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Vision Quest Conference & Trade Show

PROMOTING INDIGENOUS BUSINESS,
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JUNE 3 & 4, 2026 RBC CONVENTION
CENTRE WINNIPEG



KEYNOTE

**Chief
Tréchelle Bunn**

CHIEF, LEADER, YOUTH ADVOCATE



KEYNOTE

Grace Dove

ACTOR & ACTIVIST

BANQUET
ENTERTAINMENT



HYPNOTIST
**Scott
Ward**



HIP HOP
ARTIST
K.A.S.P

PLUS ABORIGINAL
SCHOOL OF DANCE
AND HOST DENNIS WARD

CONNECT WITH 1600+ PARTICIPANTS THROUGH:

- ◆ PRE-CONFERENCE COURSE
- ◆ 14 INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS
- ◆ CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS AND SHARING WITH ELDERS
- ◆ OVER 100 TRADE SHOW EXHIBITS
- ◆ NETWORKING & BUSINESS ADVICE OPPORTUNITIES
- ◆ DRAGON'S QUEST BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION
- ◆ CELEBRATION BANQUET

DELEGATE REGISTRATION GUIDE



Vision Quest Conferences Inc. is a
registered charitable organization.

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Connect with 1600+ participants at one of Canada's longest running Indigenous conferences!

Vision Quest is an Indigenous business, community and economic development Conference and Trade Show, providing engaging information, encouragement, and enlightenment with custom programming for Indigenous businesses and entrepreneurs, youth, community leaders and organizations, and the public-at-large.

As a registered charitable organization, Vision Quest is presented by five Manitoba Indigenous Community Futures Development Corporations. The Vision of Vision Quest is to create sustainable Indigenous communities that are filled with engaged citizens, knowledgeable community leaders, successful businesses, empowered youth, and proud cultural traditions.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- ◆ Two high profile, motivational keynote presentations with opportunity to interact during the Question & Answer session following each keynote presentation
- ◆ 14 workshops in four categories: Business, Community/Personal Development, Cultural Awareness and Youth
- ◆ Cultural presentations and award-winning entertainment
- ◆ Announcements of Dragon's Quest Business Plan Competition award, Steve Prince Memorial Bursary and Kim Bullard Memorial Bursary recipients
- ◆ Eligibility for Prize Draws
- ◆ Opportunity to register for Pre-Conference Courses and to purchase Banquet tickets

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Indigenous Business Owners and Operators ◆ Indigenous Youth ◆ Community Leaders ◆ Economic Development Officers ◆ Educators (teachers and administrators) ◆ Investors and Financial Institutions ◆ Government and Corporate Representatives ◆ Business and Community Service Providers ◆ Those interested in doing business with Indigenous communities

OFFICIAL HOST HOTEL

Delta Hotels by Marriott Winnipeg is our host hotel for Vision Quest. Located at 350 St. Mary Avenue, the hotel is right next door to the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg and is connected via indoor skywalk. To receive the special Conference rate of \$229.00 (single or double occupancy), you must reserve your room by **Friday, May 15, 2026**. After that date, reservations at the Conference rate will be based upon availability. To book online visit vqconference.com/conference/venue-hotel-and-travel/ or call 1-800-268-1133 under **VISION QUEST** at **The Delta Winnipeg**.

OFFICIAL AIRLINE

Vision Quest is pleased to welcome **Calm Air** as our official Conference airline. Calm Air is offering 50% off Calm Air's HFLEX branded public fare for event attendees of Vision Quest 2026.

To be eligible, you must book your travel between February 1st, 2026 and June 3rd, 2026 and travel between June 1st and June 8th, 2026.

Reservations can be made three ways using the promo code **VISION26QUEST**:

1. **Email reservations@calmair.com** with your travel requirements and and promo code
2. **Call Toll-free 1-800-839-2256**. Identify yourself as part of **Vision Quest 2026** and use the promo code to access your special rate.
3. **Book online at www.calmair.com** using the promo code

BANQUET

Join us for our Banquet, taking place the first evening of the Conference on June 3, which includes: a three-course dinner, awards and cultural presentations, performances by the Aboriginal School of Dance, and featuring Hypnotist **Scott Ward** & Hip Hop Artist **K.A.S.P.** Please see ticket pricing on back page.



