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Subject: RESPONSE REQUIRED: Web Summit Vancouver - Events, Tickets and Leveraging Activities

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached is a memo that outlines opportunities for Council attendance at the upcoming Web Summit Vancouver event, taking place May 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. The memo also outlines efforts underway to leverage the conference to the benefit of our local tech sector.

Of note:

1. Conference passes. Each member of Council is offered a complimentary "regular access" pass (valued at \$730) – please let [Michelle Collens](#) know **by end day Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>** if you'd like one. These tickets exclude access to the Speaker Lounge, official evening receptions, exhibition floor lounges, as well as food and beverage services.
  - Please also let Michelle know if you'd like to upgrade your ticket to a "Chairperson" level ticket – which allows entrance to all of this to the Speaker Lounge, official evening receptions, exhibition floor lounges, as well as food and beverage services. The cost for this is \$7,870.
2. VIP welcome reception. There will be a VIP welcome reception the evening of May 27, 2026. Web Summit has not yet confirmed the precise time, but we anticipate it will take place between 6.30 – 9.00 pm. Council members will be invited to this.
3. Night summits. There will be three "night summits" open to all ticket holders on May 27, 28 and 29 – these are free events that will be open to about 1,000 people, on a first come first served basis.
4. Conference-related events. There are a great number of conference-related events taking place. Attachment 3 of this memo (attached to this email as a separate file) lists all these events, updated to May 7, 2025, including an event description, the date, time and location of each event, and registration links.

As some information is still evolving, staff will provide an update to Council as specifics are nailed down.

Thanks,

Karen

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## MEMORANDUM

May 12, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager  
Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager  
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Maria Pontikis, Chief Communications Officer, CEC  
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Mellisa Morphy, Director of Policy, Mayor's Office  
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FROM: Karen Levitt  
Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Web Summit Vancouver - Events, Tickets and Leveraging Activities

RTS #: N/A

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Dear Mayor and Council,

This memo provides an update on Web Summit Vancouver, a large-scale tech conference often referred to as "the Olympics for Tech," which will be held in Vancouver on May 27th to May 30th, at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

It is anticipated that approximately 15,000 participants from the global technology community will attend Web Summit Vancouver, focusing on promoting collaboration in technology, celebrating local companies and innovations and building networks of leads and partnerships. In conjunction with the main conference schedule, numerous affiliated and unaffiliated side events are organized by investors, foreign delegations, professional service firms, and government entities to support networking and promotion of a various business opportunities.

This memo provides information concerning opportunities for Council to attend the Web Summit Vancouver conference and related events, as well as some background on the conference.

### Conference attendance

- Complimentary tickets are available to all members of Council.

- It is noted that these tickets (valued at \$730 each) provide offer “regular access,” which excludes access to the Speaker Lounge, official evening receptions, exhibition floor lounges, as well as food and beverage services.
- Web Summit speakers – including the Mayor and Jessie Adcock (the City’s FWC26 Host City Lead) – are provided with complimentary access to the event.
- Please let Michelle Collens, the City’s Director, Tourism and Destination Events know **by end of day Friday May 16, 2025**:
  1. whether you would like a complimentary “regular access” ticket for the event
  2. whether you would like to upgrade your complimentary ticket to a “Chairperson” level ticket, at a cost of \$7,870 which would grant you access to the Speaker Lounge, official evening receptions, exhibition floor lounges, as well as food and beverage services.
- A number of City staff will be attending the conference:
  - Tadhg Healy, Chief Technology Officer, plus two Technology Services directors
  - Jessie Adcock, FWC26 Host City Lead
  - Siobian Smith, Director, Business and Economy plus one Business and Economy Manager
  - Michelle Collens, Director, Tourism and Destination Events

### **VIP welcome reception**

- There will be an opening Welcome Reception for VIPs – including Mayor and Council - **evening of May 27, 2026**. This will take place **between 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm**, with the exact time slot yet to be confirmed by Web Summit.
- Staff will update Council once the event organiser provides the location and time specifics.

### **Night summits**

- Three “night summits” will be held, with approximately 1,000 people attending each. These are social/networking events, and are open to any holder of a “regular access” pass on a first come/first served basis, and are free of charge.
  - **Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Taking place in downtown Vancouver, produced in collaboration with the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association (DVBIA).
  - **Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Taking place in downtown Vancouver, produced in collaboration with the Yaletown BIA.
  - **Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** – Taking place at the Shipyards in North Vancouver.

