



TRADECONNECT 2026

CONFERENCE

7:30AM	Registration			
8:30AM BREAKFAST KEYNOTE	Chris Cummins 7-time TEDx Speaker, Author, and CEO of Cummins Media Inc., he helps organizations elevate leadership and communication—delivering powerful, story-driven keynotes with humour, insight, and unforgettable energy.			
9:45AM-10:45AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS	Cyber Resilience in Construction: Lessons from a Real-Life Attack Wescan, Informanix, Aon Moderator: Brian Korchinski	Press Into the Future: Understanding the Technology of Press Fittings Viega	WCB Assessment Rates Explained: What You Need to Know Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba	AI Prompt Writing in Construction PataBid 
11:00AM-12:00PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS	Passive House in Action: Lessons from Buffalo Crossing P4 Electric, Thor Plumbing & Heating, Passive House, FortWhyte Moderator: Gord Whiffen	Less Paper, More Progress: Bringing Voice AI to the Jobsite HansfordRoad AI 	Manitoba Jobs Agreement	Design by RFI: The Hidden Costs and Legal Risks of Delegated Design Dan Leduc
12:35PM LUNCH KEYNOTE	Bob Collins, BuildForce Canada Federal and provincial labour market projections			
12:50PM PANEL	Strategies for Engaging Underrepresented Labour Pools Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada, BuildForce Canada, Apprenticeship Manitoba			
1:45PM - 2:45PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS	Future-Ready Mechanical Contractors: Real-World Lessons on Using Engineer Talent to Expand Capacity and Address Trade Professionals Labour Shortages Professor Tim Wentz, S&R Mechanical & Emerging Engineer Moderator: Tania Johnston	Printing the Future: HP SitePrint on the Jobsite Lewis Instruments	Analyzing AI-driven Shifts in Skills and Job Functions Electricity Human Resources Canada 	Supporting Change Orders and Claims with Accurate Documentation Revay
3:00PM - 4:00PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS	11 Months Later: Prompt Payment in Action Dan Leduc, Jon Whoolley and Shawn Wood Moderator: Brad Mason	Cutting Through the Noise: Making Smart Tech Decisions for Your Contracting Business Barkun Consulting 	Managing Absenteeism Without Sick Notes - A Healthier Approach for Workplaces and the Health System Doctors Manitoba	Be Ready & Know Your Boundaries: Building Code Updates, Electrical Licensing Requirements & How the Technical Safety Act Will Impact You Inspection and Technical Services (ITS)
4:00PM - 5:00PM	Reception			