

2025 NATIONAL SEMINAR - SCHEDULE – ONLINE

Even though this is an online Seminar the expectation is that you will arrive on time, have your cameras on unless told you do not have to, mute your microphones, and be dressed as directed for each day. Dress is your **seminar t-shirts for the opening day**, then business casual for the remaining 3 days – on Friday for the Tournament business dress please.

All start times are listed below based on your time zone. Please start logging on 5 minutes prior to ensure that we are all ready to go on time. Debra will host zoom with co-hosts to be determined.

All Times are being noted from the Pacific Time Zone – perhaps highlight your time zone and change your copy to reflect those!

DAY ONE: Monday, August 11th 8:00AM TO 2:00PM PACIFIC TIME

8:00 – 8:30AM PDT	9:00 – 9:30AM MDT	10:00 – 10:30AM Central	11:00 – 11:30AM EDT	12:00 – 12:30PM Atlantic	12:30 – 1:00PM NL
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- **Welcome to Windsor – Mayor Drew Dilkins via zoom**

8:30 – 9:45AM PDT	9:30 – 10:45AM MDT	10:30 – 11:45AM Central	11:30 – 12:45PM EDT	12:30 – 1:45PM Atlantic	1:00 – 2:15PM NL
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Opening Ceremonies

- Welcome from **Convenor, Debra Miko, Executive Director from Speech & Debate Canada Foundation**
- Welcome from the **CSDF President, Chris George**
- Welcome from **CSDF Director of French Debate, Alexander Beaumont**
- Welcome from **Robert McLeese founder of the S&DCF**
- **Team in Windsor to present their first place of visit – Ambassador Bridge featured from the park below – Bilingual Presentation**

BREAK – 15 MINUTES – MONDAY'S SNACK

10:00 – 11:00AM PDT	11:00 – 12:00PM MDT	12:00 – 1:00PM Central	1:00 – 2:00PM EDT	2:00 – 3:00PM Atlantic	2:30 – 3:30PM NL
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- **Warm up game for delegates**
- **Video Presentation on Walpole Island portraying the history of the area**

Lunch/Dinner Break – 30 Minutes – Debate Game or Videos to continue during lunch

11:30 – 1:00PM PDT	12:30 – 2:00PM MDT	1:30 – 3:00PM Central	2:30 – 4:00PM EDT	3:30 – 5:00PM Atlantic	4:00 – 5:30PM NL
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- Introduction of Speaker from the Windsor Indigenous Community – **Mr. Russell Nahdee M.A., Centre for Teaching and Learning – Indigenous Learning Specialist**, he will share insight to the relationship between Canada and US from his community and the impact if any on the changing relationship
- Video or warm up game while we wait for next presentation

1:00–2:00PM PDT	2:00 – 3:00PM MDT	3:00 – 4:00PM Central	4:00 – 5:00PM EDT	5:00 – 6:00PM Atlantic	5:30 – 6:30PM NL
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- **Jordan Burg and Richard Picotin** for a workshop on Building Consensus – Bilingual

Debate Partners for Friday Published

Debaters should then try to connect with their partners beginning that evening regarding the Friday debate.

DAY TWO: Tuesday, August 12th, 2025 - 8:00AM TO 2:00PM PACIFIC TIME

8:00 – 8:45AM PDT	9:00 – 9:45AM MDT	10:00 – 10:45AM Central	11:00 – 11:45AM EDT	12:00 – 12:45PM Atlantic	12:30 – 1:15PM NL
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- Welcome and review – Q & A from Seminar Delegates regarding previous day
- **Team in Windsor to present their second place of visit – A thoughtful look at Ford City - Bilingual Presentation**

8:45 – 9:45AM PDT	9:45 – 10:45AM MDT	10:45 – 11:45AM Central	11:45 – 12:45PM EDT	12:45 – 1:45PM Atlantic	1:15 – 2:15PM NL
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- **Guest Speaker – John Carmichael on the Automobile Industry relationship between Canada and the US**

Break – 15 Minutes – TUESDAY'S SNACK

10:00 – 11:30PM PDT	11:00 – 12:30PM MDT	12:00 – 1:30PM Central	1:00 – 2:30PM EDT	2:00 – 3:30PM Atlantic	2:30 – 4:00PM NL
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- Model Parliament Workshop with **Alexander Beaumont, Rowena Cahill, Paschaline Eze – Bilingual Presentation**

11:30 – 12:00PM PDT	12:30 – 1:00PM MDT	1:30 – 2:00PM Central	2:30 – 3:00PM EDT	3:30 – 4:00PM Atlantic	4:00 – 4:30PM NL
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- **The Honourable Mr. Harb Gill, MP for Windsor West will speak with the delegates.**

Lunch/Dinner Break - 30 Minutes – Debate Prep rooms open for anyone wishing to work with their partners

12:30 – 2:00PM PDT	1:30 – 3:00PM MDT	2:30 – 4:00PM Central	3:30 – 5:00PM EDT	4:30 – 6:00 PM Atlantic	5:00 – 6:30PM NL
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- Work in parties on bills with **Alexander Beaumont, Rowena Cahill, Paschaline Eze – Bilingual Groups**

DAY THREE: Wednesday, August 13th, 2025 - 8:00AM TO 2:00PM PACIFIC TIME

8:00 – 8:45AM PDT	9:00 – 9:45AM MDT	10:00 – 10:45AM Central	11:00 – 11:45AM EDT	12:00 – 12:45PM Atlantic	12:30 – 1:15PM NL
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- Welcome and review – Q & A from Seminar Delegates regarding previous days
- **Team in Windsor to present their third place of visit – Francois Baby House Museum (War of 1812 and Tecumseh Nation/Indigenous Relations) - Bilingual Presentation**

