

***Diving Deeper and Building Policy Muscle***  
**Policy Conference: Friday, February 23**

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| 8:30 am to 9:00 am   | Registration and Networking   |
| 9:00 am to 9:10 am   | Acknowledgement of the Traditional Lekwungen Territory<br>Opening and Overview of the Day (Heather Brazier, Executive Director, Ministry of Social Development and Policy Reduction and Executive Sponsor, Policy Community of Practice)  |
| 9:10 am to 9:30 am   | Overview of Mitacs Fellowship (Olga Stachova, Chief Operating Officer, Mitacs; Kathy Philips, Lead, Internships and Fellowships, BC Public Service Agency)  |
| 9:30 am to 9:50 am   | Checking In a Year Later on <i>Where Ideas Work</i> (Rueben Bronee, Executive Lead, Policy, Innovation and Engagement, BC Public Service Agency)  |
| 9:50 am to 10:15 am  | Networking Break  |
| 10:15 am to 11:15 am | <b>Panel 1: <i>Are We There Yet? Using Data to Measure Success</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dan LaPorte, Senior Policy Analyst, Ministry of Health</li><li>• Dan Pollock, Lead Data Scientist, Government Digital Experience Division, Government Communications and Public Engagement</li><li>• Dan MacKenzie, Director of Data Insights, Integrated Data Division, Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology</li><li>• <i>Moderator: Samantha Magnus, Health Economist, Ministry of Health</i></li></ul>  |
| 11:15 am to 12:00 pm | Q&A with Don Wright, Deputy Minister to the Premier, Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Public Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Moderator: Caitlin Brownrigg, Manager, Government Digital Experience Division, Government Communications and Public Engagement and Policy Community of Practice Convenor</i></li></ul>  |
| 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  | Lunch Break ( <i>lunch is not provided</i> )  |
| 1:00 pm to 1:15 pm   | Policy Lab Update: Ceri Sanderson, Director of Policy & Legislation, Office of the Chief Information Officer  |
| 1:15 pm to 1:30 pm   | Afternoon Keynote: Jessica Wood, Assistant Deputy Minister, Reconciliation Transformation and Strategies, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation   |
| 1:30 pm to 2:20 pm   | <b>Panel 2: <i>Walking in Two Worlds: Indigenous Perspectives on Policy Making</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wedlidi Speck, Director, Aboriginal Organizational Development, Ministry of Children and Family Development</li><li>• Asta Murray, Policy Analyst, Ministry of Health</li><li>• Val Napoleon, Associate Professor, Law Foundation Professor of Aboriginal Justice and Governance, University of Victoria</li><li>• Stephanie Papik, Director, Office of the Premier</li><li>• Danielle Atkinson, Policy Analyst, Ministry of Health</li><li>• <i>Moderator: Jennifer Girard, Senior Policy Analyst, Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training</i></li></ul> |

- 2:20 pm to 2:40 pm      Networking Break
- 2:40 pm to 3:30 pm      **Panel 3: B.C.'s Opioid Crisis: A Case Study in Collaboration across Complex Issues**
- Warren O'Briain, Executive Director, Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions
  - Dr. Bernie Pauly, Associate Professor, School of Nursing, University of Victoria and Scientist, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research
  - Griffin Russell, Regional Harm Reduction Coordinator, Island Health
  - Inspector Scott McGregor, Victoria Police Department
  - *Moderator: Bill Reid, Partner, MNP*
- 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm      Breakout Session: How can we (re)build our policy muscle? (Facilitated by Jeremy Coad, Executive Director, Data Science and Analytics, Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology)
- 4:00 pm to 4:15 pm      Closing Remarks (Heather Brazier, Executive Director, Ministry of Social Development and Policy Reduction and Executive Sponsor, Policy Community of Practice)