



BANFF, AB

FAMILIES SUMMIT OF MINDS 2026

NOVEMBER 20-22, 2026

Step into an intimate gathering in Banff's inspiring landscape, connecting family business leaders and next-generation visionaries to explore the forces shaping enterprise, legacy and leadership.



THEMES WE'LL EXPLORE

SOCIO-ECONOMIC

A deeper look at the economic and societal forces redefining prosperity, responsibility and opportunity for enterprising families.

FAMILY BUSINESS

A conversation about the enduring strengths and complex dynamics that shape family enterprise across generations.

GEOPOLITICAL LANDSCAPE

An exploration of the shifting global order and what it means for families stewarding businesses, capital, and influence.

ADAPTIVE RESILIENCE: TECHNOLOGY AND AI

A dialogue on how technology and AI are transforming industries, and how families can adapt with purpose and foresight.



DAY 1: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:30 AM — 11:30 AM

Registration Opens (KC 200 Galleria Central)

11:30 AM — 12:30 PM

Standing Luncheon (KC 201)

12:30 PM — 1:30 PM

Welcome to the Sacred Buffalo Guardian Mountain and Summit Opening

Welcome to Sacred Buffalo Guardian Mountain. Daryl Kootenay from Stoney Nakoda First Nation will share a land acknowledgement before Navin Amasaruiya and Olivier de Richoufftz invite guest discussion in a town hall-style opening. (KC 203)

1:30 PM — 2:15 PM | **OPENING KEYNOTE**

The Trouble With Canada and the Return to Prosperity

Niels Veldhuis, CEO, Fraser Institute (KC 203)

DAY 1: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

2:15 PM — 3:15 PM

When Intelligence Becomes Cheap: Meaning for Family Enterprises

Led by: Vern Glaser, PhD, MBA,
University of Alberta
With: Casey Hutchinson, President,
Hutchinson Family Office (KC 206)

2:15 PM — 3:15 PM

Preparing Family Businesses for the Unthinkable

Led by: Peter Jaskiewicz, Founder &
Director, Family Enterprise Legacy
Institute
With: Philip Aminoff, Chairman, Helvar,
Merca, Helectron, Finland (KC 208)

3:15 PM — 3:45 PM

Pause for More Thought (Networking Break) (KC 203)

3:45 PM — 4:45 PM

Breaking the Silence: How Enterprising Families Respond to Mental Health Challenges

Led by: Andrew Keyt, Founder,
Generation6 with Marlo Brausse,
Wellness Inc.
With: Jordie Burton, James A. Burton &
Family Foundation (KC 206)

3:45 PM — 4:45 PM

Inner Governance in An Age of Outer Disruption

Led by: Navin Amasuriya, CEO,
Contentment Foundation
With: Patricia Saputo, Co-Founder and
Strategic Advisor, Crysalia & CFO
Italcant Placements Inc & Aaron
Gillespie, President, COBBS Bread
(KC 208)

4:45 PM — 5:30 PM

The Resilience Playbook: How Enterprising Families Can Thrive in the New Age of Uncertainty

Ivan Lansberg, Founding Partner, LGA & Devin DeCiantis, Managing Partner, LGA
(KC 203)

6:30 PM — 8:30 PM

Ice-Breaker & Stir-the-Pot-Supper

Enjoy an informal evening while getting to know your fellow participants over supper and one or two shared experiences. (KC 105)

8:30 PM — 9:30 PM

Nightcaps & Fireside Chats

End the day with a brief foray out into the nighttime, to contemplate the firmament and listen in the darkness. Enjoy one of these three conversations:

1. A discussion around evolutionary lessons for families
2. A candid conversation on mental health
3. Pending

(Locations TBD)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This event is designed for leaders of Canadian family enterprises and their next generation. The Summit brings together a small group of family business owners, investors and thought leaders for several days of thoughtful dialogue about the forces shaping enterprise, leadership and society. Participation is intentionally limited to preserve the intimacy and candour that allow meaningful conversations to emerge.



