



Minerals North Conference 2026 - Smithers, BC

INDIGENOUS PARTICIPATION BURSARY

Minerals North is a non-profit organization that facilitates one of the largest mining conferences in Western Canada. In 2026, Smithers is proud to host the Minerals North Conference with the theme ***Unearthing Opportunities*** – a celebration of innovation, collaboration, and the economic potential of our region.

Invitation to apply

The conference brings together industry leaders, businesses, communities, and partners to share knowledge, build connections, and explore the future of mining and resource development in Northern BC. Hy-Tech Drilling in Smithers is the Indigenous Participation Sponsor for Minerals North 2026 and, together with representatives from the Minerals North Organizing Committee, would like to encourage indigenous participants to attend, network, build connections and learn more about the mining and exploration projects in Northern BC.

The ***bursary covers*** conference registration fees, travel flatrate of \$300, travel meals at \$100, 2 nights accommodation (May 6th and 7th), meals during conference, Welcome Reception, and the Banquet Dinner. Pre-conference activities are not included.

Application procedure:

1. Open to ***members of Indigenous communities*** in BC who wish to attend Minerals North 2026.
2. Fill out the ***Application Form*** (attached) and email to karolina.wenzel@posteo.net
3. ***Submission Deadline:*** Mar 18th, 2026
4. ***Selection Process:*** Applications will be reviewed/selected by representatives of the Minerals North Organizing Committee.
5. ***Confirmation:*** Selected recipients will be notified by email.
6. ***Reimbursement:*** Recipients will be reimbursed the travel amount (\$400) upon arrival

Questions about this bursary? Email: karolina.wenzel@posteo.net

For conference information (schedule and program): <https://www.mineralsnorth.ca/>



Application Form Indigenous Participation Bursary

Minerals North Conference 2026 (May 6-8 in Smithers, BC)

First and Last Name:		
Company or First Nations representing:		
Position at Company or First Nations;		
Email address:		
Phone Number:		
Method of transportation :		
Dietary restrictions:		
Why should this bursary go to you? (Please be specific)		
How will your attendance benefit your life/career or your Nation/community? (Please provide details)		
Would you like to:		
Attend the Opening Reception on Wed May 6 at 6:00 pm?	Yes or	No
Attend the Banquet on Thursday May 7 at 6:30 pm?	Yes or	No
Make use of the shuttle bus between the hotel and venue?	Yes or	No

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