KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE AT BEV IN-DEPTH: MINES TO MOBILITY CONFERENCE

The City of Greater Sudbury in cooperation with our event partners is pleased to host the BEV In-Depth: Mines to Mobility conference at Science North on May 25-26, 2022. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone to the conference and we are aware that, for many delegates, this will be your first in person event in more than two years.

The health and safety of everyone attending the conference is a top priority for the event organizers and we are committed to following government regulations and guidelines as they apply to COVID- 19. This includes taking preventative measures to reduce the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus at the conference in accordance with COVID-19 regulations provided by the Ontario Government and Public Health Sudbury & Districts as well as Science North.

Government regulations no-longer require conference delegates to be fully vaccinated and as of March 21st, and masks will no-longer be mandatory as per Government regulations. While mask wearing is now optional, we ask that you please support those who prefer to wear a mask during the conference. In addition, please monitor your health and check for signs of symptoms of COVID-19 before you arrive and during the event. We ask you not attend if you are experiencing any symptoms. Should you need to cancel within the 48 hour cancellation period due to being <u>symptomatic</u>, a full refund will be honoured less a nominal \$50 food charge.

In addition to provincial and local health unit guidance on Covid-19, the conference organizers will employ additional measures to help everyone feel comfortable. These include colour signifiers on name tags that you can choose during registration. Choose green if you're game for hugs and high fives, yellow if elbow bumps are more your preference, or red if you need a bit more space but are open to a wave.

Sanitizer and additional masks will be made available at the event and questions from audience members will be facilitated through alternate means to minimize the need for the sharing of microphones. Regular cleaning and sanitizing of shared items, for example microphones, and high traffic areas such as charging or coffee stations will also be implemented.

Finally, we are also pleased to be hosting portions of the event outside, weather permitting of course, such as the battery electric vehicle exposition and post-conference reception. Lunch will be hosted in the Science North atrium in front of the Imax theatres and both the atrium and Vale Cavern are large, well ventilated rooms.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding preventative measures being undertaken to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 at the conference, please do not hesitate to contact us.