

# “Valuing Agriculture as an Economic Driver”



## AGENDA

### Tuesday, May 23, 2017

- 12:30 - 1:00 Registration (light lunch provided)
- 1:00 – 1:15 Welcome to the Boundary – Mayor Frank Konrad  
Opening Remarks – Community Futures Boundary
- 1:15 – 2:00 **Connecting the dots: Local Economies & Agricultural Enterprise**  
*Dr. Roly Russell, Rural Grand Forks Director, RDKB*
- 2:00 – 2:30 **BC Farmers’ Markets – Business Incubator and Community Economic Engine**  
*Heather O’Hara, B.C. Association of Farmers Markets*
- 2:30 – 2:50 Refreshment Break
- 2:50 – 3:25 **Nurseries - A Growth Industry**  
*Ed Bron, Bron & Son Nurseries*
- 3:25 – 4:30 **Food, Economic Development & the Role of the Grocery Store**  
*Jon Steinman, Deconstructing Dinner*
- 4:30 – 6:00 Networking (appies/no host bar)

**Wednesday, May 24, 2017**

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast

8:30 – 9:10           **Agri-tech Opportunities in British Columbia**  
*Nadine Diner, BC Innovation Council*

9:15 – 10:00       **Supporting & Stimulating Value-Added Agri-food Production -  
the Mobile Press Project**  
*Paris Marshall Smith, Fields Forward*

10:00 – 10:20       Refreshment Break

10:20 – 11:30       **Investing in Change: How to Design Inspired & Enduring  
Food Systems**  
*Ari Derfel*

11:30 – 11:45       Closing Remarks

*A bagged lunch will be provided*