- Staff will provide Council with further information concerning these events, as details are confirmed by the event organisers.

### **Conference-related events**

- There are a significant number of official and unofficial events related to Web Summit Vancouver, which will offer networking and engagement opportunities for Vancouver businesses. These may include networking receptions, informal meet-ups, fireside chats, investor showcases, and start-up pitch sessions.
- Attachment 3 of this memo lists all such events, updated to May 7, 2025 – including an event description, the date, time and location of each event, and registration links.
- Mayor and Council can attend many of these events, and may be invited to participate in these events directly by organizers.
- BEO staff will participate in many of these events in support of Vancouver businesses, in order to engage with investment leads and foreign delegations.

### **Leveraging Web Summit Vancouver**

- Web Summit Vancouver presents opportunities for the City to support the Vancouver tech sector and broader business community, to profile the City's own technological successes, and to build awareness around opportunities related to hosting the FIFA World Cup in 2026 (FWC26).
- While Web Summit is responsible for staging this event, the "[Naturally Innovative Alliance](#)" partnership has been established to leverage Web Summit Vancouver. The mandate and membership of this partnership is contained in Attachment 1. This Alliance will have a pavilion at the Web Summit conference.
- The City Communications and Engagement team are working with the BEO to align key messages supporting active coverage of the event, and amplifying Vancouver-focused content over the duration of the week.
- For the past several months, the Business and Economy Office (BEO) has participated in efforts focused on industry engagement with the tech sector, with other levels of government, and with ecosystem partners, as part of the "Road to Web Summit" preparatory meetings.
  - These meetings, led by Innovate BC, have included hundreds of Vancouver-based tech companies and start-ups, as well as anchor companies such as Microsoft and Amazon.
  - Alongside these meetings, the City's Business and Economy Office is engaging with national and international delegations that will be bringing potential investment leads to the conference.

- During Web Summit Vancouver, City staff will engage directly with potential investors and business partners at the Naturally Innovative Alliance pavilion, using promotional materials prepared by Invest Vancouver.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen R. Levitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Karen Levitt  
Deputy City Manager

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**ATTACHMENT 1  
APRIL 9, 2024 COUNCIL DIRECTION  
(IN CAMERA DECISION RELEASE)**

**2025-2027 Vancouver Collision Conference**

- A. *THAT Council receive an update on the bid that Destination Vancouver is leading to have Web Summit bring the Collision Conference ("Collision") to Vancouver in May 2025, May 2026 and May 2027 (the "Bid").*
- B. *Council approve the following financial and in-kind support as requested by Web Summit and the Bid Consortium for the 2025-2027 Collision Conference:*
- *all conditional upon Web Summit awarding the Collision Conference to Destination Vancouver in 2025, 2026 and 2027;*
  - *all subject to the condition that a clause be included in the Bid proposal that is submitted to Web Summit that stipulates that the 2026 Collision Conference does not prevent the City in any way from fulfilling its contractual obligations as Host City for FIFA World Cup 2026, and that the City's obligations, resources, and public space requirements associated with the FIFA World Cup 2026 event are prioritized over the Collision Conference in 2026; and*
  - *all subject to the other conditions described in this report:*
    - i. *a cash grant of up to \$250,000 in 2025, under Section 206(1)(g) of the Vancouver Charter to Destination Vancouver for Destination Vancouver to include in the Bid, with source of funds to be determined in the 2025 operating budget; and*
    - ii. *a value-in-kind offset grant of up to \$355,000 in each of 2025, 2026 and 2027, under Section 206(1)(g) of the Vancouver Charter to Web Summit in order to offset (waive) any Experiential Marketing and Private Event (EMPE) permit fees that the City may charge Web Summit for events it holds in outdoor City-owned public spaces; and*
    - iii. *a value-in-kind offset grant of up to \$10,000 in each of 2025, 2026 and 2027, under Section 206(1)(g) of the Vancouver Charter to Web Summit to waive the City's street banner application and rental fees in each of 2025, 2026, and 2027; and*
    - iv. *a value-in-kind offset grant of up to \$75,000 in each of 2025, 2026 and 2027, under Section 206(1)(g) of the Vancouver Charter to Web Summit to offset the City's operational and public safety costs Web Summit would hold in outdoor City-owned public spaces – which would be a deviation from the City's policy for private and commercial events in outdoor City-owned public spaces described in the City of Vancouver Special Events Policy, with source of funds to be determined through annual operating budget process; and*
    - v. *Staff reiterate that further grants will not be considered beyond what has been included to date.*