8:45 – 11:15AM PDT	9:45 – 12:15PM MDT	10:45 – 1:15PM Central	11:45 – 2:15PM EDT	12:45 – 3:15PM Atlantic	1:15 – 3:45PM NL
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- Model Parliament Event with **Alexander Beaumont, Rowena Cahill, Paschaline Eze - Bilingual**

Lunch/Dinner Break – 30 Minutes - Debate Prep rooms open for anyone wishing to work with their partners

11:45 – 12:30PM PDT	12:45 – 1:30PM MDT	1:45 – 2:30PM Central	2:45 – 3:30PM EDT	3:45 – 4:30PM Atlantic	4:15 – 5:00PM NL
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- British Parliamentary Debate Workshop with **Daniel Svirsky - English**

Break – 15 Minutes – WEDNESDAY'S SNACK

12:45 – 2:00PM PDT	1:45 – 3:00PM MDT	2:45 – 4:00PM Central	3:45 – 5:00PM EDT	4:45 – 6:00PM Atlantic	5:15 – 6:30PM NL
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- British Parliamentary Practice Round with **Daniel Svirsky**

DAY FOUR: Thursday, August 14th, 2025 - 8:00AM TO 2:00PM PACIFIC TIME

8:00 – 9:00AM PDT	9:00 – 10:00AM MDT	10:00 – 11:00PM Central	11:00 – 12:00PM EDT	12:00 – 1:00PM Atlantic	12:30 – 1:30PM NL
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- Welcome and review – Q & A from Seminar Delegates regarding previous days
- **Team in Windsor to present their fourth place of visit – Windsor/Detroit Tunnel/ Walking Tour of the area Dr. Ira Cohen to join them to talk about growing up in Windsor; Mr. Tal Czumder, the CEO of the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel (Borderlink) Corporation will join as well on the tour – Bilingual Presentation**

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- Debate Workshop: Learning Canadian National Debate Style led by **Lucinda Fraser-Suarez – English**

Break – 15 Minutes – THURSDAY’S SNACK

10:30 – 11:15AM PDT	11:30 – 12:15 PM MDT	12:30 – 1:15PM Central	1:30 – 2:15PM EDT	2:30 – 3:15PM Atlantic	3:00 – 3:45PM NL
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- Debate Workshop: Building Good Arguments led by **Sam Li - English**

Lunch/Dinner Break – 30 Minutes - Debate Prep rooms open for anyone wishing to work with their partners

12:15 – 12:45 PM PDT	1:15 – 1:45PM MDT	2:15 – 2:45PM Central	3:15 – 3:45PM EDT	4:15 – 4:45PM Atlantic	4:45 – 5:15PM NL
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- **The Honourable Mr. Andrew Dowie MPP for Windsor Tecumseh will speak with delegates Windsor Team in Attendance to bring him to us on their fifth place of visit**

12:45 – 1:15 PM PDT	1:45 – 2:15PM MDT	2:45 – 3:15PM Central	3:45 – 4:15PM EDT	4:45 – 5:15PM Atlantic	5:15 – 5:45PM NL
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- **Debaters to work with their partners on the Prepared Motion – Zoom rooms opened for teams**

1:15 – 2:00 PM PDT	2:15 – 3:00PM MDT	3:15 – 4:00PM Central	4:15 – 5:00PM EDT	5:15 – 6:00PM Atlantic	5:45 – 6:30PM NL
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- **Team in Windsor to present their sixth place of visit – Sandwich Town (Black History) Patterson Park - Bilingual Presentation**

DAY FIVE: Friday, August 15th, 2025 - 8:00AM TO 2:00PM PACIFIC TIME

8:00 – 9:00AM PDT	9:00- 10:00AM MDT	10:00 – 11:00AM Central	11:00 – 12:00PM EDT	12:00 – 1:00PM Atlantic	12:30 – 1:30PM NL
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- Welcome and review – Q & A from seminar delegates regarding previous days
- Judges briefing with a 30 minute extra prep time followed by 2 rounds of debate with each debater having the opportunity to debate both sides of the motion below.
- Judges Briefing English – **Jordan Burg**
- Judges Briefing French - **Rowena Cahill**

PREPARED MOTION: THIS HOUSE SUPPORTS CANADA MAINTAINING A CLOSE ALLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SAKE OF MUTUAL BENEFITS.

- **Daniel Svirsky and Ethan Curry** will be co-convenors for the tournament
- Debaters will be provided the names of their debate partners on day 1, this provides ample opportunity for them to connect with each other and work on the motion
- Draw will be published just prior to judges briefing beginning, once we confirm attendance
- We need judges in both official languages

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- Round 1 with feedback

Break – 15 Minutes – FRIDAY’S SNACK

10:45 – 12:15PM PDT	11:45 – 1:15PM MDT	12:45 – 2:15PM Central	1:45 – 3:15PM EDT	2:45– 4:15PM Atlantic	3:15 – 4:45PM NL
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- Round 2 with feedback

Lunch/Dinner Break – 30 Minutes - Debate Game while we wait for results

12:45 – 2:00PM PDT	1:45 – 3:00PM MDT	2:45 – 4:00PM Central	3:45 - 5:00PM EDT	4:45 – 6:00PM Atlantic	5:15 – 6:30PM NL
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- **Tom Lawson’s Family** to say a few words about Tom and present the Tom Lawson Awards
- Remainder of the Awards Ceremony & Closing Remarks

ZOOM LOG IN INFORMATION FOR THE ENTIRE SEMINAR:

LINK WILL BE PROVIDED VIA EMAIL TO REGISTERED DELEGATES ONLY.

PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THE LINK WITH ANYONE!

Please also note that this schedule may change due to unexpected events!