**STFX HEALTH SOCIETY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**DAY 1 – Friday, 22 March 2024**

6:00 pm | **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

We will welcome everyone to the conference and offer a land acknowledgement.

Location: Barrick Auditorium (MULH 2070)

6:10 pm | **Speaker 1: Dr. Daniela Kempkens**

Dr. Daniela Kempkens is both a public health physician and the Medical Officer of Health in Nova Scotia. She works in health promotion, disease prevention, and health protection initiatives. She has completed a public health and preventative medicine residency at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and concentrates on the interplay of poverty and community.

Location: Barrick Auditorium (MULH 2070)

6:30 pm | **Speaker 2: Dana Pulsifer**

Dana Pulsifer is Senior Director of Nova Scotia Health’s Mental Health and Addictions Program. She is mindful of the implications of health inequities at the individual and system levels, and demonstrates strong leadership to address barriers for equity-deserving populations. She brings a lens of health equity, diversity, inclusion, reconciliation, and accessibility into all areas of her work.

Location: Barrick Auditorium (MULH 2070)

6:50 pm | **Speaker 3: Terri MacPherson**

Terri MacPherson is a Climate Change Specialist at the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture. She is a professional agrologist and currently leads the coordination of climate change initiatives within the NS Department of Agriculture and supports the NS agricultural sector to become more adaptive, resilient, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Location: Barrick Auditorium (MULH 2070)

7:10 pm | **Speaker 4: Chief Pauline Frost (Virtual)**

Chief Pauline Frost is a Canadian politician who has served as Minister of Health, Minister of Environment, and Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation. She is currently Chief of Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation in Old Crow, Yukon. Her experience as a health and environmental minister will provide invaluable knowledge and incorporate an Indigenous perspective into our topic of environmental health, highlighting the important connections we have to the land.

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7:30 pm | **Q&A Period**

StFX students (Katie MacNeil and Reese Mann) will moderate a question period.

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7:50 pm | **Closing Remarks**

We will conclude the speaker event and panel, and thank our sponsors.

Location: Barrick Auditorium (MULH 2070)

8:00 pm | **Mingle & Snacks**

All conference attendees will be invited to mingle with each other, as well as the panelists. Snacks will include hot hors d’oeuvres, water, coffee, and tea (~150 people).

Location: Scholars Walk and Joyce Atrium (1st and 2nd Floor Outside MULH 2070)

9:00 pm | **End DAY 1**

**DAY 2 – Saturday, 23 March 2024**

8:00 am | **Arrival & Breakfast**

Breakfast will be offered as conference attendees arrive. It will include a light breakfast, water, coffee, and tea (~100 people).

Location: McKenna Centre

9:00 am | **Smudging Ceremony and Talking Circle: Elder Kerry Prosper**

Our StFX Elder-in-Residence, Kerry Prosper, will facilitate a smudging ceremony and talking circle to start off the second day of conference events.

Location: Schwartz Auditorium (SCHW 110)

9:30 am | **Keynote Speaker: The Honourable Michelle Thompson**

The Honourable Michelle Thompson is Minister of Health and Wellness in the province of Nova Scotia. She is also a Registered Nurse. Her experience in first line patient care and expertise in government will provide a policy-oriented perspective. Her presentation will be ~30 minutes, with a ~15 minute period afterwards for questions.

Location: Schwartz Auditorium (SCHW 110)

10:15 am | **The Big Crunch & Snacks**

The Antigonish Community Health Board (CHB) will facilitate the big crunch to celebrate March as Nutrition Month. The CHB will also share details about their work promoting health and well-being in the community. Snacks will include apples and water (~100 people).

Location: McKenna Centre

10:45 am | **Wellness Activity**

Ivan Drouin will give a brief presentation and then facilitate a wellness activity for all attendees. It will be to mental wellness and climate change.

Location: McKenna Centre

12:00 pm | **Networking Lunch**

Conference attendees will be invited to join us for a networking lunch, which will include a classic sandwich buffet and cookies. There will be opportunities to mingle with other attendees, as well as the keynote speaker, the Honourable Michelle Thompson, and Ivan Drouin. Registration will be required for lunch.

Location: McKenna Centre

12:45 pm | **Think Tank**

Dr. Riley Olstead will help us to facilitate a think tank centered around the theme of water. It will include discussions and brainstorming sessions on local water-related topics such as water tables, blue green algae, flooding, and agriculture. We endeavour to create an output from the think tank session that we can present to our local government and others who can motivate change.

Location: McKenna Centre

2:00 pm | **End DAY 2**