- C. *THAT Council delegate its authority to negotiate and execute any agreements with Destination Vancouver or Web Summit concerning the Bid and/or the Collision Conference to the City Manager or their delegate to bring effect any Council direction arising from this report, on the condition that any agreements accord with the details described in this report, and do not prevent the City from fulfilling its contractual obligations for FIFA World Cup 2026.*

## ATTACHMENT 2 WEB SUMMIT VANCOUVER BACKGROUND

- In December 2023, a Bid Consortium consisting of the City of Vancouver, the Province of BC, Destination Vancouver, the Vancouver Convention Centre, Invest Vancouver and the Frontier Collective submitted a preliminary Letter of Intent to bid for Collision 2025-2027 (now rebranded as Web Summit Vancouver).
- On April 9, 2024, Council approved the provision of one-time grant funding of \$250,000 in addition to three multi-year value in-kind offset grants totalling more than \$400,000 to secure the conference in Vancouver in conjunction with other partners.
- Destination Vancouver is the official Host Destination Organization for Web Summit Vancouver, and as such entered into a formal contract with Web Summit.
- Destination Vancouver has formed the collaborative partnership of the funding entities called the Naturally Innovative Alliance (NIA), a “... *collaborative partnership between the Government of Canada, through Pacific Economic Development Canada (PacifiCan), Province of British Columbia, Innovate BC, Destination Vancouver, Invest Vancouver, and the City of Vancouver. Our goal is to increase worldwide awareness of the B.C. tech ecosystem and maximize opportunities for B.C.’s tech sector to benefit from Web Summit Vancouver, while helping foster strategic partnerships, investment, trade and jobs throughout the province.*”
  - Members:
    - Destination Vancouver – Michael Drake, Vice President
      - A non-profit, member-based destination management organization, transforming our communities and visitors through the power of travel.
    - PacifiCan – David Tsui, Director-General
      - Federal agency supporting the growth and diversification of British Columbia’s economy and advance the interests of the region in national economic policy, programs and projects. The Agency operates under the provision of the Western Economic Diversification Act, which came into force on June 28, 1988. As a federal agency, PacifiCan is headed by a minister and a deputy head (president).
    - Innovate BC – Peter Cowan, President and CEO
      - A Crown Agency of the Province of BC focused on fostering innovation so that British Columbians in all regions of the province can benefit from a thriving, sustainable and inclusive innovation economy.
    - Invest Vancouver – Jacquie Griffiths, President and CEO
      - Metro Vancouver’s regional economic development service.



- Trade and Invest BC – Nathan Nankivell, ADM
  - A team within the BC Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation and international network that works with international enterprises to help them build strong connections to the resources, skills and businesses that make British Columbia (B.C.) the natural place to work, live and invest.
- The City has two formal roles vis-à-vis Web Summit Vancouver: grantor, and regulator for any events taking place in the public realm (as with any other event). In addition, the Director, Business and Economy is support the event leveraging efforts of the Naturally Innovative Alliance.

