



Annual Conference May 27th to May 29th, 2026
Holiday Inn, Sydney

TENTATIVE AGENDA – SUBJECT TO CHANGES AND FINALIZATION

Wednesday, May 27th, 2026

Time	Presenter, Job Title	Topic
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION	
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Connor MacQuarrie President <i>MDOANS</i>	Introduction of MDOANS executive members, safety information & thank you to the NS Government for Sponsorship
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	Jarret Gosbee Development Officer <i>Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM)</i>	Removal of parking requirements
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Mark Brace <i>NS Dept. of Public Works</i>	Overview of Access Management Guidelines (2023)
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Dawn Sutherland Provincial Director of Planning <i>NS Dept. of Municipal Affairs</i>	Updates on DMA projects & programs; discussion on Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZO)
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	John Beaton <i>NexGold</i>	Development of gold mining in Goldboro, Guys. County
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	John D. Bain Director <i>Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC)</i>	Appeals process
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	BREAK	
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	MDOANS Certification Committee Members	Certification Process Presentation and open discussion on certification process its future



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Time	Presenter, Job Title	Topic
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	Scott D. Parker By-law Enforcement Supervisor <i>Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM)</i>	Case analysis on handling of bylaw infractions
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	Alyce MacLean <i>New Dawn Enterprises</i>	Affordable Housing Developments in Cape Breton
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Mark Stewart Director of Engagement <i>EverWind Fuels</i>	Planning and development of renewable energy sources
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Annual General Meeting	
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Round Tables	
30 minutes per table	Executive Members	Open Discussion
	Tyler Cole <i>Cape Breton Partnership</i>	Economic Development in Cape Breton
	Marcia Elliott <i>Town of Wolfville</i>	DO Certification Process
	Chris Burns <i>Municipality of the District of Chester</i>	
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	BREAK	
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Round Tables Continued	
20 minutes per table	Executive Members	Open Discussion
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Friday, May 29th, 2026

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9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	Travis Radtke Housing Coordinator <i>Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM)</i>	Current and future housing initiatives in CBRM
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Presenters TBD <i>NS Dept. of Environment & Climate Change</i>	OSSDS Subdivision Regulations
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Connor MacQuarrie President <i>MDOANS</i>	Closing of Conference Draw for prizes
