Learn more about the
CANADIAN BLOCKCHAIN CONSORTIUM
The Canadian Blockchain Consortium (Consortium) was founded to unite our country’s diverse community of blockchain technology business owners, developers, adopters, and those interested in exploring the technology’s transformative potential. Seeking to educate and raise awareness of the blockchain industry’s incredible economic and social value, the Consortium supports ecosystem development and hosts monthly gatherings with expert speakers, along with other high-profile events with international reach, and engages with industry, government, and academia to explore ways that blockchain technology can be used to benefit all Canadians. An inclusive organization, we welcome people from all identities, backgrounds, and levels of knowledge to join in and participate in building our digital future and are committed to acting in the interests of our entire industry.

Why Blockchain?

Why is blockchain economically important? Canada’s resource industries are challenged with increasing regulations, lower margins, and growing operational complexity. If our primary economic sectors, such as Oil & Gas, Forestry, and Agriculture, are going to compete and thrive in the next decades, optimization is critical. Blockchain has the ability to streamline operations, dramatically lower administrative and data management costs, and provide a trusted, verified store of information. These benefits also apply to industries like healthcare, financial services, cannabis, and logistics, all predicted to be significant growth areas in Canada over the next decades. Technology is the foundation that will help these new economic potentials take flight – and as our province moves toward necessary economic diversification, blockchain will play a key role in building a strong technology community.

As global technological development moves toward an integration of data management, analytics, and information transfer, blockchain-based, decentralized, secure databases will form an essential foundation for other revolutionary digital technologies.

The Consortium is focused on developing this convergence through inter-relationships and collaboration with Canada’s Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Internet of Things communities. Across the world, governments and industries are seeing blockchain’s disruptive potential, investing billions of dollars a year into research and development. Canada has the technological talent, creativity, and entrepreneurial drive to take a global leadership role in building value and moving blockchain forward. As the Consortium helps foster this innovative reputation, it will help our province attract new companies, and specialized workers, and promote the growth of start-ups. The Consortium believes that Canada now stands at a critical inflection point – caught between its legacy of traditional resource industries and the need to rapidly diversify into new, uncharted areas. Blockchain bridges these divergent priorities by helping optimize and increase the competitiveness of our primary sectors, while fostering new industries, promoting innovation, and demonstrating to the world that Canada is a powerful force for technological change.

Ecosystem Development

The Consortium is a dedicated ecosystem development organization supporting the national blockchain community. Through events, forms, research, education, business development, advocacy, resources, and trade missions we take care to make sure the industry is well represented and supported to showcase the incredible companies, talent and innovation that is supporting the Canadian technology ecosystem.

Regulatory Committee

The goal of the Regulatory Committee is to develop a forum within which Virtual Asset Service Providers (“VASPs”), regulators, policymakers, lawyers, auditors, and regulatory compliance professionals may engage in constructive dialogue on digital asset regulation in Canada and globally. This Committee will lead the development of a Center of Excellence for VASPs in Canada which promotes best practices related to business operations, corporate governance, and consumer protection. We hope that commonly agreed-upon best practices may help close existing regulatory gaps by inspiring future digital asset regulation in Canada.
Mining Committee
The Canadian Blockchain Consortium’s Crypto Mining Committee (“CBC Mining Committee”) is an established community of crypto mining experts, partners, and enthusiasts whose goal is to represent a unified voice of Canada’s Crypto Mining industry. The Mining Committee’s goal is to support innovation and collaborate to ensure the industry’s growth and support the creation of provincial mining sub-committees that share the same purpose and goals directed toward provinces.

Access 2 Banking
The goals of the Access two Baning Committee are to be an educational platform where the industry can engage with Banks, Law Enforcement, Compliance Experts, Service Providers, and Exchanges to share information and educate each other on the cryptocurrency industry and to work toward compliant cryptocurrency companies getting access to banking. We have created a forum for the industry to share information with financial institutions and law enforcement to decrease fraud, increase consumer protection, and support the goals and reputation of traditional and decentralized finance within Canada. We have also created a space for banks to share their learnings from banking companies in the industry.