Web Summit and Related Events- MAY 26			Last Updated: May 8, 2025			
	Event Name	Time	Event Description	Register / RSVP	Attendees	Location
1	Innovation & Investment Insider Tours	10am-6pm	Invest Vancouver is coordinating multiple curated regional bus tours that will showcase the Metro Vancouver region’s major assets, economic and innovation clusters, and anchor companies, culminating in B2B networking opportunities. The tours will target companies with global expansion plans, positioning Metro Vancouver as a premier investment destination and offering attendees an immersive experience that highlights the region’s economic strengths. Three bus tours all start with lunch in Surrey and then split into company site visits focused on Cleantech, Life Sciences, and Creative Tech.	<a href="https://lu.ma/pu4qv1dx">https://lu.ma/pu4qv1dx</a>	Investors, officials, and local business	Locations vary and are based on which tour is selected
2	Beer Ritual - Unofficial Opening Party for Web Summit	3pm-6pm	A mixer of interesting, connected, and influential people enjoying local craft beer in a relaxed environment. Event is not hosted.	<a href="https://lu.ma/u2r3etji">https://lu.ma/u2r3etji</a>	Free admission for all	Brewery District, North Vancouver
3	SFU Venture Labs: Company Showcase	330pm-630pm	A focused networking and showcase event featuring 15 of BC’s most promising early-stage companies across sectors including energy transition, digital health, life sciences, AI, robotics, quantum, and digital media. This is your chance to connect with fast-growing startups, industry experts, and investors in a dynamic setting designed for meaningful conversations.	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/company-showcase-at-venturelabs-general-admission-tickets-1271418419719?aff=oddttdtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/company-showcase-at-venturelabs-general-admission-tickets-1271418419719?aff=oddttdtcreator</a>	Industry, government, investors, academic partners, and venture capital	SFU Venture Labs: #1100 - 555 W. Hastings St, Vancouver
4	Centre for Innovation and Clean Energy (CICE): Cleantech Reception	4pm-6pm	CICE: Following Investor Tours in the region and visits to Ph7 Technologies, Hydron Energy and Arca Climate the tour wraps up at at 33 Acres with a refreshing beverage and the latest investment opportunities in the cleantech sector	<a href="mailto:info@investvancouver.ca">info@investvancouver.ca</a>	Investors, officials, and local business	33 Acres Brewing, 15 W. 8th Ave, Vancouver
5	Web Summit Vancouver Tech Connection Hosted by RSM	4pm-7pm	A connection event that will bring together leaders and professionals from Vancouver’s dynamic technology, media, and telecommunications community.	<a href="https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vnE-Hsr8hEKQMWiMyPN7a0J_QEso1KZLoQGSotI2gVtUN0Q5QTBRNERSRks3SVZGM1NPVFY5OEEdWRC4U">https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vnE-Hsr8hEKQMWiMyPN7a0J_QEso1KZLoQGSotI2gVtUN0Q5QTBRNERSRks3SVZGM1NPVFY5OEEdWRC4U</a>	Founders, investors, and community	RSM Canada- Vancouver Office Suite 620- 505 Burrard St. Vancouver, BC V7X 1M4
6	BC - Korea Reception	5pm-9pm	Lawson Lundell networking reception sponsored by Trade and Invest BC Korea in partnership with ACVC, Web Summit, Gyeonggi Business & Science Accelerator, KOTRA, MNP and Invest Vancouver. There is an opportunity for Mayor and Council to speak, if interested.	<a href="#">Web Summit   RSVP (Blank)</a>	Economic development organizations, and businesses	Paradox Hotel, 1161 W. Georgia St, Vancouver
7	Indigenous Tech Circle Pre-Web Summit Gathering	5pm-7pm	A welcoming pre-event before Web Summit Vancouver, co-hosted by Indigenous Tech Circle and Raven Indigenous Capital Partners. This gathering offers a chance to connect, share stories, and build relationships. Enjoy light refreshments and meaningful conversations. In partnership with Innovate BC, this initiative supports B.C. startups in maximizing their Web Summit experience and growth potential.	<a href="https://lu.ma/7w1mvuap">https://lu.ma/7w1mvuap</a>	Indigenous founders, builders, innovators and community	Venue to be revealed once a participant registers

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8	Ethos Lab Welcome Reception and Documentary Screening	6pm-8pm	Kick off Web Summit with a special evening celebrating youth and diversity in innovation. Join Ethos Lab Educational Society, a Web Summit Community Partner, for an inspiring evening as we host our Welcome Reception at our Hub in celebration of Youth Leadership in Innovation.	<a href="https://lu.ma/n8f4fnjd">https://lu.ma/n8f4fnjd</a>	Educators, innovators, and community	Ethos Lab, 177 E. 3rd Ave, Vancouver
9	Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) Forum	TBD	At the CMO Forum, hear from marketers, futurists, anthropologists and Canada’s prominent thought leaders as they share insights on what to expect next and how to navigate the pressing issues that are changing behaviours, attitudes and choices.	<a href="mailto:chris@totemmedia.org">chris@totemmedia.org</a>	Marketing industry and business community	TBD



