



Kee Tas Kee Now Sawmills Ltd. (KSL)

KSL Workshops

May 6 & 7, 2026

Kee Tas Kee Now Place 10451 170 St NW
Edmonton, AB, T5P 4S7

Tuesday, May 5 - Reception

DoubleTree by Hilton West Edmonton
16615 – 109 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5P 4K8

5:00 - 6:00	Arrive at Hotel
6:00	Grand Entry Song - Kicking Horse Singers & Drummers , Alexander First Nation <i>(Workshop participants process into Reception)</i>
6:15	Opening Prayer / Blessing - Elder Bert Auger, Whitefish Lake First Nation
6:25	Welcome to KSL Workshops - Chris Dambrowitz & Samson Laboucan
6:30 - 9:00	Reception & Conversation 7:15 - Honour Song provided by Kicking Horse Singers & Drummers

Wednesday, May 6 - KSL Workshop

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8:30	Shuttle Bus leaves DoubleTree by Hilton for Workshop
9:00 - 9:10	Opening Prayer / Blessing Grand Chief Gilbert Okemow, Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council & Chair, KSL Board of Directors
9:10 - 9:15	Welcome & Introduction Chris Dambrowitz & Samson Laboucan
9:15 - 10:00	<i>The Huu-ay-aht Experience: Jurisdiction, Forestry, Partnerships and Indigenous Trade</i> Robert Dennis Sr. - Elder and former Chief Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nations
10:00 - 10:35	<i>Mapping Emerging First Nation Forestry Systems across the West</i> Dustin Twin - Founder and CEO, Miyo Management Ltd.
10:35 - 10:50	COFFEE BREAK
11:30 - 12:15	<i>Two-Eyed Seeing and Knowledge-Making in Cumulative Effects & Lands Management</i> Carol Crowe - President, Indigenous Visions Inc. Indigenous Centre for Cumulative Effects
12:15 - 1:15	LUNCH

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1:15 - 2:00	<i>New Models for Indigenous Leadership & Economic Reconciliation: Community at the Centre</i> Ken Coates - Professor Emeritus, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (U. Saskatchewan) and President, Coates Holroyd Consulting Inc.
2:00 - 2:45	<i>Advancing Indigenous-Led Economic Pathways & Partnerships: from Dialogue to Implementation</i> Trevor Coates - Founder & President, Indigenous Economic Pathways (IEP)
2:45 - 3:00	COFFEE BREAK
3:00 - 3:45	<i>"Third Path Forward" for Indigenous Leadership in Forestry and Forest Management</i> Peggy Smith - Professor Emerita, Faculty of Natural Resources Management (Lakehead U.)
3:45 - 4:30	<i>Panel Discussion</i> - Chris Dambrowitz, Moderator
5:00	Shuttle Bus (Prestige) leaves for DoubleTree Hotel
6:00 - 9:00	The evening is free for your own networking or independent dining plans. For those who may wish to continue the conversation, please join us at Boston Pizza - 180 Mayfield Common NW!

Thursday, May 7 - KSL Workshop

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8:30	Shuttle Bus (Prestige) leaves DoubleTree by Hilton for Workshop
9:00 - 9:10	Opening Prayer / Blessing
9:10 - 9:30	<i>Wildfire Resilience Consortium of Canada (WRCC): Introduction to WRCC's Three Pillars</i> Matt Kristoff - Regional Coordinator - Boreal West, Wildfire Knowledge Network, WRCC
9:30 - 10:30	<i>Chiefs' Panel on Wildfire Impacts and Responses</i> Dustin Twin, Moderator
10:30-10:45	COFFEE BREAK
10:45 - 11:30	<i>Reaction vs Mitigation: The Real & Rational Economics of Catastrophic Wildfire Response</i> Robert Gray - Wildland Fire Ecologist, R.W.Gray Consulting Ltd.
11:30 - 12:15	<i>New Paths Forward for Cultural Practices in Wildfire Management</i> Keara Lightning - Indigenous Forestry Liaison, CFS Northern Forestry Centre & PhD Candidate, U. Alberta
12:15 - 1:30	LUNCH
1:30 - 1:45	Short Film Presentation - REIGNITION: Bringing Good Fire Back to the Land
1:45 - 2:30 <i>(by video)</i>	<i>Reforestation after Wildfire, Aboriginal Atmospheric Rights, and Carbon Finance</i> Leigh Fox - Conservation Finance Catalyst, Wahkohtowin Development GP Inc.
2:30 - 2:45	Short Film Presentation - Roots of a Stewardship Economy: Wahkohtowin & Mikro-Tek
2:45 - 3:00	COFFEE BREAK
3:00 - 3:45	<i>Panel Discussion</i> - Matt Kristoff, Moderator
3:45 - 4:00	<i>Closing Remarks and Prayer</i>
5:00	Shuttle Bus (Prestige) leaves for DoubleTree Hotel