



# Day 1 Program

Thursday, March 11 Studio Theatre, National Arts Centre

The first day of the 150!Canada conference brings together two dozen leading thinkers from across the country to share their aspirations for Canada's 150th anniversary. In ten minutes, each speaker will present his or her vision for our Sesquicentennial year, before introducing the next

- 7:30** Registration
- 8:30** Our task together: Peter MacLeod, MASS LBP & Gabriel Sékaly, IPAC
- 8:40** Welcome: Peter Herrndorf, NAC
- 8:50** Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin on Citizenship  
Helen Davies on the Politics of Participation  
Peter Aykroyd on the Anniversary Compulsion  
Bruce Kidd on Arts and Athleticism
- 10:00** Break
- 10:20** Rita Cox on New Canadian Stories  
Roch Carrier on our Past and Likely Future  
Jeanette Hanna on Symbolizing the State  
Jeff Melanson on Energizing the Arts  
Daniel Caron on Memory, Literacy and Democracy
- 11:30** Break
- 11:50** Justin Brown on Australia at 100  
Francisco Barrio on Mexico at 200  
Luci Tremblay on Quebec City at 400  
Penny Bellam on the Vancouver Olympics
- 12:45** Lunch
- 2:00** Tom Jenkins on Innovation and Competitiveness  
Jordan Peterson on What the State is for  
Mary Simon on Looking North  
Sujit Choudhry on Demographics and Democracy  
Nicole Sanscartier on a New Generation  
Keith Neuman on Why Canadians Want to Celebrate
- 3:15** Break
- 3:30** Barbara Stymiest on the Business of Nation Building  
Marlo Reynolds on Canada's Ecological Future  
Monica Patten on Connecting Communities  
Anne-Marie Chapman & Cecilia Lei on the New Public Service  
Danny Graham on Citizen Leadership  
Peter Dinsdale on Canada's Aboriginal Past, Present and Future
- 4:45** Wrap-up & next day's agenda
- 5:15** Adjourn
- 7:30** 6717: An Arts Celebration, NAC Theatre Hall



# Day 2 Program

Friday March 12, Banquet Hall, National Arts Centre

The second day of the 150!Canada conference draws together the talents and perspectives of 300 delegates to begin the work of imagining and planning Canada's Sesquicentennial. Delegates will join different thematic tables over the course of four eighty-minute sessions to contribute their ideas and reach agreement with other

7:30	Registration
8:30	Good morning Peter MacLeod, MASS LBP & Gabriel Sékaly, IPAC
9:00	General Romeo Dallaire on Repatriating Vimy
9:10	First Grouping
10:30	Break
10:45	Second Grouping
12:05	Lunch
1:00	Third Grouping
2:20	Break
2:35	Fourth Grouping
3:55	Jowi Taylor's Six String Nation
4:20	150 Legacies Project
4:30	Group presentations
5:15	Adjourn and next steps

## Working groups

Each working group will be held concurrently throughout the day in both English and French. Delegates will also be encouraged to create their own working groups.

1. How should we celebrate Canada Day?
2. How can we take this celebration to the world?
3. What major events can we create to mark this milestone?
4. How will different levels of government work together?
5. What are the infrastructure legacies we want to build?
6. How will citizens become engaged and exercise ownership for this celebration?
7. What are the attributes of a strong Sesquicentennial brand?
8. What policies and legislation do we need to make 2017 a success?
9. What are the unifying themes that will make the Sesquicentennial relevant to Canadians?
10. What are the legacies, programs or tributes we can create to mark this year?
11. How can we encourage business and non-profits to play a leadership role?
12. How can the arts create meaning and energize the Sesquicentennial?
13. What are the success factors that will make 2017 memorable to all Canadians?
14. How do we move this forward and create a sense of urgency and momentum?
15. What are the principles and values we'd like to see organizers of 2017 activities adopt?