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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FORUM

**Forging Ahead:
Securing a Healthy
and Prosperous
Future for the North**

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the unceded traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation. We are incredibly privileged to not only hold the #TrueNorth Business Development Forum on these lands, but also to live, work, and play here.

The Prince George Chamber of Commerce recognizes that the effects of colonization are lasting to this day, and that business and colonization have a complex relationship. Throughout history, business interests have often been intertwined with colonial expansion, serving as a tool for economic exploitation resulting in the loss of traditional lands and the erasure of time-honoured knowledge and practices. It is our intention as an organization to work towards reconciliation and the undoing of colonial processes that harm Indigenous Peoples to this day.

In a collaboration to work towards decolonizing business practices and processes, the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and the Prince George Chamber of Commerce signed an historic partnership agreement on June 2, 2022 at the #TrueNorth Business Development Forum. The agreement aims to work towards a sustainable environment that supports a healthy economy and a high quality of life for the betterment of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, the City of Prince George, and Central British Columbia. The partnership agreement establishes commitments such as attending biannual partnership dinners, ensuring mutual participation in special events, discussing new initiatives throughout the year, and contacting each other regarding joint advocacy on community issues.



Lheidli T'enneh



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AGENDA

7:30 AM Registration Opens

8:30 AM Opening Remarks

9:00 AM Panel: Health, Wellness, Truth & Reconciliation in the Workplace

10:30 AM Networking Break

11:00 AM Panel: A Purposeful Partnership with a Vision for Sustainable Opportunities and Economic Reconciliation

12:00 PM Lunch Service

12:45 PM Keynote: Dr. Collette Melo

1:15 PM Refresh Break

1:30 PM Panel: Multi Sector Economic Update

2:15 PM Session: Facilitated Networking

2:45 PM Networking Break

3:15 PM Panel: Prosperity in the North

4:30 PM Closing Remarks

4:45 PM Cocktail Reception



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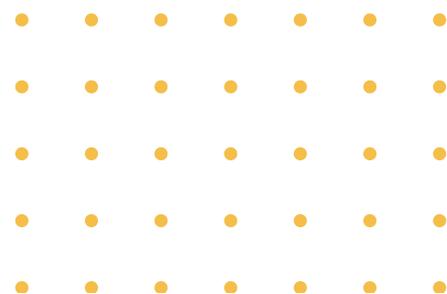
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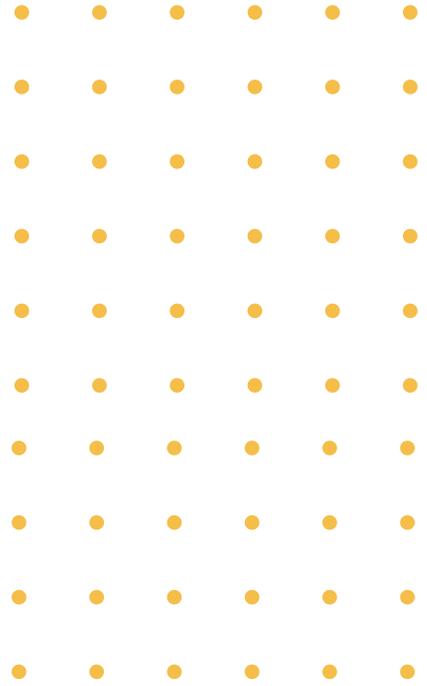
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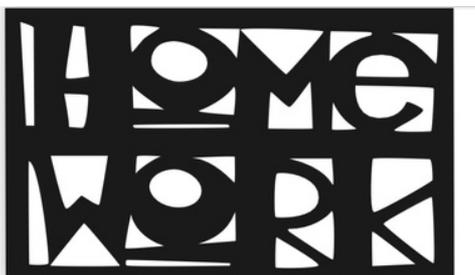


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PANEL INFORMATION

HEALTH, WELLNESS, TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION IN THE WORKPLACE WITH MNP LLP



This panel is an opportunity to hear from experts on mental health, overall health and the importance of truth and reconciliation.

