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22-24 September **2026**

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Welcome to the

HEALING THE LAND CONFERENCE

Tansi and welcome to Treaty 8 Territory and the home of Saulteau First Nations. We are proud to share our community, our knowledge, and our commitment to healing the land, and we look forward to learning and connecting with you.

The 2026 Healing the Land Conference invites us to reflect on our restoration journey and ask: are we healing the land? Together, we will share lessons learned, celebrate progress and explore what is needed to restore healthy relationships between people and the land. Looking ahead, healing for our future challenges us to build on this work through stewardship, innovation, collaboration, and long-term investment. We will explore the approaches that are strengthening communities and restoring ecosystems.

We welcome Indigenous leaders, community members, Elders and youth, governments, restoration practitioners, researchers, industry representatives, and all those committed to the future of the land. Thank you for joining us as we learn, connect, and take action together to heal the land and build a stronger future for generations to come.



Vision

We, the Saulteau First Nations, are a spirited and diverse community.

We are a strong Self-Governed Nation, one that is healthy, culturally vibrant, and ready for tomorrow. Our cultural teachings and traditions guide us and keep us rooted as we move forward into the future.

As stewards of the land, we ensure that the best sustainable practices are followed, now and in the future.

For as long as the “sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers flow”, we remain proud and humbly determined.

Mission

In pursuit of our vision, Saulteau First Nations will be the Best Governed Nation.

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DAY ONE (VIRTUAL)



Robin Wall Kimmerer

Plant Ecologist, Educator & Author, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Member

Robin Wall Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She is the author of the bestselling *Braiding Sweetgrass* and the award-winning *Gathering Moss*, and is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology. As founder of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment, Kimmerer bridges Indigenous knowledge and Western science to inspire ecological restoration, cultural renewal, and reciprocal relationships with the land.



DAY TWO (IN-PERSON)



Severn Cullis-Suzuki

Intergenerational Justice Advocate

Severn Cullis-Suzuki is a lifelong advocate for intergenerational justice and healing our relationship with the earth and each other. Rising to global attention at the 1992 UN Earth Summit, she has since spoken worldwide on climate change. Indigenous ways of knowing and social responsibility. Based in Haida Gwaii, Severn works with Haida Elders on language revitalization and served as Executive Director of the David Suzuki Foundation from 2021–2025.



Stewardship through partnership

Meaningful stewardship begins with listening, learning and working together.

The Healing the Land Conference brings together Indigenous communities, governments and industry to share knowledge, exchange perspectives and explore practical approaches to caring for the land. Enbridge is pleased to support these conversations.

We look forward to learning alongside others and contributing to these important conversations.



Explore our Indigenous
Reconciliation Action
Plan refresh



PRE-CONFERENCE | Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Time & Location	Activity	Session Description
12:00pm-1:00pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Entrance Lobby Reception	Pre-Conference Workshops and Tours	Check-in Opens
CONCURRENT	1:00pm-4:00pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre	1:00pm-4:00pm: Cultural Safety and Treaty Workshop 1:00pm-4:00pm: Hide Scraping (Elk) Workshop
	1:00pm-3:00pm Site Locations	1:00pm-3:00pm: Twin Sisters Native Plant Nursery 1:00pm-3:00pm: Amisk Farm Tour
	2:00pm-2:30pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym and Mail Lounge	Recharge with healthy snacks and refreshments

5:30pm-8:00pm
Cottonwood Hall,
Chetwynd District Recreation Centre

**Conference
Social Kick-Off**

Join us to celebrate the conference with a joyful social gathering!



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DAY ONE | Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Time & Location	Activity	Session Description
8:00am-9:00am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Entrance Lobby Reception	Conference Preceedings: Check-in Opens	Welcome to The Healing the Land Conference!
8:15am-9:00am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym and Main Lounge	Light Breakfast and Networking	Kick-start your day with a light breakfast and take time to meet fellow Healing the Land Conference attendees.
9:00am-9:10am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Conference Opening	Saulteau First Nations: Elder Opening Prayer
9:10am-9:15am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Conference Opening	Saulteau First Nations: Chief and Council Welcome <i>Speaker: Rudy Paquette</i>
9:15am-9:20am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Conference Opening	Saulteau First Nations: Treaty Rights and Environmental Protection Welcome <i>Speaker: Teena Demeulemeester</i>
9:20am-9:35am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Conference Opening	Moberly Lake Tiny Tot's Dancers
9:35am-10:30am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Keynote Address (Virtual)	Restoration and Reciprocity <i>Speaker: Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer</i>

10:00am-4:00pm
Saulteau First Nations Band Hall - Gym

**Tradeshow and
Artisan Market**

Showcasing innovative projects, services and solutions contributing to healing the land.



