ATLANTIC VENTURE FORUM
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AVF 2018 Official Event Program

General Session: Panels, Keynote Speakers, Meals, and Presentations: Nova Scotia BCD
Exhibition Area & Networking Breaks: Nova Scotia Foyer
Taste of Nova Scotia Networking Reception: Halifax Ballroom
Day 2 Networking Breakfast: Nova Scotia A

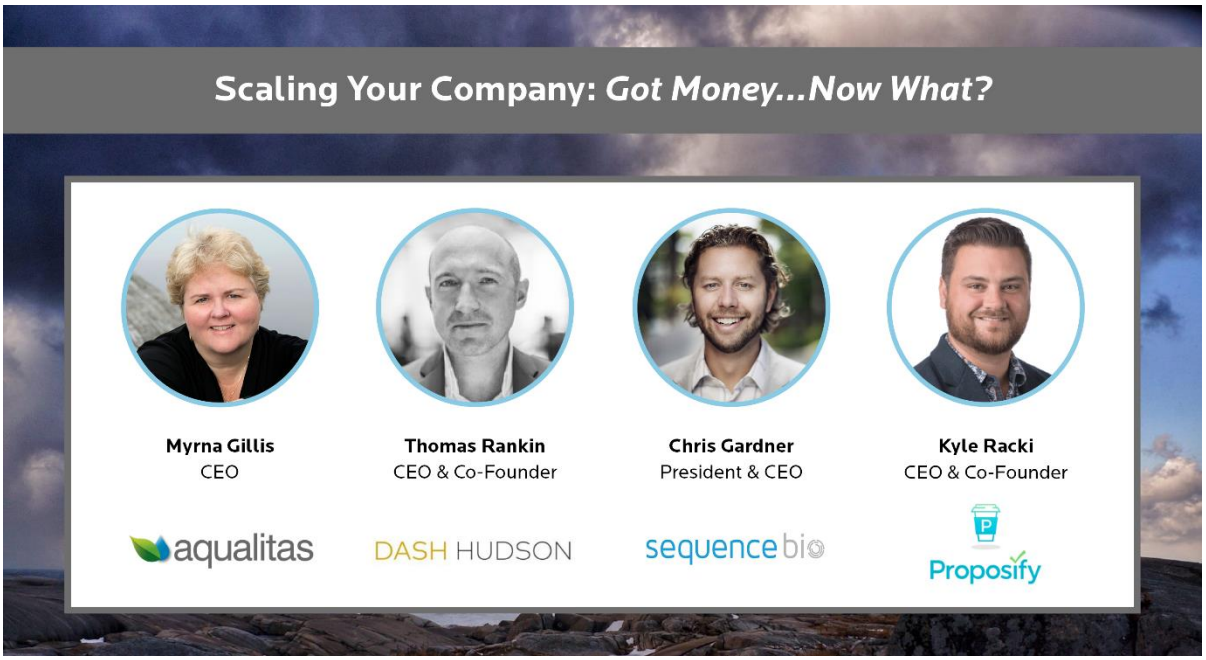
Thursday, June 28, 2018

Timings	Agenda – Day 1
07:00-08:05	**Registration & Continental Breakfast** ***Exhibition Display Setup***
08:05-08:15	**Welcome & Opening Remarks from ACOA**
08:15-09:15	**Meet the Investors Panel Session** Hungry for capital to feed your growing venture? These investors have the nourishment your business needs. Listen in to a diverse group of bold venture capitalists as they tell you exactly what types of investments they are looking for at the 2018 Atlantic Venture Forum. ***Moderated by:*** *TBA*

09:15-10:00	**Keynote Speaker** **John Hill, VP of Network, Techstars** ***Build a Network Before You Need One, So It's There When You Do!***
10:00-10:45	**Networking Break**
10:45-11:45	**Technology Showcase (x6)** ***Early Stage Company Presentations & Investor Feedback Panel*** The First Look Showcase gives the hottest early-stage companies an opportunity to present in front of the entire audience and a constructive feedback panel of investors. Following each five-minute quick pitch, the investor panel will provide immediate feedback to the presenters. ***Feedback Panel:*** Michael Dennis, Clean Tech Investment Manager, Innovacorp Johanne Sévigny, Managing Director, Ecofuel Accelerator Andrea Drager, Vice President, Azure Capital Partners ***Presenting Companies:***