PANELISTS

**CHIEF TERRY TEEGEE - BRITISH COLUMBIA
ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS**

BRITTANY SMITH - MNP LLP

**DONNA FLOOD - PRINCE GEORGE HOSPICE &
PALLIATIVE CARE SOCIETY**

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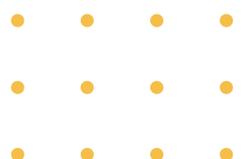
JAMEEL SAYANI - MNP LLP



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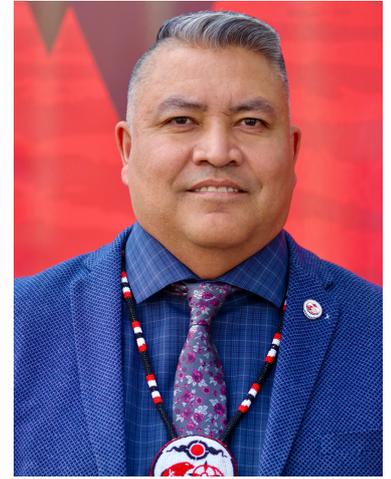


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CHIEF TERRY TEEGEE

British Columbia Assembly of First Nations



Terry Teegee is the elected Regional Chief of the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations and proudly serving his second term in this position. Terry's ancestry is Dakelh, Gitksan and Sekani descent and he is a member of Takla Nation. As a former Registered Professional Forester, Terry was responsible for looking after the forests, forest lands and forest resources. Terry is deeply involved in natural resources development and the pertaining policies. As Regional Chief, he was an instrumental voice in the development and historic passing of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA). Terry's strong leadership, both provincially and nationally, was vital on the following portfolios and issues:

- AFN Chair on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Implementation Committee,
- Co-Chair of the AFN National Fisheries Committee,
- Co-Lead on the AFN Justice and Policing Portfolio,
- Co-Chair for the Champions Table with BC Business Council,
- Tripartite Working Group (TWG) member to implement Bill C-92, Indigenous Child, Welfare Jurisdiction Bill to implement the Commitment Document Provincially,
- AFN Representative on the UN Convention of Biodiversity,
- Member of the BC First Nation Gaming Commission

Terry is known for his caring and collaborative leadership. He worked to unify and support people working together towards the recognition of our inherent rights and Title, Treaty Rights and Human Rights as Indigenous Peoples.

BRITTANY SMITH

MNP LLP



Brittany is an experienced Human Resources Professional with 8 years of proven expertise in HR operations, talent management, employee and labour relations, and recruitment. Brittany earned her bachelor's degree with Honours in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resource Management from Brock University, as well as her Chartered Professionals in Human Resources (CPHR) designation through CPHR BC & Yukon.

Over the years, Brittany has worked with organizations of various sizes and industries in both the public and private sectors, developing and implementing HR strategies that align with business objectives and improve employee satisfaction. In her current role as the Human Capital Manager with MNP's Northern BC region, Brittany implements and supports strategies, programs, and processes that attract, develop, and retain the market's top talent. In addition to her technical skills, Brittany is known for her ability to build strong relationships with both employees and management through a collaborative and empathetic approach. Brittany has been involved with CPHR BC & Yukon for five years, serving as Chair for CPHR BC & Yukon's Northern Advisory Council for two of those years. She also serves as a Trustee on the Board of Directors at the Exploration Place.

Overall, Brittany is a results-driven HR professional with a passion for developing and empowering people. She is committed to creating a positive work culture that fosters growth and excellence.

DONNA FLOOD

Prince George Hospice Palliative Care Society



Donna has been a nurse for 36 years and had an opportunity to nurse in various countries around the world. Her most memorable and life-changing experience was her work in Calcutta, where she worked in Mother Teresa's Hospice and instructed her nuns on nursing practice. This developed her passion for providing care in a different way. Focusing on the individual and understanding that care and compassion are key elements in supporting all people with serious illness. Donna is currently the Executive Director of the Prince George Hospice Palliative Care Society. She has been in that position since January 2015. Donna is the current president of the BC Hospice Palliative Care Association and is a Director on the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Board.

Donna and her husband Frank have enjoyed living in Prince George with their two children Mary and Liam.

JAMEEL SAYANI

MNP LLP



Jameel is MNP's Regional Managing Partner for Northern B.C. Based in Prince George, Jameel leads the Firm's Northern B.C. region team, working out of offices in Prince George, Quesnel, Terrace, Vanderhoof and Williams Lake. Jameel is also the Firm's B.C. Director for Indigenous Services, delivering a broad range of assurance, tax, business advisory and consulting solutions to Indigenous clients across the province.

Drawing on more than 10 years of public practice experience, Jameel builds strong relationships with First Nations communities and organizations, helping them develop a strategic direction and realize their vision, in the short term and for generations to come.

Jameel sits on the boards of Innovate BC and WeBC, which supports women entrepreneurs along their small business journey. He served as a director with the CPA Education Foundation of B.C., and is past-president of the Nanaimo Youth Services Association. He was named one of Vancouver Island's Top 20 Under 40 in 2013.

PANEL INFORMATION

LNG CANADA, HAISEA MARINE AND HAISLA NATION:

A purposeful partnership with a vision for sustainable opportunities and economic reconciliation.

