

# Event Program

Ontario

Education Sector

Collaboration Networking Symposium

Leveraging the Power of Collaboration Amongst and  
Between School Boards, Colleges, and Universities

Blue Mountain Resort

February 21 - 22, 2019

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# Welcome



## **John Sabo**

*President and Chief Executive Officer*  
**OECM**

It is my pleasure to officially welcome you to our first-ever Ontario Education Sector Collaboration Networking Symposium. We are pleased to have strong representation from across Ontario's 116 educational institutions including senior leaders, as well as Facilities, IT and Purchasing representatives from Ontario's School Boards, Colleges and Universities. I am also thrilled to welcome the Deputy Minister of Education, Nancy Naylor and the Deputy Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, George Zegarac, to this event.

As a trusted collaborative sourcing partner for Ontario's education sector, broader public sector and other not-for-profit organizations, OECM is committed to facilitating collaboration amongst and between all our partners, with the goal of assisting them in increasing efficiencies and leveraging and directing resources to better support student achievement. The organization and facilitation of this Symposium is a giant step towards achieving this goal, and we have a strong program planned to get us there.

In addition to providing an open forum for education leaders from across the province to network and discuss opportunities for advancing collaboration amongst and between each other, this event offers us all a chance to gain a new and different perspective on the notion of collaboration.

I welcome our two Keynote Speakers – Canadian astronaut and aquanaut, Dr. Dave Williams, and Ontario's esteemed Auditor General, Bonnie Lysyk – to our Symposium stage. I'm confident that the anecdotes they share will be both inspiring and encouraging, giving us the fuel needed to collectively move forward as we discover new opportunities for advancing collaboration amongst and between education sectors.

I'd like to thank all of our participants, facilitators, panelists and partners, as well as those who have worked behind the scenes to bring this Symposium to life.

Here's to a successful and productive inaugural event!

# Welcome



**Arnold (Arnie) Strub**  
*Chair, Board of Directors*  
OECM



**Kevin Kobus**  
*Chair, Customer Council*  
*Committee, OECM*

As the Chairs of OECM's Board of Directors and Customer Council Committee (CCC), respectively, we are delighted to extend this welcome to the Ontario education sector leaders, representing Ontario's Colleges, Universities and School Boards, in attendance at OECM's first Ontario Education Sector Collaboration Networking Symposium.

The Board of Directors and CCC continually strive to ensure the success, sustainability and best interests of OECM's customers and are committed to supporting the strategic planning and performance of the organization. We are pleased to support this 'meeting of minds' as part of OECM's "Service" mandate, as it represents an investment on behalf of our education sector partners. In her 2018 report, the Auditor General of Ontario, Bonnie Lysyk referenced OECM as a collaborative sourcing partner to Ontario's education sector and emphasized the need for educational institutions to leverage opportunities for collaboration as a path towards identifying greater efficiencies and cost savings.

This Symposium is the perfect platform to facilitate important dialogue amongst and between all of you, the decision makers within the education sector, and to encourage the type of action that will leverage the power that comes through collaboration. We hope that you find the upcoming meetings and discussions both meaningful and impactful to the future of your organizations. We look forward to connecting with all of you personally at the event.

# Agenda

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**Master of Ceremonies: Sonia Gallo**  
*Senior Manager, Customer Relations  
and Communications, OECM*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

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**4:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

### **Hotel Check-In Begins and Symposium Registration Opens**

Symposium attendees check-in; rooms assigned upon arrival

**Location:** Front Desk, Blue Mountain Inn

Event Registration and Symposium Event Package pick-up

**Location:** Blue's Lounge, Blue Mountain Inn

**8:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

### **Welcome, Networking & Hospitality Reception**

**Location:** Kandahar Room

**Welcome address:**

John Sabo, *President and CEO*, OECM

Arnold (Arnie) Strub, *Chair, Board of Directors*, OECM

Kevin Kobus, *Chair, Customer Council Committee*, OECM

Late-evening snacks and refreshments

Virtual reality experience with *House of VR*

Photobooth by *GoodCity Photography*

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

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**7:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