11:45-12:15	**Tech Talk Speaker** **Bonnie Halper, Co-Founder, Ladies Who Lead** ***No is an Acronym - "Not Ordinarily"***
12:15-13:15	**Networking Lunch** ***Hosted investor and strategic tables***
13:15-14:00	**Keynote Speaker** **Josh Simair, Co-founder, SkipTheDishes** ***A $200 Million Exit Story***

14:00-14:30	**Technology Showcase (x3)** **Growth Stage Presenting Companies** Bring on the game-changers! High growth technology entrepreneurs showcase their plans to revolutionize industries and generate lucrative returns for investors. These growth stage ventures will show investors right to the *Exit*.
14:30-15:00	**Networking Break**
15:00-15:45	**Life Sciences & Health Technology Panel Session** ***"Industry Outlook and Opportunity Landscape"*** This panel of experts will explore the current forces and trends at play for Health and Life Sciences Technologies. Delving into the critical role played by "big industry" to validate and accelerate adoption of new technologies. The discussion will focus on how entrepreneurs can optimize their respective commercialization pathways from product validation through to procurement and market adoption. ***Moderated by:*** *Scott Moffitt, Managing Director, BioNova*

15:45-16:30	**Panel Session** ***"Scaling Your Company: Got Money… Now what?"*** ***Hear from local entrepreneurs that have raised capital and learn more about what a growing company looks like in the days after their funding is secured…*** Get the inside scoop from these growing Atlantic Canadian tech companies, as they break down their respective journeys toward raising capital, and what the growing pains look like once it is secured. Listen in to get a glimpse into what lies ahead after the cash is in hand… ***Moderated by:*** Jordan Kyriakidis, President & CEO, QRA Corp 
16:30-16:45	**Closing Remarks & End of Day 1**
16:45-18:30	**Taste of Nova Scotia Lobster Bash!** Lobster. Lots of it. Pair that up with scores of locally produced delicacies (brought in from across Nova Scotia), and plenty of cocktails. This is the Legendary annual Taste of Nova Scotia Lobster Bash and it is the Atlantic Canadian technology networking party of the summer. Bottom line here is: good food + good people = good times… Oh, and did we mention there's Lobster?

Friday, June 29, 2018

Timings	Agenda – Day 2
07:30-08:30	**Full Delegate Networking Breakfast** ***Warm Breakfast***
08:25-08:30	**Opening Remarks**
08:30-09:15	**Panel Session: Engaging the Corporate Strategics** Corporate industry leaders and major technology businesses share elements of their strategic agendas for working with and engaging entrepreneurs. From partnering with and acquiring emerging technology companies, and the integration process. Listen in as our panel of key players discuss the current opportunity landscape and how they successfully engage with entrepreneurs. ***Moderated by:*** Brenda Hogan, Senior Investment Manager, Ontario Capital Growth Corp.
09:15-10:00	**Networking Break**
10:00-10:45	**Tech Talk Speaker** **David Brennan, CFO, Ecobee** ***The Art of the Raise***

10:45-11:15	**Technology Showcase (x3)** **Growth Stage Presenting Companies** Bring on the game-changers! High growth technology entrepreneurs showcase their plans to revolutionize industries and generate lucrative returns for investors. These growth stage ventures will show investors right to the *Exit*.
11:15-12:00	**Tech Talk Speaker** **Chris Burns, CEO, Novonix** ***Answering Unanswerable Questions***
12:00-13:00	**Networking Lunch** ***Hosted investor and strategic tables***
13:00-13:05	**Best Presenting Company Awards Ceremony** **Presented By: Jeff Mullen, ACOA**

13:05-13:45	**Keynote Speaker** ***Jim Gibson,* Serial Entrepreneur & Author** ***Tip of the Spear: Our Species & Technology at a Crossroads***
13:45-14:00	**Closing Remarks from ACOA**