This panel will discuss the HaiSea Marine partnership between the Haisla Nation and Seaspan, and the marine services they will provide for LNG Canada, the country's first large-scale export facility located in Kitimat, B.C. on the ancestral territory of the Haisla First Nation.

PANELISTS

KEVIN STEWART - HAISLA NATION

JORDAN PECHIE- HAISEA MARINE

LUKE SCHAUERTE - LNG CANADA

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QUYNLAN YOUNG - PRINCE GEORGE CHAMBER
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KEVIN STEWART

Haisla Nation



My English name is Kevin Stewart, and my traditional Haisla Chief name is Tum-un-la-ha from the Killer whale/Fish clan. I was born and raised in Haisla territory also known as Kitamaat Village. I am married with 3 children. Retired from Rio Tinto Alcan 6 years ago where I was employed for 40 years and also have been on Haisla Nation Council for 21+ years. Me and my family love the outdoors such as camping, hiking, snowshoeing and of course fishing, we also love gathering all our traditional foods, fruits and medicines for our long winters, I am also an avid hunter for Moose, deer, ducks, geese and seal. We live in the most beautiful and pristine part of the world, Wa.

JORDAN PECHIE

Seaspan Marine Transportation



A Master Mariner with 19 years of experience in the Maritime and Oil and Gas industry. Extensive industry experience includes construction of worlds first fully electric tugs, command of 6th generation Drill Ships, marine business management, scoping and feasibility studies, marine startups, and new build project management.

In his current role, Jordan is responsible for Seaspan's Ship Docking and Tug & Barge division, as well as continuing to leading HaiSea Marine, Seaspan's joint venture partnership with Haisla Nation.

Additionally, the co-owner of Prism Marine Ltd., a maritime consulting firm in British Columbia.

LUKE SCHAUERTE

LNG Canada



Luke Schauerte is the Vice President, Asset, for LNG Canada, a Shell-PETRONAS-PetroChina-Mitsubishi Corporation-Kogas Joint Venture. Luke's focus is safely delivering the first cargo and subsequent competitive operations from LNG Canada, the country's first large-scale liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility in Kitimat, B.C., on the traditional territory of the Haisla Nation.

With its first LNG cargo expected by the middle of this decade, the project represents the largest energy investment in Canadian history and will deliver substantial economic benefits to Indigenous communities, businesses, the province, and the country. Once complete, the facility will deliver the lowest carbon intensive LNG in the world, helping to address global climate change.

He brings more than 20 years of industry and operations experience to his role at LNG Canada, most recently in multiple senior positions including Production Manager at Shell's Scotford Manufacturing Complex (Upgrading, Refining & Chemicals) and as the lead strategic advisor for Shell's Global Manufacturing portfolio's business & digital transformation.

Prior to these roles, Luke worked internationally in Shell's Integrated Gas and Upstream portfolios in Asia, Europe, Russia, Africa, and South America. Locally, Luke's operational and engineering experience has included opening the Montney shale play in Dawson Creek and Fort St. John delivering the first carbon capture and sequestration wells in Strathcona County. He is also a retired west coast naval officer who deployed from Vancouver Island to the Persian Gulf.

Luke has served as Board Member and Partnership Committee Chair of Khanty-Mansiysk Petroleum Alliance and Board Member of Salym Petroleum Development. Luke holds a degree in Electrical Engineering from the Royal Military College of Canada, is a Professional Engineer with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta.

QUYNLAN YOUNG

Prince George Chamber of Commerce



Quynlan Young (Quyn) has been with the Prince George Chamber for nearly five years, and now leads the organization as CEO. Quyn was born and raised by a family of business owners in Prince George, BC. She has assisted many members of her family in the day-to-day operations of each business. She was attending the University of Northern British Columbia when her passion for local business truly developed. She spent two years studying various businesses through casework on the UNBC JDCWest team and creating solutions for their respective challenges.

With a background in human resources and marketing, Quynlan started at the Prince George Chamber of Commerce as the Executive Projects Coordinator in January of 2018. This role offered the opportunity to work with the organization's membership of more than 700 firms. While she began at the Chamber with a preference for planning and executing business workshops and large networking events, she quickly began to favour the work that the Prince George Chamber does to engage and advocate with/for the business community of Prince George.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Collette Melo

"Your Healthy Workplace"



Collette Melo is a B.C born and raised Nurse Practitioner who earned her Doctoral degree in Advanced Nursing Practice from University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 2021. She is currently working at LNG Canada as their Health Coordinator, supporting the HR team with the enhancement of Corporate Health programming. Collette's clinical background includes 20+ years of working in emergency departments, intensive care and remote, fly-in Indigenous communities. She has worked and trained as a volunteer firefighter in the small communities where she has lived and has assisted in establishing healthy living support groups. Most recently, Collette put her knowledge of preventative medicine to the test and became board certified in lifestyle medicine through the American College of Lifestyle Medicine.