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	Event Name	Time	Event Description	RSVP	Attendees	Location
1	Web Summit Vancouver Conference: Opening Night Session	6:00-8:00pm	Event schedule: <a href="https://vancouver.websummit.com/schedule/date/2025-05-27/">https://vancouver.websummit.com/schedule/date/2025-05-27/</a>		15,000 attendees	Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Pl
2	BC Pavillion at Web Summit Vancouver Conference		The hosting consortium, the Naturally Innovative Alliance is developing a BC Pavilion booth space at Web Summit Vancouver which will include 12 stations featuring companies from key sectors (on a rotating schedule) to engage with interested attendees.	Free to attend on the Web Summit Vancouver Floor	Drop-in for all attendees	Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Pl
3	Vancouver Welcome reception- VIP	TBC	TBD Mayor and Wesb Summit CEO to speak	By invitation only	Invited guests	TBD
4	Official Night Summit	6:00pm-10:00pm		Open event	Open to first 1500 attendees	Outdoor plaza, 1055 Dunsmuir St, Vancouver
5	International Founders Matchawalk	8am-10am	Web Summit Vancouver co-host Casey Lau (+special guests) wants to meet you and tour you around the incredible marina of downtown Vancouver while sipping a matcha or coffee or morning beverage of your choice starting at one of Vancouver's finest cafes.	<a href="https://lu.ma/xed8camo">https://lu.ma/xed8camo</a>	Founders	Venue to be revealed once a participant registers
6	Life Sciences Breakfast: How BC is Transforming Healthcare for Global Impact	8:30am-10:30am	Life Sciences Web Summit Side Event is an opportunity to learn what is driving BC’s life sciences sector to global impact. From the prolific research being translated into life-saving medicines; the advancements in bio-medical engineering and robotics; and the infrastructure being built to help scale a thriving bio-manufacturing ecosystem, this will be an exciting look at the future of health care innovation. Attendees will be treated to a showcase of leading-edge research, startups emerging from academia, along with the ecosystem collaborators helping to accelerate bringing these transformative innovations to market.	<a href="https://lu.ma/i91k7xjl?tk=PvjRSY">https://lu.ma/i91k7xjl?tk=PvjRSY</a>	Industry, government, academic partners, and investors	Room 1900 (Innovation UBC Hub - e@UBC co-working space) 800 Robson St, UBC Robson Square, Vanouver
7	SFU Venture Labs: Curated Meetings with Companies	930am-1230pm	SFU Venture Labs is curating an event where investors and companies can meet with each other and discuss investing options and collaboration.	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/curated-meetings-between-companies-and-investors-general-admission-tickets-1309169393899?aff=oddttdtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/curated-meetings-between-companies-and-investors-general-admission-tickets-1309169393899?aff=oddttdtcreator</a>	Limited attendees	SFU Venture Labs: #1100 - 555 W. Hastings St, Vancouver