Virtual Asset Service & Technology Provider (VASTP) Committee
The goal of the VASTP Committee is to establish a platform that brings together prominent representatives from Virtual Asset Service Providers (VASPs) and Technology Providers to drive the development and adoption of crypto assets by fostering education, partnerships, and advocacy within the industry. We aim to serve as a hub for knowledge sharing with a focus on current industry challenges and best practices, promoting innovation and regulatory clarity, and engaging with regulators and policymakers via CBC’s Regulatory Committee to promote a fostering environment for the growth and success of the crypto industry in Canada.

Legal Committee
The legal committee comprises some of the top securities lawyers and firms across the country, such as BLG, McCarthy’s, McLeod law, Dentons, Osler etc. They engage in quarterly meetings and webinars to give the committee a better understanding of current guidance from our regulators.

Inclusion Committee
The goals of the Inclusion Committee are to act as a broad national umbrella platform to unite diverse blockchain industry stakeholders in the common cause of accelerating inclusion in Canada’s blockchain industry, with a focus on supporting the achievements and opportunities of underrepresented groups based on gender, ethnicity, or sexual identity. The primary purpose of this committee is to create a platform for effective inclusion advocacy, which will support new levels of growth, equity, and innovation in Canada’s blockchain sector.

ESG Committee
This committee will support energy regulators, policymakers, blockchain companies etc., to have deeper engagement and understanding of the environmental, social, and governance aspects of the blockchain space.

Web 3 Committee
The goals of the Web 3 Committee are Membership, Education, Research, and Advocacy. The primary purpose of this committee is to Attract members for the Canadian Blockchain Consortium. And through our outreach and education increase the impact of the consortium through better sharing, accelerated learning, more and deeper research, sought-after insights, increased collaboration, and a shared sense of community.

Social Media
We are very active on social media LinkedIn and Twitter. We share relevant educational content to help inform the public about the benefits of blockchain technology as well as support our members through brand amplification to raise awareness about the credible business serving consumers in the space.

Events
The consortium has hosted over fifty events and webinars since we started in 2017, we host events from coast to coast and have two large signature events we curate annually that attract hundreds of C Suite executives, decision-makers, regulators, and government officials. We host meetups in major cities across the country and lead trade missions internationally to help build Canada’s international reputation for excellence in blockchain technology.
Industry Engagement
As a voice in the Canadian blockchain ecosystem, we regularly engage with our members and volunteers from across the country to host relevant events, webinars, and round-tables to stay on the pulse of the ecosystem. We work with ecosystem development agencies across the country and provide support to local, national, and international firms looking to grow their presence in Canada.

Charitable activities
We believe strongly in giving back to the community. We pick a charitable partner to raise funds for each large event we host. We have raised money for children’s hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, youth empowerment groups, food banks, and children’s food charities. To date, we have raised more than $46,000.00 for charities.

Education
The Consortium is very passionate about developing accurate and reliable educational programs. Through education, people and companies can better understand how to adopt blockchain technology. We currently have a contract with NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology) to develop their curriculum program on Blockchain. Our goal is to create an educational center of excellence where job training and retraining can happen so we retain our workforce. Our education is industry lead, with over 20 companies supporting curriculum development.

Magazine
Our online monthly Magazine has over 20,000 viewers currently. For our members, we run advertisements, allowing them to add content and promote their products and services. Our magazines are free, and each month, we research to determine what relevant topics are impacting the national blockchain community.

Business Development
Through regular meetings with our valued members, we spend the time to understand their business and learn what their organizations need to thrive in the Canadian Market. We have a large network across the country and make high-valued connections that can create value for our members. We make connections through curating events, dinners, networking opportunities, and warm introductions.