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PANEL INFORMATION

MULTI SECTOR ECONOMIC UPDATE



Hear from a number of different industries as they discuss current trends, updates and their impact on Northern B.C.

PANELISTS

COLIN CARSON - TOURISM PRINCE GEORGE

MIKHAIL PASIC - RBC

JACK MIDDLETON - CAPP

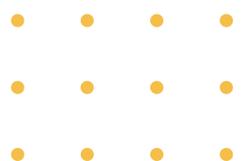
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MELISSA PACE - BC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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COLIN CARSON

Tourism Prince George



Colin Carson is the Chief Executive Officer for Tourism Prince George. Colin was borned and raised in Prince George and has been working for Tourism PG for the last six years, moving into the CEO role in 2021. Colin is passionate about all things Northern BC and is proud to call the area home. In his spare time, Colin enjoys the outdoor activities of the region and remains involved in Prince George's sport and recreation community. Colin is on the Board of Directors for the Northern BC Tourism Association and also served on the Board for 2022 BC Summer Games, hosted in Prince George.

MIKHIAL PASIC

RBC



Mikhial has been with RBC Dominion Securities since 2008 and a member of the Portfolio Advisory Group since 2010. In his current role, he works closely with colleagues in Global Manager Research to develop a managed platform of private markets offerings and provides advice and guidance on how to integrate alternative investments into portfolios. He also serves as a co-portfolio manager of tactical managed solutions portfolios and a government bond portfolio, and is a member of the Global Portfolio Advisory Committee that provides asset allocation guidance. Before assuming his current role, Mikhial was a Fixed Income Portfolio Advisor and a member of the Fixed Income Trading Group within PAG. Prior to joining PAG, Mikhial was a member of the Wealth Management Generalist Program. Mikhial is a CFA charterholder and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with concentration in Finance from the University of Detroit Mercy.

JACK MIDDLETON

CAPP



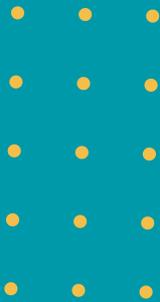
Jack is an Advisor, Community Engagement for the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) and is based in Vancouver. He works around the province with stakeholders to support the responsible growth of Canada's upstream oil and gas industry. He has worked in the energy and natural resource sector in public affairs and government relations positions and is the volunteer Chair of the BC Schizophrenia Society.

MELISSA PACE

British Columbia
Chamber of Commerce



Melissa Pace is the Director Member experience with the BC Chamber of Commerce. Prior to starting her role with the BC Chamber in June 2022, Melissa was the CEO for the Whistler Chamber of Commerce for nearly 7 years. Her past experiences include owning and operating one of the largest sightseeing companies in Vancouver, and managing a 400 room hotel. She knows all too well the complexities of running a business, large or small, in British Columbia.



PANEL INFORMATION

PROSPERITY IN THE NORTH



What does it take to be prosperous in the north, and how do we get there?

PANELISTS

DOUG BELL - NORTHERN LIGHTS ESTATE WINERY

BARRY VICKERS - FIRST NATIONS MAJOR PROJECTS COALITION

STACY MILLER - BC CANCER AGENCY

BOB REDDEN - ENVIRONMENTAL DYNAMICS INC

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KIEL GIDDENS - TC ENERGY & COASTAL GASLINK PIPELINE PROJECT

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DOUG BELL

Northern Lights Estate Winery



Doug is the Operating Partner and Developer for Northern Lights Estate Winery, as well as the Owner/Operator of Family Fast Foods Ltd..

Doug has been a part of Prince George since 1988, and to say he is invested in his community is an understatement. Doug is committed to excellence in his city and has volunteered his time for a variety of committees at UNBC, coached local high school sports teams, and was a driving force behind the creation of Prince George's annual Climb for Cancer.

Doug also previously served on the Board of Directors for Initiatives Prince George before joining Tourism Prince George to serve on their Board of Directors.

BARRY VICKERS

First Nations Major Projects Coalition



Barry Vickers has been involved in First Nations economic and business development for over 20 years and has also operated his own successful business which provides valuable perspective and insight to work he performs for the Coalition and its members. He has extensive experience in the development, financing and implementation major pipeline projects, electrical infrastructure, mining, and other natural resource projects. Mr. Vickers has also been involved in the negotiation of impact benefits agreement and equity ownership in major projects.

