



Digital Futures – Alberta North

October 20 - 21, 2016, Portage College, Lac La Biche, Alberta

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About the Symposium

Digital Futures: Alberta North is the sixth Digital Futures symposium and the first to be held in northern Alberta.

Building on the momentum from the previous five symposium Digital Futures: Alberta North will showcase success stories from across the province, with a focus on the northern regions, and the multitude of various solutions that have developed to enhance rural and remote broadband in the province.

Hosted with the partnership of the [Alberta HUB](#), [the University of Alberta – School of Library and Information Studies](#), [the University of Alberta – Master of Arts in Communications and Technology \(MACT\) Program](#), [Portage College](#) and [MCSNet](#).

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<http://www.digitalfutures.ca/symposium-information/>

Pre-Symposium Agenda

Wednesday, October 19

6:00 pm – 9:00 Pre-symposium Mixer, TBA

Digital Futures: Alberta North Symposium Agenda

Thursday, October 20

	Community Stream	Advanced and Looming Issues Stream
8:30 - 9:15	Welcome and Introductions	
9:15 – 10:30	Why we are all here?	
10:30 – 11	Coffee	
11 – 12:00	Broadband 101 – Recap and Q&A	CRTC Basic Service Offering – Decision/Potential Decision and Impact
Lunch 12 - 1 pm	TBA	
1 – 2:30 pm	Comparing Community Broadband Approaches and Successes 1: Wireless Internet Service Providers (WISPs) – Grande Prairie and Parkland County	Community Engagement and Demand Aggregation
2:30 – 3	Coffee	
3:00 – 4:00	Plenary report - Summary of the two streams	

Friday, October 21

	Community Stream	Advanced and Looming Issues Stream
8:30 - 9:15	Remote Rural Broadband Systems: a Canadian approach with an Uncertain Future <i>Gregory Taylor, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, Media and Film, University of Calgary</i>	
9:15 – 10:30	Comparing Community Broadband Approaches and Successes 2: Fibre - Olds, Taber and Vulcan	Wireless 101
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee	
11 – 12:00	What makes sense for Northern Alberta? – How to adapt, what to consider, and what to be aware of	Connecting Communities – Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada (ISED)
12 - 1 pm	Networking lunch Plenary Digital Communities Broadband Portal (interactive tour) Where do we go from here? Symposium wrap up	
1:30 pm	Safe Journey Home	