



TASIUJARJUAQ SHEEWETAGANAPOI CONSORTIUM

2026 Hudson Bay Summit

February 24-26, 2026 | Ottawa, Ontario

Agenda

Building a Strong, Sustainable Future for the Hudson Bay and James Bay Region

Summit Co-Chairs: Lucassie Arragutainaq, Lawrence Martin, Ryan Barry

Location: The Westin Ottawa (11 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa) – Confederation II & III (4th Floor)

Meeting Timing: 8:30am – 5:00pm

Meals: Breakfast (7:00 – 8:30 am) and lunch (12:00 – 1:00 pm) provided each day. A gala dinner will be held on Feb 25 (6:30 – 10:00 pm). Meals are provided free of charge for registered participants.

Registration: Please follow signs to the registration desk when you arrive to receive your participant package and other important information.

If you need support during the meeting please contact:

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Day 1 - Tuesday, February 24 (8:30 am - 5:00 pm)

8:30 - 10:00 am: Opening Ceremony

- Housekeeping Remarks & Welcome Blessing
- Opening Remarks from Co-Chairs
- Keynote Addresses from Distinguished Guests

10:00 - 10:30 am: 📞 Health Break

10:30 am - 12:00 pm: What Emerging National Priorities Mean for Regional Stewardship of the Bays

Panel Discussion

Over the past year, across the world international relationships have been changing rapidly within new political and economic realities, which has had profound impacts here in Canada. Hudson Bay and James Bay have been receiving increased national attention as a new vision of Building Canada Strong was introduced by the federal government with its focus on strengthening Arctic security, advancing major infrastructure projects, and improving economic resilience. Panelists will discuss what these emerging national priorities mean for regional stewardship, how to find alignment and support for local priorities in the current environment, and what options might exist for collaboration across regions.

12:00 - 1:00 pm: 🍴 Lunch Break

1:00 - 1:30 pm: Consortium Overview and Secretariat Updates

Presentation led by Summit Co-Chairs

Overview of Tasiujaqiaqmiut Sheewetaganapoi Consortium, current strategic priorities and Summit objectives with an introduction to the Working Group Chairs which maintain the Consortium's momentum between in-person events. Discussion will highlight the changing operating environment and how the Consortium will continue to position itself based on feedback provided by the communities and regional organizations through this event and other engagement.

1:30 - 3:00 pm: Investments in Local Capacity to Strengthen Regional Resilience

Panel Discussion

Since the establishment of the Consortium there have been significant advances in community led initiatives to address shared challenges including rapid environmental change, food insecurity, aging infrastructure, etc. There are many positive examples of communities around the Bays that are using their local and Indigenous knowledge to address these challenges and strengthen regional resilience through innovative approaches to conducting research and stewarding marine areas. Panelists will highlight innovative projects led by communities that have a positive impact locally and regionally while also identifying areas where additional collaboration and support are needed.

3:00 - 3:30 pm: 📞 Health Break

3:30 - 4:45 pm: How We Respond: A Case Study in Marine Emergency & Environmental Response

Panel Discussion

Responding to a marine emergency is a complex task undertaken by multiple agencies. This panel of experts will discuss a hypothetical scenario of a ship in distress and will follow the steps that would be taken to respond. The goal of this session is to share information and provide time for communities and organizations to ask questions about the marine response system.

4:45 - 5:00 pm: Day 1 Wrap-up

Overview provided by Summit Co-Chairs

Day 2 - Wednesday, February 25 (8:30 am - 5:00 pm; 6:00 - 10:00 pm)

8:30 - 8:45 am: Opening Remarks and Day 1 Recap

Overview provided by Summit Co-Chairs

8:45 - 10:00 am: Community Roundtable

Roundtable discussion moderated by Summit Co-Chairs

Delegates from each of the coastal communities surrounding Hudson Bay and James Bay will provide updates on their communities' priorities for marine stewardship. The conversation will be guided by questions provided in advance by the Secretariat, however community members are free to share anything they feel appropriate.