PRE-CONFERENCE COURSE

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2:00-5:00 PM

Vision Quest is pleased to kick off this year's Conference with a Pre-Conference Course, exclusive to Conference delegates only. Refreshments provided. Participant must be a minimum of 16 years of age and must bring photo I.D. to check in. Participants will receive a certificate of completion.

IS YOUR COMMUNITY PREPARED FOR BUSINESS DISRUPTION?

Natural disasters, emergencies and economic disruptions are becoming more common.

This module will help both community members and Community Futures board members to:

- ◆ Understand the various types of events that can result in business disruption;
- ◆ Plan for their organization to be prepared in case of a major disruptive event;
- ◆ Understand how to support and assist businesses in the region;
- ◆ Identify the role their Community Futures organization can play in case of a major disruptive event;
- ◆ Engage stakeholders and participate in or lead key community organizations to develop a proactive plan in case of disruptive events; and
- ◆ Develop potential policies that could be implemented immediately and throughout disaster recovery.

For Exhibitor and Sponsorship Opportunities visit vqconference.com, call 1-800-557-8242 or 204-942-5049 or email coordinator@vqconference.com

Conference Overview

AT FEBRUARY 6, 2026, SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026	
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Check in for Pre-Conference Course & Information Desk
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	PRE-CONFERENCE COURSE*: Is Your Business Ready For Disruptions?
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Delegate Registration/Check In
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026	
8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Delegate Registration/Check In
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	TRADE SHOW – Free Admission For Public Attendance
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	OPENING CEREMONIES / KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CHIEF TRÉCHELLE BUNN , Chief, Leader, Youth Advocate
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Trade Show - Visiting/Autographs with Keynote Chief Tréchelle Bunn
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 2:45 PM	WORKSHOP SESSIONS #1 – 4 Options 1. Inspiring Indigenous Business Leaders <i>Cassandra Carreiro, Share-Cuterie; Monique Champoux, Unity Healthcare; Tannis Smoke & Rayel Smoke, Niña Wašte Events; Othmar Joos, Mystik Cannabis</i> 2. How to Be Scam-Savvy / AI Awareness <i>Justin Ducharme, Manitoba Institute of Trade and Technology (MITT)</i> 3. Hip Hop and Hypnosis , <i>Scott Ward & K.A.S.P., Diversity Talent</i> 4. Dragon's Quest Business Plan Finalists' Presentations , <i>Indigenous Business Development Services</i>
2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Refreshment Break on Trade Show Floor
3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	WORKSHOP SESSIONS #2 – 4 Options 1. Build a Better Business – Credit & Financing <i>Michelle Harrison, Community Futures North Central Development</i> 2. Fireside Chat: Community Leaders Panel <i>Sheila North, Winnipeg Police Service and Arctic Gateway Group; Chief Garrison Settee, Grand Chief, MKO; Danielle Morrison, Cochrane Sinclair LLP</i> 3. The Language Lives in Us - Supporting Indigenous Youth to Reclaim Voice, Story, & Identity <i>Wanda Barker, Indigenous Curriculum & Education Consultant</i> 4. You're Going to Make It! Hands-on Building, Assembly and Manufacturing <i>Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters</i>
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	BANQUET*: Three course dinner, awards & cultural presentations Featuring Aboriginal School of Dance, Hypnotist SCOTT WARD & Hip Hop Artist K.A.S.P. , Emcee: Dennis Ward, APTN
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026	
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration & Information
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	TRADE SHOW – Free Admission For Public Attendance
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Continental Breakfast with entertainment by Oliver Boulette & Gerry McIvor
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	WORKSHOP SESSIONS #3 – 3 Options 1. Self-Care Medicine Wheel , <i>Michael Redhead Champagne</i> 2. Entrepreneurship & Financial Foundations - Building Businesses with Impact , <i>Catalyste+</i> 3. Purposeful Movements
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Refreshment Break/Trade Show Visiting
11:30 AM - 12:45 AM	WORKSHOP SESSIONS #4 – 3 Options 1. Self-Defense Workshop <i>Larry McKinnon, Buffalo Defence Solutions</i> 2. Sharing Our Stories - Indigenous Youth Entrepreneurs (Live Podcast Recording) <i>Michelle Harrison, Community Futures North Central Development; Wendy Sinclair & Friends</i> 3. Session Pending
12:45 AM - 2:00 PM	Delegate Lunch & Draws
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GRACE DOVE , Actor & Activist
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Trade Show - Visiting/Autographs with Keynote Grace Dove
4:00 PM	TRADE SHOW CLOSES