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8	Vancouver Demo Day and Web Summit Vancouver Social with TechTo, Panache, and N49P	4pm-6pm: demo day 6pm-9pm: social event and networking	Demo Day spotlights standout Canadian tech companies—at any stage—that are showing exceptional momentum. Nominated by leading VCs and the local startup community, these companies might be scaling fast, solving meaningful problems, or gaining rapid traction. Demo Day is their platform to share their story and amplify the excitement.	<a href="https://lu.ma/VAN-Demo-Day">https://lu.ma/VAN-Demo-Day</a>	Startups from the following VCs: N49P, Panache Ventures Version One, Inovia, Framework, Rhino Ventures Relay Ventures, LOI Venture, Active Impact Investments, and Pender Ventures	Good Co., 965 Granville St., Vancouver
9	Web Summit Vancouver: 2025 Canada-Mexico Dialogue	8am-2pm	Join CMX Partnerships, together with our strategic partners and sponsors for the 7th annual Canada–Mexico Dialogue, taking place in Downtown Vancouver. This year’s edition will focus on transforming today’s challenges into tomorrow’s opportunities through trade, investment, and cross-border business collaboration. Be part of the conversation, reconnect with colleagues, and forge new connections.	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-2025-canada-mexico-dialogue-tickets-1326065600909?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-2025-canada-mexico-dialogue-tickets-1326065600909?aff=oddtcreator</a>	Government, businesses, and investors	Segal Graduate School of Business at SFU, 500 Granville Street, Vancouver
10	Rise & Raise: Empowering Women in Tech Capital	1pm-5pm	A showcase of Canada's most dynamic women-led tech ventures, complete with presentations, matchmaking, and networking.	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/rise-raise-empowering-women-in-tech-capital-tickets-1303333287949?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/rise-raise-empowering-women-in-tech-capital-tickets-1303333287949?aff=oddtcreator</a>	Academia, companies, and investors	SFU Venture Labs: #1100 - 555 W. Hastings St, Vancouver
11	Coast Mixer at Blue Tech Connect Ocean Venture	4pm-6pm	Blue Tech Connect Ocean Venture and Investment Event and Mixer.	<a href="https://lu.ma/j5jqo9s6">https://lu.ma/j5jqo9s6</a>	Founders, investors, community	555 W. Hastings St, Vancouver
12	Web Summit Vancouver: Enterprise AI Panel with Voiceflow, Twelve Labs, Cohere, AWS and HubSpot Ventures	430pm-630pm	Join us during the Web Summit in Vancouver for a deep dive into how enterprises are adopting AI, the challenges of selling AI solutions, and how buyers are evaluating an explosion of AI startups in the market.	<a href="https://lu.ma/0e5ine0h">https://lu.ma/0e5ine0h</a>	Founders, investors, community	The Post, 399 W Georgia St, Vancouver
13	Amplify Awards: First Nations Tech Council	5pm-7:30pm	The First Nations Technology Council will proudly host the inaugural Amplify Awards. This celebratory evening reception will recognize the outstanding achievements of Indigenous technology leaders dedicated to empowering Indigenous students and communities through innovation.	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/amplify-awards-tickets-1308581746229?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/amplify-awards-tickets-1308581746229?aff=oddtcreator</a>	Indigenous founders, builders, innovators and community	Microsoft Campus Vancouver, 725 Granville Street, Suite 700 Vancouver
14	Investor Reception	TBC	Deloitte-hosted investors reception.	By invitation only	Investors and VIPs	410 W. Georgia St., Vancouver



