

## NORD Conference Agenda

### April 20<sup>th</sup> 2026

Canadore College, Aviation Campus, 55 Aviation Ave, North Bay ON

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Networking Reception proudly sponsored by [Voyageur](#)**

Opening remarks will take place at 5:30 p.m. A networking reception featuring tours of shops, hangars, and aviation simulators. This event is graciously sponsored by Voyager and hosted at Canadore College's Aviation Campus. Light refreshments will be served, along with a cash bar. As parking is extremely limited transportation will be provided from the partner hotels.

### April 21<sup>st</sup> 2026

Canadore College, Aviation Campus, 55 Aviation Ave, North Bay ON

**7:30 a.m. – Registration Opens**

**Coffee break is proudly sponsored by [Northern College](#)**

The registration desk opens. Coffee, tea, and water will be available on site. Please enjoy breakfast prior to attending the event. A bus shuttle will pick up participants from the partner hotels and drop them off before the final networking session. Please note: parking is extremely limited on site; participants are strongly encouraged to use the shuttle service.

**8:00 a.m. - Opening Remarks**

- Mayor Peter Chirico
- Dr Sandra Efu, Canadore College President & CEO

**8:15 a.m. – MP Pauline Rochefort Opening Address**

**8:30 a.m. – Defence Industrial Strategy Overview**

*Uriel Marantz, Senior Policy Advisor, Department of National Defence*

**9:00 a.m. – Panel Discussion: Aviation in North Bay**

*Moderated by Lianne Girard, Canadore College*

- Cory Cousineau, Voyageur Aviation
- Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Buckley, 22 Wing
- Bryan Avery, YYB Jack Garland Airport

**9:45 a.m. – Networking break proudly sponsored by [ThinkOn](#)**

## **10:15 a.m. – Defence Construction Canada and Department of National Defence**

- *Daniel Berube, Site Manager, Defence Construction Canada*
- *Captain Connor Wentzell, 22 Wing*

An overview of Defence Construction Canada (DCC), upcoming projects, and guidance on how to learn about and bid on construction and engineering-related opportunities for all DCC-tendered and managed contracts across Northern Ontario.

## **10:45 a.m. – Ontario Defence Association Presentation**

*Carl Kumpic, Board Member*

## **11:00 – Panel Discussion: Indigenous Engagement within the Defence Sector**

*Moderated by Bradley Stewart, FedNor*

- *Darren Harper, President, Mawwwandoon Inc.*
- *Philip Ducharme, Vice President of Entrepreneurship & Procurement, Canadian Council for Indigenous Business*
- *Ryan Moore, Director of Indigenous Procurement & Entrepreneurship Development, Ontario First Nations Economic Developers Association*
- *L.Col Micheal Moody, Canada Armed Forces*

## **11:45 – Panel Discussion: Prime Contractor Panel**

*Moderated by Natasha Penn, City of North Bay Economic Development Department*

- *Laurie Delaney-Barry, GM Defence*
- *Jacqueline Serviss, Airbus*
- *Alexander Tsoulis, MHI Canada Aerospace*

**12:30 – Lunch** Lunch will be provided and served buffet-style in the downstairs cafeteria.

## **1:30 – 4:30 p.m. – B2B Meetings (15 minutes each)**

Book your B2B meetings in advance using the B2BGO platform. Register your account here: <https://go.b2b-2go.com/en/nord-2026/user/sign-in>

## **4:30 p.m. – Departure from Aviation Campus**

A bus will transport participants to and from their respective hotels. Participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation to the evening reception.

**5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Mine Connect Roadshow** (The Clubhouse - Gateway Golf – 245 Oak St. E., North Bay, ON)

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