Time & Location	Activity	Session Description
10:30am-10:45am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Main Gym and Main Lounge	Morning Nutrition and Networking Break	Recharge with healthy snacks and refreshments
10:45am-11:15am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Panel	Leaders Panel - Are We Healing the Land? <i>Panelist: Alycia Aird, Jennifer Psyllakis, Lisa Risvold, Caleb Behn</i>
11:15am-11:40am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Presentation	Fort Nelson First Nation: Restoration Without A Rulebook <i>Speaker: Katherine Wolfenden</i>
11:40am-12:00pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Presentation	What Does Success Look Like? <i>Speaker: Darwyn Coxson</i>
12:00pm-1:30pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Lunch and Refreshments	Mid-Day break to enjoy great food while exchanging ideas with conference attendees
12:00pm-1:30pm Saulteau First Nations Band Hall - Gym	Tradeshow and Networking Break	Showcasing innovative projects, services and solutions contributing to healing the land
1:30pm-1:50pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Presentation	Forest for Carbon and Caribou <i>Speaker: Jason House</i>



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Introducing the BRFN-Nation Partnership Funding Stream.

This stream supports BRFN-to-Nation partnerships in restoration, especially where Nations share water, wildlife, habitat, cultural connections, and stewardship responsibilities across connected lands and systems.

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Caring for the land starts with caring for relationships.

Coastal GasLink's approach to stewardship along our route is guided by Indigenous knowledge and built through collaboration with Indigenous Nations and local communities.

We are proud to support the Healing the Land Conference and its focus on stewardship, shared learning and responsibility to the land.



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DAY ONE | Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Time & Location	Activity	Session Description
1:50pm-2:10pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Presentation	Healing the Land Through Sustainable Operations <i>Speaker: Jason Rowley</i>
2:10pm-2:30pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Presentation	Riparian Restoration Success - Large Scale Fish Habitat and Wetland Enhancement <i>Speakers: Dave Hunter, Brent Matsuda</i>
2:30pm-2:45pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym and Main Lounge	Afternoon Nutrition and Networking Break	Recharge with healthy snacks and refreshments
2:45pm-3:05pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Presentation	Learning from the Ashnola Protection Area <i>Speakers: Lauren Terbasket, Tiinesha Begaye</i>
3:05pm-3:25pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Presentation	Innovation and Collaboration: Evaluation High Elevation Translocation <i>Speakers: Keana Trudel, Ruth Ibermesim, Chris Kallal</i>
3:25pm-3:55pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Panel	Working Together to Heal the Land - First Nation Allies in Restoration <i>Speakers: Angela D'Amato van den Hout, Shannon Morrow, Nikiita Wallia, Xue Yan Chan</i>
3:55pm-4:00pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Day One Conference Closing Address	Day One Closing Remarks <i>Speaker: Naomi Owens-Beek</i>
6:00pm-8:00pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Evening Dinner	Gala Dinner, Awards Ceremony and Performances



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DAY TWO | Thursday, September 24, 2026

Time & Location	Activity	Session Description
8:00am-9:00am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Entrance Lobby Reception	Conference Proceedings: Day 2 Check-ins	Welcome to Day 2 of The Healing the Land Conference! <i>(Check-In required if not checked in-on Day 1)</i>
8:15am-9:00am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym and Main Lounge	Light Breakfast and Networking	Kick-start your day with a light breakfast and take time to network with fellow Healing the Land Conference attendees.
9:00am-9:10am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre Gym	Day 2 Conference Opening	Saulteau First Nations - K4-K5, Opening Prayer in Cree
9:10am-9:20am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Day 2 Conference Opening	Saulteau First Nations - Welcome <i>Speaker: Brooke Walker</i> Recap of Day 1 and Day 2 Themes <i>Speaker: Andrea Kennedy</i>
9:20am-10:05am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Keynote Address	<i>Speaker: Severn Cullis-Suzuki</i>
10:00am-4:00pm Saulteau First Nations Band Hall - Gym	Tradeshow and Artisan Market	Showcasing innovative projects, services and solutions contributing to healing the land
10:05am-10:20am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Performance	Moberly Youth Drumming Group
10:20am-10:35am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym and Main Lounge	Morning Nutrition and Networking Break	Recharge with healthy snacks and refreshments