### **Event Registration**

Event Registration and Symposium Event Package pick-up

**Location:** Kandahar Room

Check-In continues

**Location:** Blue Mountain Inn Front Desk

**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**

### **Breakfast**

**Location:** Kandahar Room, seating in Weider III

## 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

### Education Sector Association Meetings

#### School Boards: Council of Senior Business Officials (COSBO)

Location: Ravenna Room, Conference Centre Lower Level

*Hosted by:*

**Shesh Maharaj (Co-Chair)** *Executive Superintendent of Corporate Services Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, Waterloo Catholic DSB*

**Matthew Gerard (Co-Chair)** *Coordinating Superintendent, Business Services and Treasurer of the Board, Waterloo Region DSB*

#### Colleges: Administrative Service Coordinating Committee (ASCC)

Location: Nottawa Room, Conference Centre Lower Level

*Hosted by:*

**Nevzat Gurmen (Co-Chair)** *Vice-President Finance and Administration, Seneca College*

**Angela Lockridge (Co-Chair)**, *Vice-President, Corporate Services & Innovation, Georgian College*

#### Universities: Council of Senior Administrative Officers (CSAO)

Location: Duntroon Room, Conference Centre Lower Level

*Hosted by:*

**Scott Mabury (Chair)**, *Vice-President University Operations, University of Toronto*

**Carol McAulay (Vice-Chair)**, *Vice-President, Finance and Administration, York University*

## 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

### CEO Joint Meeting

Location: Champlain Room, Hotel Level

*Hosted by:*

**Tony Pontes**, *Executive Director, Council of Directors of Education*

**Linda Franklin**, *President and CEO, Colleges Ontario*

**David Lindsay**, *President and CEO, Council of Universities*

## 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

### Operations, Facilities, IT and Purchasing Joint Meeting

Location: Bay Street Room, Hotel Level

*Hosted by:*

**Dan McCowell**, *Director, Customer Service and Engagement, OECM*

## 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

### Lunch

Location: Kandahar Room, seating in Weider III

## 12:45 PM - 1:00 PM

### Symposium Kick-Off

Location: Weider Ballroom

Opening remarks

**Arnold (Arnie) Strub**, *Chair, Board of Directors, OECM*

**Kevin Kobus**, *Chair, Customer Council Committee, OECM*

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Keynote: Dr. Dave Williams**

*“An Out of this World Perspective on Collaboration”*

Canadian astronaut, aquanaut and leadership expert, Dr. Dave Williams provides a unique perspective on collaboration in space and business.

**Location:** Weider Ballroom

**Introduction:** John Sabo, *President and CEO, OECM*

**2:00 PM - 2:15 PM**

**Break**

**2:15 PM - 4:45 PM**

**Networking and Collaboration: Part 1**

**Location:** Weider Ballroom

This session will review the following themes:

- 1. Current Levels of Collaboration & Future Opportunities*
- 2. Barriers to Collaboration & Solutions to Overcome*
- 3. Quantifying the “Value” generated from Collaboration*
- 4. Models for Sharing in the Success of Collaboration*
- 5. Provincial Mandates/Directives re: Collaboration*

**Introduction:** Karen Owen, *VP, Supply Management and Customer Relations, OECM*

**Session Facilitator:** Ian C. Smith, StrategyCorp

**Co-Facilitators:**

Bob Koubsky, Carla Kisko, Carol McAulay, Kathy Pozihun, Michael Philbin, Mike East, Peter Derochie, Peter Howarth, Tariq Al-Idrissi, Arnie Strub, Kevin Kobus, Dan McCowell, Pooja Nagra, Rupa Gill

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Free Time**

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Dinner**

**Location:** Weider Ballroom

Jazz ensemble provided by students from Collingwood Collegiate Institute. *Music Director:* Nicholas Clayton

Raffle Draw, in support of Cystic Fibrosis Canada

**9:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

**Networking and Hospitality Reception**

**Location:** Kandahar Room

Wine tasting featuring *Megalomaniac Winery*

Virtual reality experience with *House of VR*

Photobooth by *GoodCity Photography*

Refreshments

**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**

**Breakfast**

Location: Kandahar Room, seating in Weider III

**8:30 AM - 9:30 AM**

**Keynote: Bonnie Lysyk, Auditor General of Ontario**

*"An Auditor's Perspective on Collaboration"*

Ontario's Auditor General will share insights from her 2018 Report including key thoughts on opportunities for collaboration within the education sector.

