



Procurement, Partnerships and Readiness at 5 Wing Goose Bay

November 24-25, 2026 | St. John's, NL | Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland

Theme: Positioning Labrador as Canada's Northern Defence Hub

Sessions are subject to change. Last updated September 16, 2026.

DAY 1 – NOVEMBER 24

TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
8:00am-9:00am	Registration & Networking Breakfast	
9:00am-9:30am	Opening Remarks	Opening Remarks - Julianne Griffin, CEO – Labrador North Chamber of Commerce - Lieutenant Colonel William Brake, Commander – CFB 5 Wing Goose Bay
9:30am-10:30am	Partner Presentations	Session 1 5 Wing Goose Bay Partner Presentations Hear directly from companies supporting operations at 5 Wing Goose Bay. Local 5 Wing partners will highlight how businesses can position themselves for partnership, subcontracting, and future procurement opportunities. Presenters: Julie Russell, Program Director, 5 Wing Serco Site Manager – Serco Canada & Rob Pilgrim, Engineering Manager, 5 Wing Goose Bay Contract
BRIEF 15-MIN BREAK		
10:45am-11:45am	Partner Presentation	Session 2 Procurement Readiness with MCW Consultants Ltd. In 2026, the federal government awarded a \$187M energy performance contract to MCW Group to modernize the Central Heating Plant at 5 Wing Goose Bay. During this session, participants will have an opportunity to engage directly with MCW to learn more about partnership opportunities to support the delivery of this significant infrastructure project. Presenter: Jeff Provost, Leader, Indigenous Relations – MCW Consultants Ltd.
BRIEF 15-MIN BREAK		
12:00pm-1:15pm	Keynote Luncheon	Keynote speaker and details to be announced soon.
1:30pm-2:30pm	Procurement Session	Procurement Session: NORAD Northern Basing Infrastructure Team Hosted by the Department of National Defence, this session will highlight the NORAD Northern Basing Infrastructure (NNBI) projects, specifically infrastructure investments anticipated for 5 Wing Goose Bay. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.



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		Presenter: Carole Garrett, Project Director – NORAD Northern Basing Infrastructure, NORAD Modernization Infrastructure Projects Delivery, ADM (Infrastructure & Environment)
BRIEF 15-MIN BREAK		
2:45pm-4:00pm	Partner Presentation	Session 3 DND & CAF Security Clearance Process An overview of the DND and CAF security clearance process, including key requirements, application procedures, timelines, and considerations for businesses seeking to participate in defence-related contracts and procurement opportunities.
6:30pm-8:30pm	Meet & Greet	Join us at Sláinte for an evening of music, networking and connection.

DAY 2 – NOVEMBER 25

TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
8:00am-9:00am	Registration & Networking Breakfast	
9:00am-9:10am	Opening Remarks	Opening Remarks - Julianne Griffin, CEO – Labrador North Chamber of Commerce - Philip Earle, Member of Parliament for Labrador – Government of Canada
9:00am-10:00am	Provincial Presentation	Session 4 Built for Defence: How Newfoundland & Labrador is Capitalizing on Canada's National Defence Strategy Welcoming remarks from The Honourable Lin Paddock, Minister of Jobs, Growth & Rural Development followed by a presentation by provincial representatives on its Built for Defence strategy
BRIEF 15-MIN BREAK		
10:00am-11:00am	Panel Discussion	Session 5 Panel Discussion Moderated by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, this discussion will bring together government and industry for a discussion on Canada's defence strategy, emerging priorities and the environment required for businesses to contribute to a stronger and more resilient defence industrial base.
BRIEF 15-MIN BREAK		
11:15am-11:45am	Defence Investment Session	Session 6 Session details to be announced soon.
12:00pm	END OF FORUM	