DAY TWO | Thursday, September 24, 2026

Time & Location	Activity	Session Description
10:35am-10:50am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Lightning Presentation	Understanding Ecosystem Behaviour for Restoration Success <i>Speaker: Jeff Warner</i>
10:50am-11:05am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Lightning Presentation	The Future of Evaluating Restoration Projects <i>Speakers: Chelse Regina, Joe Bottoms</i>
11:05am-11:20am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Lightning Presentation	Growing the Future of Ecosystem Restoration <i>Speakers: Mae Whyte, Kim Lutz</i>
11:20am-11:55am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Panel	Land Guardian's Perspectives on Restoration <i>Speakers: Jessica Eastman, Bianca Prince, Trystan Johnson, Jordan Demeulemeester, Hunter Gentry</i>
11:55am-12:00am SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Sponsor Recognition	Thank you to Conference Sponsors
12:00pm-1:30pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Lunch and Refreshments	Mid-day break to enjoy great food while exchanging ideas with conference attendees
12:00pm-1:30pm Saulteau First Nations Band Hall - Gym	Tradeshow and Networking Break	Showcasing innovative projects, services and solutions contributing to healing the land
12:30pm-1:30pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Training Room	Poster Board Session	Join practitioners, researchers, government and industry representatives showcase their efforts to accelerate restoration initiatives



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October 2025



May 2026



August 2026



Root balls were salvaged from Quintette Window Pit and planted at Quintette Legacy site.

Transplanted trees and companion flora are thriving!





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DAY TWO | Thursday, September 24, 2026

Time & Location	Activity	Session Description
1:30pm-1:50pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Presentation	Restoration Criteria for Future Success <i>Speakers: Kayla Read, Margi Meekes</i>
1:50pm-2:10pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Presentation	Elephant Hill Wildfire- Lessons from Co-Partnerships <i>Speakers: Charlene Kane</i>
2:10pm-2:30pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Presentation	Collaborative Shared Learning Across Industries and First Nations <i>Speakers: Rod Kronlachner, Sean West</i>
2:30pm-2:45pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym and Main Lounge	Afternoon Nutrition and Networking Break	Mid-Day break to enjoy great food while exchanging ideas with conference attendees
2:45pm-3:05pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Presentation	Return to the Land: A Youth-Let Movement <i>Speakers: Drew Harris, Grace Vickers, Denzel Sutherland-Wilson</i>
3:05pm-3:35pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Panel	Healing and Future Generations - Elder and Youth Fire Side Chat <i>Speakers: Invited Special Guests</i>
3:35pm-3:50pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Day 2 Conference Proceedings	Day 2 Conference Wrap-Up: Restoration, Relationship and the Road Ahead <i>Speaker: Nanette Richards</i>
3:50pm-4:00pm SFN Cultural & Recreation Centre - Gym	Day 2 Conference Closing	Saulteau First Nations <i>Speaker: Naomi Owens-Beek</i>



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PERFORMERS

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | 9:20 am
MOBERLY LAKE TINY TOTS DANCERS

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | 7:00 pm
(Gala Dinner Event)
GHOSTKEEPER DRUMMING GROUP

Thursday, September 24, 2026 | 10:05 am
MOBERLY YOUTH DRUMMING GROUP



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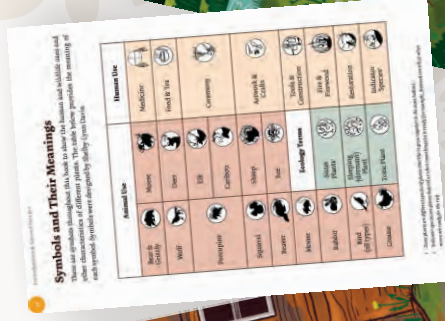
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