Location: Weider Ballroom

Introduction: John Sabo, *President and CEO*, OECM

**9:30 AM - 9:40 AM**

**Break**

**9:40 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Collaboration Champions | Panel Discussion + Q&A**

Location: Weider Ballroom

Introduction and Moderator: Karen Owen, *VP, Supply Management and Customer Relations*, OECM

**Panelists:**

*"A Deep Dive Towards Transformation and Collaboration"*

Rani Dhaliwal, *Senior Vice President, Transformation and Strategic Partnerships*, Humber College; *Member, Customer Council Committee*, OECM

*"A Case Study on Effective Collaboration: The SIS Story"*

Steve Camacho, *Chief Information Officer*, Toronto Catholic District School Board

Rupa Gill, *Director, Sourcing Solutions Group*, OECM

*"Collaboration and the Success of Innovate Niagara"*

Dino Miele, *Chief Information Officer*, District School Board of Niagara; *Member, Customer Council Committee*, OECM

*"Ontario Centre of Excellence Approach to Collaboration"*

Tania Massa, *Director, Innovation Procurement*, Ontario Centres of Excellence

**11:30 AM - 11:45 AM**

**Break**

**11:45 AM - 12:45 PM**

**Networking and Collaboration: Part 2**

Location: Weider Ballroom

This session will review the following:

*Results, Outcomes, and Next Steps from Part 1*

**Introduction:** Karen Owen, *VP, Supply Management and Customer Relations*, OECM

**Session Facilitator:** Ian C. Smith, StrategyCorp

**12:45 PM - 1:00 PM**

**Symposium Closing**

Location: Weider Ballroom

**Closing Remarks:**

John Sabo, *President and CEO*, OECM

Arnold (Arnie) Strub, *Chair, Board of Directors*, OECM

Kevin Kobus, *Chair, Customer Council Committee*, OECM

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Lunch**

Location: Kandahar Room, seating in Weider III

**2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Education Sector Association Meetings**

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*“An Out of this World  
Perspective on Collaboration”*



# Dr. Dave Williams

A true Canadian hero, Dr. Dave Williams is an astronaut, aquanaut, jet pilot, ER doctor, scientist, and CEO with a compelling and unique approach to peak performance, environmental stewardship, leadership, our futures and risk management. The former director of Space and Life Sciences at NASA, he has flown to space twice, once aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia and once on Shuttle Endeavor, logging more than 687 hours in space, including three spacewalks, the highest number of spacewalks ever performed in a single mission. As a former healthcare CEO, Williams has received praise for his leadership in developing a culture where innovation, implementation of best practices, fiscal responsibility and patient-centered care is engrained in the fabric of the organizations he's worked with.

With a passion for healthcare and risk management, prior to entering the Canadian Space Agency's program, Dr. Dave Williams worked as an emergency room doctor, as director of emergency services at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto and as director for the McMaster Centre for Medical Robotics, where he led a team dedicated to developing innovative technologies to assist the development of local and remote patient care. In July 2011, Williams became President and Chief Executive Officer of Southlake Regional Health Centre, recently retiring to continue speaking and writing about space and undersea exploration. In June 2012, he was inducted into the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame.

Williams is one of the NASA space program's most accomplished astronauts. In 2001, he participated in the joint NASA-NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) undersea research mission, held in Aquarius, the world's only underwater research laboratory. During this seven-day NEEMO-1 mission, Williams became Canada's first dual astronaut and aquanaut.