Mr. Vickers has a Undergraduate Degree in Economics from Simon Fraser University which along with his strong experience brings a strong analytic and practical approach to his work for the FNMPC.

Mr. Vickers has been with the FNMPC since its inception and is proud to be part of the management team and is committed to seeing the FNMPC add value and grow as an organization for the benefit of its members.

DR. STACY MILLER

BC Cancer Agency



Dr. Stacy Miller is a Radiation Oncologist and former Physician Leader at BC Cancer – Prince George (Centre for the North). As a physician leader in the North, she has focused on the BC Cancer's vision to bring cancer care closer to home, including development of Telehealth systems to support this work. Dr. Miller is originally from the west coast and moved to Prince George in 2012 for the opening of BC Cancer – Prince George (Centre for the North). She trained at the University of British Columbia with a residency at BC Cancer and a subsequent international fellowship in Sydney, Australia. Clinically, She is involved in the treatment of several types of cancer with a special interest in genitourinary and lymphoid malignancies as well as brachytherapy and rapid access to palliative radiotherapy.

BOB REDDEN

Environmental Dynamics Inc



Bob is the Chief Executive Officer of Environmental Dynamics Inc. In his role as CEO, Bob leads EDI, providing vision and strategic leadership to guide the overall direction of the firm.

Bob has over 25 years of biological and environmental management experience working in northern and western Canada. With a background in fish and wildlife biology and extensive experience working on most aspects of natural resource development and construction projects, he has significant knowledge with regards to regulatory and project requirements. He has managed numerous projects related to environmental assessments and environmental management planning/permitting and has worked extensively in the oil and gas, mining, renewable energy, and transportation infrastructure industries. Over the past two decades, Bob has developed numerous practical environmental management training courses for environmental professionals and construction team members, having trained over 2,500 people.

Bob has always been committed to making a difference by volunteering for boards, committees, and charities. Since 2014, he has been a northern BC representative (volunteer) for the BC Provincial Government's Small Business Roundtable. The purpose of the Small Business Roundtable is to champion small business interests to government. In 2016, Bob was invited to volunteer on the Champions Table; a joint initiative established by the BC Assembly of First Nations and Business Council of BC. The Champions Table provides a meeting place for formal ongoing dialogue where leaders come together to explore opportunities, discuss barriers and work jointly to develop a more effective approach to economic development based on reconciliation with First Nations.

KIEL GIDDENS

TC Energy



Kiel Giddens is the B.C. Project Director, Public Affairs for TC Energy and the Coastal GasLink Pipeline. Based in Prince George since 2013, Kiel has responsibility for the company's government and stakeholder relations activities in B.C. Prior to joining TC Energy, Kiel held various senior advisor roles for Cabinet Ministers in the B.C. Government, including the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure and Minister of Environment.

He is a Past-President of the Prince George Chamber of Commerce Board, and a longtime member of the Chamber's Advocacy Committee. Kiel strives to #SupportPG however he can to make it the best possible community for his two young sons.



ABOUT US

The Prince George Chamber of Commerce strives to connect, engage and enhance the quality of life in our community by providing opportunities for businesses to succeed.

The Chamber is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors elected by the membership. The work of the Chamber is carried out by staff as well as volunteer committees and task forces.

We speak on matters affecting our members, research business issues, encourage investment, work to broaden the tax base, support crime prevention programs, recognize the importance of education in providing employment skills, are aware of environmental and cultural issues and maintain contact and work with politicians to improve the manner and method of doing business in Prince George.

For newcomers, we are a primary resource for researching and understanding our community.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made the #Truenorth Business Development Forum a resounding success.

First and foremost, we would like to extend our deepest thanks to Heidi Martel for her exceptional event planning skills.

Melissa Pace of the BC Chamber of Commerce travelled from Whistler, BC to be our emcee for this event. Her leadership and guidance have been incredibly helpful to our team. Thank you Melissa.

We would also like to thank the team at Russell Audio Visual for their hard work. We would also like to thank Homework, les Beaux Visages, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, and Tourism PG, for providing such wonderful door prizes and speaker gifts that added an extra layer of excitement to the event.

Of course, we couldn't have done it without our hardworking team at the Prince George Chamber of Commerce, who worked tirelessly to make this event happen. We are incredibly proud of the work we have done, and we believe that it will have a significant impact on the businesses and entrepreneurs who attended.

Thank you to our Board of Directors for your ongoing support and efforts.

Last but not least, we would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to all our sponsors and partners for their generous support. We are grateful for their contributions, which helped to make the #Truenorth Business Development Forum a resounding success. Thank you all for your support and dedication to our community.

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