

Huron Marine & Economic Forum

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CONNECTING INDUSTRY AND OPPORTUNITY AT THE PORT OF GODERICH

PORT OF GODERICH, ONTARIO
October 2nd, 2025 | Beach Street Station

In partnership with the Goderich Port Management Corporation and the Town of Goderich, the *Huron Marine & Economic Forum* connects the Great Lakes marine shipping industry with regional economic stakeholders. The forum highlights the strategic importance of the Port of Goderich to trade, infrastructure, and economic growth across Huron County.



AGENDA

October 1st

- 7:00pm **Welcome Reception @ Benmiller Inn & Spa**
9:00pm Sponsored by Goderich Port Mgmt Corp & Town of Goderich
Opportunity for Forum attendees from across Ontario to meet and socialize with local business leaders.

October 2nd

- 7:30am **Breakfast Buffet & Networking**
8:30am
8:30am **Welcome & Introductions**
9:00am *Colin Carmichael, Huron Chamber of Commerce*
- 9:00am **The Port of Goderich: Past, Present & Future**
10:00am *Frank Hurkmans, President, Goderich Port Management Corporation*
- 10:00am **Panel: Trade and Tariffs: The Latest Impacts**
11:00am *How are recent trade and tariff negotiations affecting the Great Lakes shipping industry and the communities connected to it? This session explores on-the-ground impacts, opportunities, and challenges for port communities (including Huron County) and their business partners across Ontario, with insights from both marine industry leaders and local business voices.*
Moderator: Dave Shorey, Executive Director, Georgian College – Owen Sound
- 11:00am **Panel: Your Port – Your Community**
12:00pm *Explore the dynamic relationships between Great Lakes ports and their surrounding communities. Panelists from across Ontario share experiences and strategies for fostering economic growth, partnership, and shared prosperity, offering perspectives from both commercial port operators and community leaders on maximizing the benefits of a thriving port for local economies.*
Moderator: Jessica Linthorne, President & CEO, Nuclear Innovation Institute
- 12:00am **Lunch & Keynote Address**
1:30pm *Daniel Tisch, President and CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce*

Event Details

- Venues:** **Welcome Reception**
Benmiller Inn & Spa
81175 Benmiller Line, Goderich, ON N7A 3Y1
- Huron Marine & Economic Forum**
Beach Street Station
2 Beach St, Goderich, ON N7A 4C7
- Date:** October 1-2, 2025
- Format:** Evening welcome reception, networking breakfast, keynote luncheon, and sector-focused conference sessions
- Registration:** Online at [Eventbrite](#)

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The Huron Chamber of Commerce is one of Canada's fastest growing Chambers, connecting community leaders since 1990. Representing businesses across eight Huron County municipalities, the Chamber focuses on growing the local economy, supporting business success, and strengthening our towns and villages. As an independent, non-profit organization, the Chamber advocates for business and community interests, facilitates collaboration, and convenes stakeholders to develop and support a vibrant and thriving county.