



NL Ec Dev 26

BURIN PENINSULA SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2026



Conference Agenda

Wednesday September 23

EVENT TITLE SPONSOR:



8:00 – 8:45

Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00

A Welcome and Introduction to the Burin Peninsula
Town of Burin

9:00 – 9:45

Economic Development on the Burin Peninsula:
Past, Present, and Future

9:45 – 10:30

Panel Discussion: Community Economic Development
on the Burin Peninsula

Vanessa Jackman - Executive Director, Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation
Nora Tremblett - St. Gabriel's Hall
Elizabeth Murphy - Chair, Placentia West Development Association

10:30 – 11:00

Nutrition Break

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11:00 – 11:30

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Rural Revitalization Strategy

Dan Brake - Assistant Deputy Minister, Industry and Economic Development

Department of Jobs, Growth and Rural Development

Jennifer Meadus - Director, Strategy Development, Rural Revitalization Strategy

Department of Jobs, Growth and Rural Development

11:30 – 11:45

NL Economic Development Lightning Round

11:45 – 12:30

Redevelopment and Revitalization of Brownfield Sites

Dillon Beck - Master Grower, Oceanic Releaf

Courtney Hiscock - Economic Development Officer, Town of Paradise

Moderator: Mark Whiffen

12:30 – 1:30

Lunch

1:30 – 2:15

Keynote Speaker

John Perrott - Executive Director, Economic Developers Association of Canada

2:15 – 3:00

Programs to Support Economic Development

Nancy Robbins - Development Offer, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Abdul-Latif Alhassan - RED Facilitator, Regional Prosperity Partnership

GovNL – Speaker TBA

Moderator: TBA

3:00 – 5:00

Site Visits

or

Wellness Hike

Oceanic Releaf

Heritage Square

5:00

Dinner (On Your Own)

7:30

Economic Developers Networking Social

Frontier Town (Smuggler's Cove)

Thursday September 24

8:00 – 8:45	Breakfast
8:45 – 9:00	NL Economic Development Lightning Round
9:00 – 9:30	A New Tool for Labour Market Analysis in NL Jamie Ward - Manager, Regional Analytics Laboratory (MUN)
9:30 – 10:15	The Lens of Productivity and its Importance in NL EcDev Dr. Robert Greenwood
10:15 – 10:45	Nutrition Break
10:45 – 11:30	Panel Discussion: Regional/Community Benefits Agreements Greg Osmond - Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Marystown Ray Greene - Community and Industry Lead, Port of Argentia Mark Duggan – Director, Public Affairs and Engagement, North Atlantic Moderator: Pat Curran
11:30 – 11:45	NL Economic Development Lightning Round
11:45 – 12:30	NL's Future Economy: The Opportunities We Face Dr. Tom Cooper – Professor, MUN Meagan Kay-Fowlow, CEO – Co. Innovation Centre Ken Carter – Director of Engagement and Strategic Initiatives, MUN Moderator: Kieran Hanley
12:30	Closing Remarks
12:30	Lunch
2:00 – 5:00	Boat Tour of Great Burin Island and Surrounding Area Burin EcoTours