	<b>Web Summit and Related Events- MAY 28</b>		Last Updated: May 8, 2025			
	Event Name	Time	Event Description	RSVP	Attendees	Location
1	Web Summit Vancouver Conference: Opening Night Session	10:00am-5:00pm	Event schedule: <a href="https://vancouver.websummit.com/schedule/date/2025-05-28/">https://vancouver.websummit.com/schedule/date/2025-05-28/</a>	<a href="https://vancouver.websummit.com/tickets/attendees/">https://vancouver.websummit.com/tickets/attendees/</a>	15,000 attendees	Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Pl
2	BC Pavillion at Web Summit Vancouver Conference	10:00am-5:00pm	The hosting consortium, the Naturally Innovative Alliance is developing a BC Pavilion booth space at Web Summit Vancouver which will include 12 stations featuring companies from key sectors (on a rotating schedule) to engage with interested attendees.	Free to attend on the Web Summit Vancouver Floor	Drop-in for all attendees	Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Pl
3	Web Summit Vancouver Conference: Naturally Innovative Alliance Panel Discussion	2pm-230pm	A moderated panel that explores why Metro Vancouver is a top destination for global investment, where both multinational and homegrown companies thrive on world-class talent.		Attendees	Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Pl
4	Official Night Summit	6:00pm-10:00pm	<i>Yaletown BIA hosting area activation in Helmecken Plaza, TBD. "Dine-around concept for local restaurants.</i>	Open event	Open to first 1000 attendees	TBC
5	Wake Up Coffee Meet at Web Summit Vancouver	8am-930am	Start your morning meeting other founders, investors, and industry builders/supporters before heading into Web Summit Vancouver.	<a href="https://lu.ma/g4ddcexr">https://lu.ma/g4ddcexr</a>	Founders, funders, builders, and network partners.	1025 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver
6	Vancity Innovation House: Frontier Collective networking hub	10:00am - 10:00pm	Frontier Collective and presenting partner Vancity will be running the city's premier networking hub that will feature demos and talks with global industry leaders and local changemakers, featuring a full day of panels, fireside chats, and hands-on activations spotlighting cutting-edge advancements in climate tech, AI, fintech, robotics, mobility, clean energy, life sciences, and more.	<a href="https://lu.ma/o5nv06ol">https://lu.ma/o5nv06ol</a> [lu.ma]	Advance registration:industry leaders, changemakers, and innovators	1 Water St. Vancouver
7	Creative Destruction Lab: Vancouver Alumni Showcase	3pm-8pm	A wonderful opportunity to mix and mingle with investors and successful growth-stage companies and start-ups.	<a href="https://airtable.com/appWuG362GrWZ0jhX/shrNqRCnXiF77ycxd">https://airtable.com/appWuG362GrWZ0jhX/shrNqRCnXiF77ycxd</a>	Venture Capital	Telus Gardens, 510 W. Georgia St, 14th Floor, Vancouver
8	GenAI Founders Fireside & Networking Event - Cosponsored with AI Network of BC	4pm-6pm	Join us for an intimate founder fireside chat and subsequent networking session.	<a href="https://aws.amazon.com/startups/events/genai-founders-fireside-networking-event-cosponsored-with-ai-network-of-bc">https://aws.amazon.com/startups/events/genai-founders-fireside-networking-event-cosponsored-with-ai-network-of-bc</a>	AI founders and investors	Telus Gardens, 510 W. Georgia St, 14th Floor, Vancouver
9	Healthtech Social by Scalpels & Spreadsheets	3pm-6pm	Extend the Web Summit energy at this post-conference Healthtech & Life Sciences social. Healthcare and life science professionals! Join us for this networking event with likeminded individuals. Whether you're building, investing or shaping the industry, there will be great people to speak with.	<a href="https://lu.ma/m1xecu31">https://lu.ma/m1xecu31</a>	Entrepreneurs, investors, and healthtech professionals	Venue to be revealed once a participant registers
10	Networking soirée with Consulat France & MLT Aikins LLP	5pm-7pm	Join the French Consulate and MLT Atkins for a night of networking and canapes.	<a href="https://share.hsforms.com/1kv6_YGpuSASc27Gza3uhXQ59fjt">https://share.hsforms.com/1kv6_YGpuSASc27Gza3uhXQ59fjt</a>	Tech, trade, and innovation	MLT Aikins LLP, 24th floor - 1066 W. Hatsings St, Vancouver
11	UAtech Venture Night @ Web Summit Vancouver - The Ultimate Startup & Investor Experience	5pm-11pm	Hosted by the top Ukrainian tech founders, innovators, and entrepreneurs, UAtech is inviting everyone to join us for a night to mingle with start-ups and investors.	<a href="https://lu.ma/94ks27ot">https://lu.ma/94ks27ot</a>	Tech community	Vesper Lounge, 905 Dunsmuir St, Vancouver



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	Event Name	Time	Event Description	RSVP	Attendees	Location
12	Vancouver AI Community Meetup	6pm-10pm	Vancouver AI warmly welcomes all members of the community passionate about shaping the future of AI - researchers, creatives, tech enthusiasts, entrepreneurs, professionals, students, and beyond.	<a href="https://lu.ma/websummit-vancouver">https://lu.ma/websummit-vancouver</a>	Researchers, creatives, tech enthusiasts, entrepreneurs, professionals, students	HR MacMillan Space Centre, 1100 Chestnut St, Vancouver
13	Goodlawyer Yacht Party	Evening	Join us for an exclusive soirée hosted by Goodlawyer, where you'll mingle with Vancouver's leading in-house lawyers, top professionals, and influential figures. Enjoy an elegant and relaxed atmosphere aboard a luxurious yacht, surrounded by breathtaking views and exceptional company.	<a href="mailto:laurie@goodlawyer.ca">laurie@goodlawyer.ca</a>	Lawyers, investors, thought leaders, and the business community	760 Pacific Blvd, Vancouver
14	Doing Business in Canada for Japanese Companies	4pm-6pm Briefing Session 6pm-8pm Networking	A great opportunity to learn about potential collaborations with Japanese businesses and for Japanese businesses to learn about the business ecosystem in Canada.	TBC	Lawyers, investors, and the business community	Fasken, 550 Burrard St #2900, Vancouver

