

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 AM

REGISTRATION OPENS & EXHIBITOR SET-UP

9:30 AM

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Claudette Pittman (Emcee), Chair, PBIS 2026 Conference Planning Committee
Pamela Constantine, President, Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce
His Worship Jamie Neville, Mayor, Town of Placentia

Premier's Video Address:

The Honourable Tony Wakeham, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

10:00AM

OPENING KEYNOTE

Colin Tibbo, Vice President, Service & Innovation Marine Atlantic Inc.

*Driving Innovation In Marine Transportation,
Modernizing Service Delivery at Marine Atlantic*

10:15 AM

EXHIBITION OPENS

CONFERENCE SESSION I - NAVIGATING CHANGE

Gerry Hynes, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Placentia
Charlene Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Energy NL
Tracey Power, Chief Financial Officer, North Atlantic Canada

Leadership Perspectives on Growth, Investment & Regional Opportunity

11:00 AM

NETWORKING HUB

Claudette Pittman (Moderator)

BUSINESS BITE – SESSION I

Employer & Business Resources

Board of Trade – Employer Resources

Navigating Workplace Change with Confidence

5-Minute Introduction

Jeff Butt, Senior Employer Advisor

Shane Hickey, Director of Employment Advisors

Practical, no-cost resources for employers. Occupational Health & Safety, Workers' Compensation, Employer Responsibilities, Return-to-Work Support

BUSINESS BITE – SESSION II

Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)

LIFT Program

5-Minute Introduction

Jerry O'Neil, Account Manager, Financing – Small Business

Discover BDC resources supporting: Financing, Advisory Services, Digital Solutions, Innovation & Productivity, Technology Adoption & Growth

BUSINESS BITE – SESSION III

Networking & Recharge Lounge - Pattern Canada

Connect. Recharge. Get Ready for What's Next.

Take a break, connect with fellow delegates, or recharge in a comfortable space featuring: Comfortable Seating, Complimentary Water & Coffee, Device Charging, Informal Meeting Space

Open to all PBIS attendees. Make the Networking Hub and Exhibition an important part of your PBIS experience.

11:15 AM

NUTRITIONAL BREAK

11:30 AM

PODIUM PRESENTATION

Jonathan P. Galgay, Director, Legislative Affairs, NL Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)

Tariffs: What's The Impact?

12:15 PM

LUNCHEON

Location: **Star of the Sea Hall, 14–16 Jubilee Road, Placentia**

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE

The Honourable Joanne Thompson Member of Parliament, St. John's East

The Future of Newfoundland & Labrador's Offshore Industries: Opportunities for Placentia Bay

2:15 PM

CONFERENCE SESSION II - PLACENTIA BAY PROJECTS

Paul Burton, Vice President, Refining & Refinery Manager, Braya Renewable Fuels, Come By Chance

Elizabeth Barlow, Regional Director, Cermaq Newfoundland, Marystown, Placentia Bay, NL

Industrial Projects, Operations & Regional Innovation

3:00 PM

PODIUM PRESENTATION

Felix De Kock, Refinery Manager Vale Base Metals, Long Harbour, Placentia Bay, NL

*Critical Minerals and the Importance of Nickel Processing
Innovation, Sustainability & the Path to a Lower-Carbon Mining Industry*

3:30 PM

WELLNESS BEYOND THE SESSIONS

Guided Hike – Placentia Loop

Connect. Explore. Recharge.

YMCA Wellness Activities

Swimming, Conditioning, Fitness.

Conference passes & valid photo ID are required for YMCA activities.

A great opportunity to step away, recharge, get active, and connect with fellow delegates.

7:00 PM

CONFERENCE RECEPTION & CHARITY NIGHT

Location: **Dockside Pub - 197–199 Main Road, Jerseyside**

Welcome by: **Claudette Pittman**, Chair, PBIS 2026

Featuring:

Karaoke with Floyd Edison

Cash Bar

***Ticket Required for Entry.** An evening of networking, entertainment and community support. Donations will be accepted in support of a local charitable/non-profit organization.*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 AM

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:30 AM

BREAKFAST KEYNOTE

Nick Careen Jr. Senior Vice President & Acting Deputy Director
General International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Small Town Beginnings, From Newfoundland Roots to Global Leadership

10:00 AM

EXHIBITION OPENS

CONFERENCE SESSION III - INVESTING IN GROWTH

Bryon Chubbs, VP, Engineering & Energy Supply, Newfoundland Power
Elizabeth Beckett, ACOA'S Director General, Regional Operations for
Newfoundland & Labrador, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)
Julianne Griffin, CEO, Labrador North Chamber of Commerce

Building the Partnerships That Drive Regional Prosperity

10:45 AM

NETWORKING BREAK & EXHIBITION

11:00 AM

PODIUM PRESENTATION

Brandon Ellis, Vice President, Policy & Government
Relations Atlantic Chamber of Commerce

Red Tape Reduction

Creating a More Business – Friendly Environment

11:30 AM

PODIUM PRESENTATION

Jim Keating, Chief Executive Officer Oil & Gas
Corporation of Newfoundland & Labrador (OILCO)

*From Offshore Resources to Onshore Opportunities:
What It Means for Placentia Bay?*

12:00 PM

CONFERENCE SESSION IV - FIRESIDE DISCUSSION, SECURING OUR FUTURE

John R. Whelan (Moderator), Principal, Whelan Dispute Resolution

Dr. Jeff Collins, Director, Palmer Canadian Leadership Institute, Confederation Centre of the Arts

Victoria Belbin M.M.S., ICD.D., CEO, Atlantic Canada Aerospace & Defence Association (ACADA)

The Honourable Seamus O'Regan Jr., P.C. Senior Business Advisor, Stewart McKelvey

*Securing Our Future: Defence, National Security & Strategic
Infrastructure in Atlantic Canada*

CONFERENCE CLOSING

1:15 PM

LUNCHEON & CLOSING KEYNOTE

The Honourable David Brazil, E.C.N.L., Senior Advisor, Global Public Affairs

Lessons from Leadership: Navigating Change!

2:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

Claudette Pittman, Chair, PBIS 2026 Conference Planning Committee

2:10 PM

MAIN PRIZE DRAW

Weekend Getaway Package

Islands in the Bay Cottages,

Dunville, Newfoundland & Labrador

IMPORTANT NOTE

Unless otherwise indicated, all PBIS 2026 activities—including the Exhibition, Conference Sessions, Breakfast, and Day Two Luncheon—will take place at:

Port of Argentia Wellness Centre, 79 – 81 Blockhouse Road, Placentia



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Please visit the Registration Desk for conference information and delegate assistance throughout the event.

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