Registration/Info Desk & Trade Show Hours

CHECK IN FOR PRE-CONFERENCE COURSE

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12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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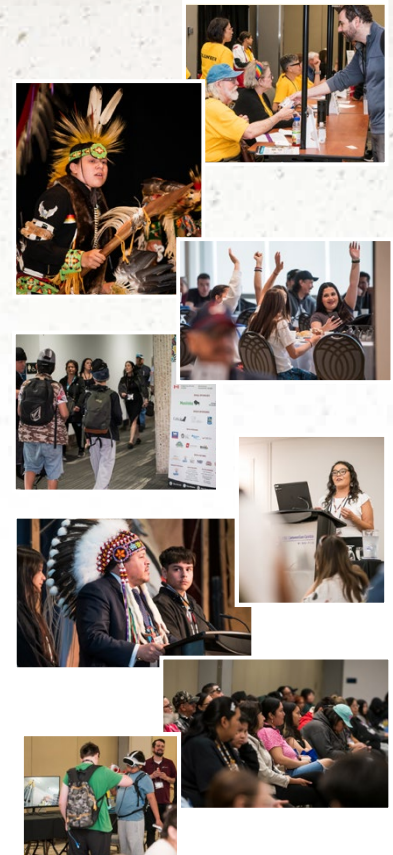
TRADE SHOW FREE PUBLIC ADMISSION

JUNE 3 & 4
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

*ADDITIONAL COST. NOT INCLUDED IN DELEGATE REGISTRATION FEE

Check the Vision Quest website for updates on workshop presentations.

Selections will be made on-site on a first-come, first-served basis.



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Vision Quest Conferences Inc. welcomes all participants and is committed to creating an environment that promotes open-mindedness, respect, as well as physical and emotional safety.

Everyone who attends the Vision Quest Conference & Trade Show has the right to feel safe and included.

Conference Fees 2026

PRE-CONFERENCE COURSE* (VISION QUEST DELEGATES ELIGIBLE ONLY)

Includes afternoon refreshments. Must be 16 years of age or older.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

\$130.00 per delegate/course

COURSE: IS YOUR BUSINESS READY FOR DISRUPTIONS?

Jason Denbow, Community Futures Leadership Institute

REGISTRATION FEES

Includes all plenary and workshop sessions, continental breakfasts, lunches, refreshment breaks, and access to Trade Show.

EARLY BIRD (APPLIES ONLY TO PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY **MAY 1, 2026**)

\$700.00 per delegate

REGULAR RATE

\$825.00 per delegate

YOUTH/STUDENT RATE (PROOF OF AGE OR STUDENT ID REQUIRED)

\$340.00 per delegate

BANQUET TICKETS*

\$95.00 per delegate

* Additional cost. Not included in Delegate Registration Fee.

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FOR IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION OF YOUR DELEGATE REGISTRATION(S).

For registration inquiries email register@vqconference.com.

For general inquiries email admin@vqconference.com or call 1-800-557-8242 or 204-942-5049.

PLEASE NOTE: Upon submission of the registration form, you are committing to paying the delegate registration(s) in full, regardless of attendance at Vision Quest 2026. As well, all delegates acknowledge that they may be photographed or videotaped at the Conference for promotional purposes either in print or on-line. Should delegates wish to refuse permission for the use of their images, they must register this request with the Manager of Registration Services upon arrival at the Convention Centre.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations received in writing prior to May 15, 2026 will be refunded the full amount less a \$50.00 administrative fee. Cancellations received after May 15, 2026 are non-refundable. If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to find an alternate registrant as a replacement. Changes to your registration name must be received in writing by May 15, 2026. No refunds will be provided to registrants who do not attend the Conference without prior written notification of cancellation by May 15, 2026. Registrants who do not attend the Conference without prior cancellation notification and who have not paid in full, will be invoiced for the full registration. Where registrations are cancelled on compassionate grounds, the refund will be at the discretion of the Vision Quest Board of Directors.

