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**NOVEMBER 2, 2017**

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# SPEAKERS

**MICHAEL CALDER, CA | MNP LLP**

I am a Tax Partner with MNP and work in HO. Prior to this I was a line partner handling client tax issues. I develop tax ideas and solutions for our partners and work with legal counsel as necessary in resolving tax disputes across the firm. I have been outspoken on the recent proposed tax changes and have worked with professionals across the country both within MNP and outside to explain the seriousness of these proposals on business in Canada. You can also refer to 38 years of tax and accounting experience. I have also appeared as a expert at the BC Supreme Court in regard to complex tax legislation.

**SCOTT WALLS | ALBERTA WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS INC.**

I take great pride in the work I do as a group benefits consultant - work I've been fortunate to do since joining the insurance industry in 1998. My role is to help my clients take care of their employees (and their employees' families) by providing them with competitive, valued and cost-effective group benefit plans. I'm so fortunate to be able to work in a field that makes a positive difference in so many people's lives. I work with businesses in all industries and of every size, including just about everything from small family-owned stores and family farms, to some of the largest and best-established organizations in Southern Alberta. I also work with all of the top insurance companies in Canada to ensure that I can provide my clients with the best group benefit options available in the market today.

**BEN VAN DYK | REAL ESTATE CENTRE**

Having grown up on the farm, and with agriculture as a focal point in my life, I began my real estate career in 1989. My involvement with farming has been ongoing in the poultry and crop farming as well as current land/farm investments. My real estate career has been very active and successful with many highlights in sales accomplishments and sales awards specializing in immigration/relocation, supply management, intensive crop farming (irrigation/contracts), ranches, cattle & land investment. Networking & team building has been a large part of my success with farm real estate over the years and our many clients can relate to executive service in buying & selling with optimum market knowledge and information. Our sales network, farm team and national & international expertise & contacts provide many opportunities to our clients for information, service and expertise.



## JOHN VAN LIERE & JONATHAN KLOK | VOLUTION ACCOUNTING

John's first few years were spent growing up on the family farm, and high-school and university years were spent working on a feedlot and on a potato farm. John started in the accounting industry in 2000, working with a large accounting firm – in 2004 he started his own accounting practice and a few years ago merged in with Volution Tax Advisors – now a 5-partner firm. John's focus is working with clients in the agriculture industry and specializing in areas such as succession planning and business advisory. As a life-long entrepreneur John has owned land and currently owns a number of businesses and has real-life experience to offer his clients.



Jonathan grew up on the family farm started working with John in 2010. Jonathan received his CPA designation in 2013, and also became shareholder of a family owned farming corporation in 2011. Jonathan spends his time working with Volution Tax Advisors as an agriculture specialist a few days a week, and working with his farming corporation the rest of the time. Jonathan's main focus in the office is working on farm programs and agriculture files – his experience both in real-life working with various corporations and partners allows him a unique insight on challenges faced by every day clients specifically within the agriculture industry.



## JORDAN MULHOLLAND | FARM CREDIT CANADA

My name is Jordan Mulholland & I am a Senior Relationship Manager at FCC in Medicine Hat, where I have been employed a little over 2 years. My previous employment was also in finance, which has provided me with a solid background to provide a balanced approach to commercial banking. As a representative of FCC, my main objective is to provide customized financial solutions for firms involved in agri-business & I am driven to provide a relationship oriented service ensuring that each & every one of my customers receives a personal experience. I presently manage a portfolio of \$70M which, I am proud to say, is as a result of the relationships I have built with my customers & more importantly the trust that they have in my abilities. I am always learning, pushing for more & looking for new challenges keeps my life and career fresh.



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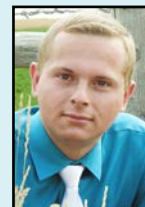
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9:30AM

**REGISTRATION & COFFEE/NETWORKING**

10:00AM

**OPENING REMARKS**

Heleen Jacobsen, Real Estate Centre

10:05AM

**TAX ISSUES 2017: THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY!**

Mike Calder, CA, MNP LLP

11:30AM

**HEALTH/DENTAL PLANS FOR FARMERS**

Scott Walls, Work Place Solutions

11:45AM

**STATE OF LAND PRICES: WHERE WILL THEY GO?**

Ben Van Dyk, Real Estate Centre

12:15PM

**LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS/NETWORKING**

1:00PM

**UPDATE ON AVAILABLE FARM SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

John Van Liere & Jonathan Klok, Volution Accounting

2:00PM

**STARTING YOUR FARM**

Jordan Mulholland, Farm Credit Canada

3:00PM

**CLOSING REMARKS**

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