	<b>Web Summit and Related Events- MAY 29</b>		Last Updated: May 8, 2025			
	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event Description</b>	<b>RSVP</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Location</b>
1	Web Summit Vancouver Conference	10:00am-5:00pm	Event schedule: <a href="https://vancouver.websummit.com/schedule/date/2025-05-29/">https://vancouver.websummit.com/schedule/date/2025-05-29/</a>		15,000 attendees	Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Pl
2	BC Pavillion at Web Summit Vancouver Conference	10:00am-5:00pm	The hosting consortium, the Naturally Innovative Alliance is developing a BC Pavilion booth space at Web Summit Vancouver which will include 12 stations featuring companies from key sectors (on a rotating schedule) to engage with interested attendees.	Free to attend on the Web Summit Vancouver Floor	Drop-in for all attendees	Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Pl
3	Official Night Summit	6:00pm-10:00pm	Food trucks, a beer garden and live music hosted by the City of North Vancouver and the Shipyards BIA.	Open event	Open to first 1500 attendees	Shipyards, North Vancouver
4	BC Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation Regional Foreign Direct Investment Breakfast	8am-930am	The BC Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation will be hosting a breakfast to profile Canada and the Province to regional economic development offices and foreign direct investors.	TBC	Government, economic development organizations, and businesses	837 West Hastings St, Vancouver
5	Canadian Fintech Executives, Founders & Funders Mixer at Web Summit Vancouver	4pm-6pm	Join Vancouver Tech Journal, in partnership with BC Securities Commission and Bank of Montreal for an exclusive networking event for fintech leaders. This relaxed evening is all about meaningful connections—no panels, no presentations, just a room full of people building the future of fintech in BC.	<a href="https://lu.ma/uex88afi">https://lu.ma/uex88afi</a>	Founders and investors	Prophecy Cocktail Bar, 801 West Georgia St, Vancouver
6	Mining and Critical Minerals Reception	4pm-6pm	Mining & Critical Minerals Web Summit Side Event is an opportunity to learn what is driving BC’s Energy sector to global impact. Our natural resources sector has never been more vulnerable, from the turmoil of global markets combined with the needs of industry, the fragility of our biodiversity system, to the urgent infrastructure required to accelerate the adoption of new technologies.	<a href="https://lu.ma/8ehrky1a">https://lu.ma/8ehrky1a</a>	Industry, government, investors, academic partners, and venture capital	UBC Robson Square, Suite 1900 (Innovation UBC Hub - e@UBC co-working space), Vancouver
7	Amazon Web Services x NVIDIA AI Pitch Competition	5pm-9pm	Amazon Web Services and NVIDIA are bringing together the fastest growing AI startups from across North America to pitch leading AI venture capitalists.	<a href="https://aws.amazon.com/startups/events/aws-x-nvidia-ai-pitch-competition-vancouver">https://aws.amazon.com/startups/events/aws-x-nvidia-ai-pitch-competition-vancouver</a>	Founders, investors, and community	The Post Building, 399 W Georgia St, Vancouver
8	Tacos and Margs Happy Hour at Web Summit Vancouver	530pm-8pm	Enjoy tacos and margaritas while networking at Vancouver’s staple Taco place five minutes from Vancouver Convention Centre.	<a href="https://lu.ma/iu8vv286?tk=NNLRtp">https://lu.ma/iu8vv286?tk=NNLRtp</a>	Founders, funders, builders, and network partners	1050 West Pender St, #122, Vancouver
9	The Hard Tech Awards at Web Summit Vancouver	6pm-11pm	The HardTech Awards are recognizing the engineers, designers, and visionaries driving real-world impact through commercialized hardware innovation.	<a href="https://lu.ma/i5a2n7v1">https://lu.ma/i5a2n7v1</a>	Industry, investors, and venture capital	Steamworks Brewpub, 375 Water St, Vancouver



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1	1	Web Summit Vancouver Conference	10:00am-5:00pm	Event schedule: <a href="https://vancouver.websummit.com/schedule/date/2025-05-29/">https://vancouver.websummit.com/schedule/date/2025-05-29/</a>		15,000 attendees	Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Pl
2	2	BC Pavillion at Web Summit Vancouver Conference	10:00am-5:00pm	The hosting consortium, the Naturally Innovative Alliance is developing a BC Pavilion booth space at Web Summit Vancouver which will include 12 stations featuring companies from key sectors (on a rotating schedule) to engage with interested attendees.	Free to attend on the Web Summit Vancouver Floor	Drop-in for all attendees	Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Pl