent Sessions |
| 2:30pm-3:00pm | Poster Session & Coffee Break |
| 3:00pm-4:30pm | Concurrent Sessions |
| 4:30pm-5:30pm | New Researchers Forum Co-hosted by CRRF and the Rural Development Institute, Brandon University |

5:30pm-6:30pm

Travel to Opening Reception

6:00pm

Opening Reception

Co-operatives First (213-310 Wall St.)

*Appetizers and cash bar

(Participants are encouraged to enjoy one of Saskatoon's many restaurants downtown for supper).

Thursday October 11th

7:30am-4:30pm

Registration

7:30am-8:30am

Breakfast

8:30am-10:00am

Concurrent Sessions

10:00am-10:30am

Poster Session & Coffee Break

10:30am-12:00pm

Concurrent Session

12:00pm-1:00pm

Lunch Keynote

Darrin Qualman, Long Term Thinker and Civilizational Critic [<https://www.darrinqualman.com/>]

Rural Development in the 21st Century: Challenges and Options [that's my title for him, he will come back soon with an abstract]

1:00pm-2:30pm

Concurrent Sessions

2:30pm-3:00pm

Poster Session & Coffee Break

3:00pm-4:30pm

Concurrent Sessions

4:30pm-5:30pm **CRRF AGM**

6:30pm **Banquet Dinner**
Cocktails 6:30pm; Dinner 7:00pm

Friday October 12th

8:00am-9:00am **Breakfast**

9:00am-10:00am **Plenary Panel – Water Governance – A Prairie Perspective**
Phil Loring, University of Guelph; Sarah Breen, Helen Baulch, Lalita Bharadwa, Bob Patrick, Graham Strickert, University of Saskatchewan

10:00am-10:15m **Break**

10:15am-11:45pm **Plenary Panel - Reconciliation and Rural Development**
Neil Sasakamoose, Executive Director, Battlefords Agency Tribal Chiefs
Shaun Soonias, Saskatchewan First Nations Economic Development Network
Ray Orb, President of Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities
**Additional speakers to be confirmed*

11:45am-12:00pm **Closing Remarks**
Heather Exner-Pirot and Lois Berry, Conference Co-Chairs
Sarah Breen, CRRF President

12:00pm-1:00pm **Lunch on Your Own**

1:00pm-4:00pm **Side Workshop**
First Nations-Municipal Regional Economic Development

1:00pm-5:00pm **Optional CRRF Tours**

Tour #1 - Small & Medium Enterprise Agri-Business, 1:00pm-4:00pm, \$30+gst per person

This tour will showcase Saskatchewan agri-business initiatives with opportunities for small and medium size rural enterprises and entrepreneurs. Participants will visit the Rayner Dairy Research and Teaching Facility on the University of Saskatchewan campus, to explore modern dairy production systems; POS Bio Sciences, which works with clients to add value in commercial processes such as extraction, concentration and purification of food components for nutraceutical, cosmetic, pharmaceutical and other industries; and the Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre, a commercial incubation centre for food processing to help clients transform a wide variety of agricultural crops into innovative consumer food products such as snack foods, breakfast cereal, pet foods, meat analogues and bio-products.

Tour #2 - Wanuskewin, 1:00pm-4:00pm, \$30+gst per person

Working to advance the understanding and appreciation of the evolving cultures of the Northern Plains indigenous peoples, Wanuskewin is the living reminder of the peoples' sacred relationship with the land. A guided tour integrated with program activities such as the 'step back in time walk' and tipi raising will provide a rich experience that you will treasure for years to come.

Tours #3 - Arts on the Prairies, 2:00pm-5:00pm, \$30+gst per person

The Remai Modern brought Picasso to the Prairies and catapulted Saskatoon to #18 on the New York Times list of 52 places to visit in 2018. A guided tour of this museum of modern art will also provide a bird's eye view of Saskatoon's redeveloping riverfront. Before returning to the hotel, take a short walk to Saskatoon's premier non-profit organization for youth employment engagement – the Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming (SCYAP). Since 2001, SCYAP has met the social, educational and economic needs of youth at risk through arts and cultural programming.

This year's conference features plenary sessions focused on:

Agriculture
Reconciliation and Rural Development Rural Mental Health
Rural Water Governance

Key themes explored during the concurrent sessions are:

Cannabis & Rural Development
Inclusivity & Rural LGBTQ+ Youth
Land Use Planning for Economic Diversification Precarious Employment

Rural & Indigenous food production & food security Rural Broadband

Rural Healthcare

Social Enterprises and Rural Development

Rural Water Governance

Supporting Aging in Rural

The Community Impacts of Long-Distance Commuting Workforce Development & Retention

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