

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024	
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration, Networking and Coffee/Tea Service
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Opening Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome, introductions, land acknowledgement, and Mental Health Moment, facilitated by Mayor Percy Farwell (Central Director, MNL Board)
9:15 AM – 10:10 AM	Best Practices in Procurement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation exploring best practices in procurement and an overview of cooperative purchasing through Canoe Procurement Group of Canada, presented by Frank Butler (Director of Strategic Sourcing), Public Procurement Agency & Bradley Power (Director of Programs), MNL
10:10 AM – 10:30 AM	Nutrition Break
10:30 AM – 11:25 AM	Community Business Development Corporations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how CBDCs interact with municipalities, and how they can support Regional Economic Development, presented by Mark Whiffen, CBDC Central
11:30 AM – 12:40 PM	Towns and Local Service Districts Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on the new Towns and Local Service Districts Act, presented by Christopher Stamp and Sharmane Allen from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs
12:40 AM – 1:25 PM	Lunch Break
1:25 PM – 2:55 PM	Regional Caucus Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated by Rob Nolan (CEO) and Bradley Power (Director of Programs), MNL
3:00 PM – 4:10 PM	Regional Service Boards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A look at the role of regional service boards (including an overview of current programs and services), as well as a discussion of the vision for regional service boards in the future, presented by Robert Elliot and Edward Evans from the Central Regional Service Board
4:15 PM - 5:10 PM	Property Tax <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of the steps required to transition from poll tax to assessment-based taxation, presented by Don Hearn (CEO), Municipal Assessment Agency
5:10 PM – 7:00 PM	Free Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoy dinner with your colleagues or on your own
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live music, light appetizers, cash bar service

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024	
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Networking & Coffee/Tea Service
9:00 AM – 9:05 AM	Opening Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome, Mental Health Moment, facilitated by Mayor Percy Farwell (Central Director) MNL
9:05 AM – 9:35 AM	Operating Your Municipal Council and Committees More Effectively <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of municipal council committee structure, and information on best practices, liabilities, and functionality, presented by Bradley Power (Director of Programs) and Rob Nolan (CEO), MNL
9:40 AM – 10:40 AM	Emerging Considerations for Municipal Capacity and Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The increasing focus on local capacity, new pressures for social investment and emerging opportunities for development mean municipalities must look to develop new ways to provide strategic leadership within their communities. Pat Curran, Lead Consultant of Pat Curran + Associates will highlight emerging needs around strategic planning and long community benefits and how to best prepare your community to meet these new challenges and opportunities.
10:40 AM – 11:00 AM	Nutrition Break
11:00 AM – 11:55 AM	MNL Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of MNL's strategic plan and 2024 activities, presented by Rob Nolan (CEO), MNL
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Roundtable
12:35 PM – 1:00 PM	Wrap-Up and Adjournment