10:00 - 10:30 am: ☕ Health Break

10:30 am - 12:00 pm: Community Roundtable (continued)

Roundtable discussion moderated by Summit Co-Chairs

12:00 - 1:00 pm: 🍴 Lunch Break

1:00 - 2:00 pm Community Roundtable (conclusion)

Roundtable discussion moderated by Summit Co-Chairs

2:00 - 3:00 pm: Responding to Community Priorities

Roundtable discussion moderated by Summit Co-Chairs

Opportunity for officials from regional organizations and government agencies to respond to issues raised by community delegates and/or address additional related issues.

3:00 - 3:30 pm: ☕ Health Break

3:30 - 3:50 pm: Ocean Protection Plan and Arctic Region Updates

Presentations by the Oceans Protection Plan and the Fisheries and Oceans Arctic Region

3:50 - 4:45 pm: The Importance of Technology and Indigenous Data Sovereignty for Regional Stewardship

This session will discuss the challenges and opportunities to ensure individuals, communities and regional organizations can maintain ownership, access and control of their data long into the future. This will facilitate collaboration and regional stewardship when desired, in a manner that fully respects Indigenous data sovereignty across the jurisdictions.

4:45 - 5:00 pm: Day 2 Wrap-up

Overview provided by Summit Co-Chairs

6:30 - 10:00 pm: Gala Banquet and Entertainment

The Gala Banquet will include a sit-down dinner with performances by PIQSIQ and Thelma Cheechoo.

Day 3 - Thursday, February 26 (8:30 am – 5:00 pm)

8:30 – 8:45 am: Opening Remarks and Day 2 Recap

Overview provided by Summit Co-Chairs

8:45 – 10:00 am: Enabling Knowledge Transfer

Panel Discussion

Marine stewardship, emergency response and all areas of the Consortium's mandate rely on the depth of local and Indigenous knowledge held by communities and the dedication of local experts and leaders to turn priorities into action. This session will explore strategies to support these committed individuals and the transfer of knowledge both between communities and between generations to maintain a strong Hudson Bay and James Bay into the future.

10:00 – 10:30 am: 🗨️ Health Break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm: Connecting Regional Approaches to Community-Driven Research and Monitoring

Summary Updates / Panel Discussion

This session focuses on how community-driven research and monitoring can better support Inuit and Cree priorities in Hudson Bay and James Bay. Specifically, participants will discuss research and monitoring in the marine environment in the context of current local, regional and global challenges. This session will be grounded in what communities see, experience and do.

12:00 – 1:00 pm: 🍴 Lunch Break

1:00 – 2:15 pm: Interconnectivity in Indigenous Stewardship and Protected Areas

Summary Updates / Panel Discussion

The Hudson and James Bays ecosystem is a unique and sensitive marine environment. Stewarding this ecosystem has been raised as a key priority by the communities of Hudson Bay and James Bay and a range of solutions, such as formalized protected areas, are being explored in each region. Through years of effort, stewardship and protected areas initiatives in the Hudson Bay and James Bay region have moved from concept to action using a variety of innovative tools and approaches led by Indigenous communities. This session will show the overall view of Indigenous stewardship and protection in the bays and explore opportunities for interconnectivity of these initiatives.

2:15 – 3:00 pm: Meeting the Moment: Turning Priorities into Action

Roundtable Discussion

Stewardship of Hudson Bay and James Bay is at a significant juncture; increased national attention and a shifting operating environment is emphasizing the need for continued knowledge sharing and interjurisdictional collaboration between the communities around the Bays. This final session will provide an opportunity for reflection on information shared earlier in the proceedings and additional discussion from attendees on strategies to support knowledge transfer and collaboration and ensure that the Consortium continues to deliver on the priorities of the region.

3:00 – 3:30 pm: 🗨️ Health Break

3:30 – 4:45 pm: Meeting the Moment: Turning Priorities into Action (Continued)

Roundtable Discussion moderated by Summit Co-Chairs

4:45 pm: Closing Remarks

Led by Summit Co-Chairs

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DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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4:45	<p>Closing Remarks Led by Summit Co-Chairs</p>



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