

The wait is over after 3 years! – It's GREAT to see you again!

Monday, February 6, 2023

7:00–8:00 AM Registration Desk Open (Sheraton Vancouver Airport, 7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC, Elmbridge Room)

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conclusion of event.**

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7:00-8:20 AM Breakfast and Opening Keynote Address (Sheraton Vancouver Airport, 7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC, **Westminster Room**) – Note this is a CHANGE to the meeting room.

Topic: From Bear to Bull – Powering Up Your Business Planning through Uncertain Times

How do you devise the right plan for your manufacturing business when you are walking a fine tightrope of profitability during the most uncertain times in our lifetime?

All businesses have felt the effect of dramatic shifts in economies, labour, and supply chain management. However, the wood industry is in a class of its own when it comes to managing so many moving parts to source, produce and deliver in a highly competitive market that hugely impacts profits and where business decisions can have major consequences.

Business planning has become a real challenge and yet has never been more vital. In this keynote, **Conny Millard, Co-Founder of POWERPODS** shares some background to the state of the minds of business leaders over these past 3 years which has impacted their ability to plan with confidence. And she shares insider's tips and take-aways on how you can take back control over your business outcomes during persistent, uncertain times. Come prepared to this interactive presentation and bring your questions.

Thanks to our Breakfast/Keynote Sponsor:



8:30 AM Depart for Plant Tour

Thanks to our Transportation and Plant Tour Sponsor:



Note: Travel times may vary due to traffic. Please depart at designated times. Busing is provided. If driving, there is parking available at hotel and at plant tour locations.

8:50 AM Arrive Plant Tour - Nickels Cabinets (6760 Graybar Road, Richmond, BC 604-242-2566)

10:15 AM Depart Plant Tour

11:00 AM Arrive Plant Tour – Sunrise Kitchens (13375 Comber Way, Surrey, BC 604-597-0364)

Thanks to our Plant Tour Sponsor:



12:30 PM Depart Plant Tour

1:30 – 3:00 PM Lunch (on the bus) and Arrive to Mix and Mingle – UBC Centre for Advanced Wood Processing (2900-2424 Main Mall, Vancouver, BC)

Tour CAWP training centre, learn about the innovations happening at UBC. Presentation by Pete Fournier, President, CKCA followed by a mix and mingle with students in third and fourth year at the Bachelor of Science in Wood Products Processing.

Thanks to our Lunch and CAWP Sponsor:



3:45 PM Depart CAWP Tour

Note: If you are not attending rest of the event, please return headset/receiver to CKCA.

4:30 – 6:00 PM **Manufacturers Roundtable (Manufacturers Only)** (Sheraton Van. Airport, **Elmbridge Room**)
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7:00 PM Reception (Sheraton Van. Airport, Elmbridge Room)

Thanks to our Reception Sponsor:



7:30 PM Dinner and Guest Speakers (Sheraton Van. Airport, **Westminster Room**)

Thanks to our Wine Sponsor:

Thanks to our Dinner and Presentation Sponsor:



Presentation Topic: Recruiting Employees who Will Thrive and Stay

Companies in Canada are having difficulty finding employees with the right set of skills for the job. Low labor force participation means fewer people available for employers to recruit. With

the aging population, it is becoming more difficult for employers to hire highly skilled workers. On top of the recruitment issues, companies have difficulty keeping employees engaged and motivated, leading to a high turnover rate. This session will discuss the benefits of a new Government backed CKCA program, outline the content of a seven-week course, discuss who is eligible and the qualifications they need, and review the logistics and procedures for hiring.

The government funded program will provide an intensive training course for newcomers to Canada in the kitchen cabinet making trade with a view of the different jobs found in a modern cabinet shop, from handcrafting and assembly to product repair and maintenance as well as instructions on product operations and safety, plus educational seminars on industry.

Presenters: Chris Leonard, Business Unit Leader at Kaizen Institute and Cormac O'Reilly, Northwest Skills

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

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7:00 AM **Breakfast** (Sheraton Vancouver Airport, 7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC, **Westminster Room**)



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7:45 AM **Presentation Topic: Growing your Enterprise Value through Operational Improvements:**
With cost pressures at all-time highs, the industry is looking for opportunities to enable growth by maximizing productivity and profitability amidst a challenging labor market. How can you improve your output and profitability by 10 to 15% amidst labor challenges? In this session we will also discuss pragmatic ways to grow the value of your enterprise, mitigate value inhibitors and think strategically about growth / future.

Yohaán Thommy, LSSBB, PMP, CMC, is a Partner with MNP and leads the firm's performance improvement & value creation practices nationally. Yohaán focuses on delivering measurable financial results for his clients, helping them make their organizations more valuable while bringing greater financial predictability. Yohaán's services include performance improvement, training on revenue growth and sales, helping with supply chain management and conducting business process reviews to improve operations.

8:45 AM **Depart for Plant Tour**

9:30 AM **Plant Tour – [Lauten Woodworking](#) (209-1305 Welch St., North Vancouver)**



Thanks to our Plant Tour Sponsor (ALL tours today!):

- 11:00 AM** Depart for Squamish, BC
- 12:15 Noon** Arrive for Lunch – The Joinery (1861 Mamquam Rd., Squamish, BC)
- Thanks to our Lunch Sponsor:
- 1:15 PM** Depart for Plant Tour
- 1:30 PM** Plant Tour [Fraserwood Timber](#) (39500 Government Road)
- 2:45 PM** Depart Plant Tour
- 3:00 PM** Plant Tour [Leon Lebeniste](#) (38935 Queens Way, Squamish, BC)
- Note: If you are not attending any other events, please return headset/receiver to CKCA.**
- 4:45 PM** Depart Plant Tour
- 6:00 PM** Arrive to Hotel – Free evening



Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Note: Bring your headset/receiver for the tour. If you are travelling to the airport directly from the tour today, be sure to check out and bring your luggage on the bus - we will do a direct drive to the airport at the end of the morning.

- 7:30 AM** Breakfast – Grab and Go (Sheraton Vancouver Airport, 7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC, **Hotel Lobby**)

Thanks to our Breakfast and Plant Tour Sponsor:



- 8:15 AM** Depart for Plant Tour
- 8:50 AM** Plant Tour [Sofa Kitchens](#), (2810 Huntington Place, Port Coquitlam, BC)
- 10:45 AM** Depart from Plant Tour, return to hotel and/or airport drop-off
- Note: Please return all headsets/receivers to CKCA staff.**
- We will aim to drop off to the airport at 12:30 pm or sooner from the Sofa Tour.**

SAVE THE DATE! CKCA National Forum – September 28-30, 2023 – New Brunswick