DAY 2: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00 AM — 8:30 AM

Breakfast (*Vistas Dining Room*)

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM

3x Walkshops: Reach Higher, Gain Perspective

1. The AI Dilemma: Humans vs. Machines
2. The Power of Somatic Healing
3. Pending

(*Meeting Locations TBD*)

10:00 AM — 10:30 AM

Pause for More Thought (Networking Break) (*KC 203*)

10:30 AM — 11:30 AM

The Art and Science of Curating a Joyful, Meaningful and Vibrant Next Chapter

Chip Conley, Founder & Executive Chairman, MEA & David R. Smith, Smith Advisory Services Inc. (*KC 203*)

11:30 AM — 12:30 PM

Indigenous Concepts of Wealth and Community

Led by: Gena Rotstein, Founder, Karma & Cents

With: Daryl Kootenay, Stoney Nakoda First Nation (*KC 206*)

11:30 AM — 12:30 PM

Russia's War Against the West

Led by: Thomas Eymond-Laritz, Founder, Highgate, Advisor to Presidents, Prime Ministers, CEOs, and private investors across France, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, and Georgia. (*KC 208*)

DAY 2: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

12:30 AM — 1:30 PM

Luncheon (*Vistas Dining Room*)

1:45 PM — 2:45 PM

**The Intentionality Challenge:
Aligning Family Privilege, Purpose,
and Everyday Choices**

Led by: Caroline Phaneuf, Co-Founder
& Managing Director, Crysalia
With: Martha Ramsay, 6th generation
member of the Richardson family
(KC 206)

1:45 PM — 2:45 PM

**Shaped by What We Steward: Who
We Are Becoming Within the
Systems We Build and Inherit?**

Led by: Dr. Michele Mikeska Jaffe,
Relationship + Wealth Psychologist
With: Torri Hawley, 7th generation,
Vollrath Company. Chief Learning
Officer, Tamarind Learning (KC 208)

2:45 PM — 3:45 PM

**Held in Trust: Redefining
Stewardship**

Led by: Wendy Sage-Hayward, Co-
founder mGen Education
With: Christine Loth-Bown, Parks
Canada (KC 206)

2:45 PM — 3:45 PM

Fixing Philanthropy

Led by: Lisa Wolverton, President,
Wolverton Foundation
With: Glen Galaich, PhD, CEO, Stupski
Foundation (KC 208)

3:45 PM — 4:15 PM

Pause for More Thought (Networking Break) (KC 203)

4:15 PM — 5:15 PM

**What Holds a Place Together: Family Enterprise, Community and the Future of
Canada**

Zita Cobb, Founder & CEO, Shorefast and Shorefast Institute for Place-Based
Economies (KC 203)

6:30 PM — 8:30 PM

Cocktails & Curated Dinner (KC 103)

8:30 PM — 9:30 PM

Nightcaps & Fireside Chats

End the day with another brief foray out into the nighttime, to deepen the
connection and listen in the darkness. Enjoy these three conversations:

1. Intergenerational collaboration as a boomer in the land of millennials
2. A conversation on resolving disputes outside the courtroom
3. How can family enterprises become stronger community stewards?

(Locations TBD)

"I just want to tell you how much we enjoyed our sejour at Charlevoix. We found the program to be well thought out and the whole weekend to be well run."

— Previous attendee



DAY 3: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00 AM — 8:30 AM

Breakfast (*Vistas Dining Room*)

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM

3x Walkshops: Reach Higher, Gain Perspective

1. Learning from the Land: An Enlightening Family Journey
2. An Interpretive Walk Through Nature
3. Pending

(*Meeting Locations TBD*)

10:00 AM — 10:30 AM

Pause for More Thought (Networking Break) (*KC 203*)

10:30 AM — 11:30 AM

Nature as Teacher: Evolutionary Lessons for Family Business Continuity

Devin deCiantis, Managing Partner, LGA & Dr. Andrew Gersick, Guest Scientist, Princeton University (*KC 203*)

11:15 AM — 12:00 PM | **CLOSING KEYNOTE**

Economic and Human Freedom: Why It Matters

Matthew Mitchell, Senior Fellow, Fraser Institute (*KC 203*)

12:00 PM — 12:30 PM

Knitting & Igniting: Round-the-Room Brainstorming

This round-the-room brainstorming and sum-up, punctuated by a few contributions, concludes Families Summit of Minds 2026 and raises the right questions for 2027, and beyond. (*KC 203*)

12:30 PM — 1:30 PM

Departing Buffet Lunch
(*KC 201*)

2:00 PM Onward

Outdoor Activities (Optional)
(*Locations and details TBD*)



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