Williams is the recipient of five honorary degrees, the Order of Canada, and the Order of Ontario and is the author of four children's books and his memoir, *Defying Limits: Lessons from the Edge of the Universe*. He is passionate about sharing his experiences through his speaking activities and is very excited about inspiring the next generation to pursue their dreams. Dr. Dave Williams is married with two children and enjoys flying, scuba diving, hiking, sailing, kayaking, canoeing, and downhill and cross-country skiing.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*“An Auditor’s Perspective  
on Collaboration”*



# Bonnie Lysyk

**MBA, FCSPA, FCA, LPA**

Bonnie Lysyk became the 13th Auditor General of Ontario on September 3, 2013, after having previously served as Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan, and Deputy Auditor General and Chief Operating Officer of Manitoba.

Lysyk has held senior positions in both the private and public sectors during a 25-year career spent in three provinces. She has extensive audit, finance, risk management and governance experience. She served as the Deputy Auditor General and Chief Operating Officer for the Office of the Auditor General of Manitoba and, most recently, as Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan. She also held a variety of senior roles at Manitoba Hydro and served as Chief Audit Executive of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission.

A native of Winnipeg, Lysyk graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Administrative Studies (Honours) degree and subsequently obtained her designation as a Chartered Accountant while working with Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers). She also has a Masters in Business Administration and is a Certified Internal Auditor. In 2017, she was named a Fellow of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

Lysyk is currently a member of the Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors and over the years has actively participated in many professional and volunteer not-for-profit organizations. She has also taught auditing courses in Toronto and overseas.

## EVENT FACILITATOR

StrategyCorp.



# Ian Smith

Ian is a Vice President with StrategyCorp, a public affairs, communications and management consulting firm in Toronto. He specializes in conducting strategic, organizational and governance reviews and in leading large-scale change initiatives for private and public sector organizations.

Ian was formerly a Partner and Regional Lead for the GTA and Southern Ontario Consulting Practice of MNP; a Partner at Oliver Wyman; a Director at Johnston Smith International; and a senior manager with Price Waterhouse. Ian holds an MBA from York University and an Honours Bachelor of Environmental Studies in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Waterloo, and is a Certified Management Consultant (CMC).

He is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Badminton and Racquet Club and a member of the Board of Directors for York Condominium Corporation. Formerly, Ian was Chair of the Board for the Hincks-Dellcrest Centre (merged with Sick Kids); a member of the Toronto Region Board of Trade Board of Directors; and a member of the Governance and Nomination Committee for The Learning Partnership.

### Co-Facilitators

Bob Koubsky	<i>Retired Superintendent of Finance and Business Services, Algonquin and Lakeshore CDSB</i>
Carla Kisko	<i>Retired Associate Director, Finance and Operations, Toronto DSB</i>
Carol McAulay	<i>Vice-President, Finance &amp; Administration, York University</i>
Kathy Pozihun	<i>Vice-President, Administration &amp; Finance, Lakehead University</i>
Michael Philbin	<i>Executive Director, Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario</i>
Mike East	<i>Retired Senior Executive, IBM</i>
Pete Derochie	<i>Associate Director of Education, Business &amp; Finance, Simcoe Muskoka CDSB</i>
Peter Howarth	<i>Retired Executive Director, Catholic School Board Services Association (CSBSA)</i>
Tariq Al-Idrissi	<i>Associate Vice-President, IT, Trent University</i>
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# Blue Mountain Activities

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Blue Mountain Resort offers a variety of activities and dining options that are available to Symposium attendees and OECM guests. Please visit Grand Central Lodge in Activity Central for more details and to book your activities.

Mention 'OECM' and receive the special guest rates listed below:

## Lift Tickets (valid 9:00am – 9:00pm):

### **Adult:**

\$46.00 + HST per day (Monday – Thursday)

\$55.00 + HST per day (Friday or Sunday)

\$59.00 + HST per day (Saturday)

### **University:** valid photo ID required

\$33.00 + HST per day (Monday – Thursday)

\$42.00 + HST per day (Friday or Sunday)

\$62.00 + HST per day (Saturday)

## Ski or Snowboard Rental

Includes helmet, skis, boots and poles or snowboard and boots and access to the Newby Lesson Circuit. Jacket, pants, goggles and gloves also available for rent. Please inquire for more details.

\$30.00 + HST per day (Monday – Friday)

\$54.00 + HST per day (Saturday - Sunday)

## Newbie Program (Beginner Lift Ticket, Rentals & Lesson Circuit)

\$84.00 + HST per day (Monday – Friday)

\$104.00 + HST per day (Saturday - Sunday) (No Group Discount)

## Private Lessons (no group discount & must be booked in advance)

\$109.00 + HST (60 minute private lesson) \$34.00 + HST (per additional person – max 4 ppl)

\$139.00 + HST (90 minute private lesson) \$44.00 + HST (per additional person- max 4 ppl)

## Base Camp Activities:

Price: \$9.60 + HST (Monday – Friday)/\$12.80 + HST (Saturday & Sunday)

Visit [bluemountain.ca](http://bluemountain.ca) for hours of operation.

## Ridge Runner Mountain Coaster

Duration: 7-10 minutes

## Hike N' Tube

Duration: 1 hour

## Woodview Mountaintop Skating:

Duration: 2 hours

Skate Rentals: \$6.00 + HST – limited quantities

\*Transportation is required to get to the Mountain Top.

## Plunge! Aquatic Centre

Duration: 3 hour access

## Snowshoe Rental

Duration: 4 hour rental time

# Symposium Raffle

All proceeds will be donated to Cystic Fibrosis Canada



## OECM Symposium Raffle in support of Cystic Fibrosis Canada

Don't miss out on a chance to nab a few top-notch prizes while also supporting a fantastic charitable cause.

Tickets can be purchased from OECM representatives at the Information Desk located in the Kandahar Room on Wednesday evening and throughout the day on Thursday. The draw will take place Thursday night during dinner, with all proceeds going to Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

*Thank you for your generosity and best of luck!*

### Raffle prizes

1. Four (4) x club seat tickets for the Toronto Maple Leafs  
(includes access to the Maple Leaf club lounge prior to and during the game)  
*Sponsored by Xerox Canada Ltd.*
2. One (1) two-night stay in the Village Bachelor Suite at Blue Mountain Resort  
*Sponsored by Blue Mountain Resorts LP*
3. One (1) x Dell laptop  
*Sponsored by Dell EMC*
4. Two (2) x 24" Dell monitors  
*Sponsored by Dell EMC*
5. One (1) x HP Laptop  
*Sponsored by Compugen Inc.*
6. One (1) x Pico Projector  
*Sponsored by Staples Business Advantage*

### Cystic Fibrosis Canada

Cystic Fibrosis Canada is a national charitable not-for-profit corporation established in 1960, and is one of the world's top three charitable organizations committed to finding a cure for cystic fibrosis (CF). As an internationally recognized leader in funding innovation and clinical care, Cystic Fibrosis Canada invests more in life-saving CF research and care than any other non-governmental agency in Canada. Since establishment, Cystic Fibrosis Canada has invested more than \$253 million in leading research, innovation and care. As a result, Canadians with cystic fibrosis have one of the highest median survival rates in the world. We rely on the generous support of our volunteers, donors, and partners in our shared mission to improve the lives of Canadians living with cystic fibrosis, and ultimately to find a cure for this devastating disease. For more information or to donate, please visit [www.cysticfibrosis.ca](http://www.cysticfibrosis.ca).

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**Event Photographer:** GoodCity Photography

**Wine Tasting:** Megalomaniac Winery

**Virtual Reality Experience:** House of VR

**Dinner Entertainment:** Jazz ensemble provided by students from Collingwood Collegiate Institute

***Students:***

Connor Girdwood  
Noah Green  
Sebastian Handley  
Sid Kinsley  
Braeden Neil  
Niklas Wuerfl  
Alex Wyant

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