

SCALEUP ACADEMY WEBINAR SERIES

Tech Leaders’ Priorities for Government | February 5th, 2026 - 11am to 12pm

What matters most to BC’s tech leaders when it comes to government policy and support? Hear directly from executives on the key priorities shaping our sector’s future. Join this session to learn how government decisions impact your business—and how you can stay ahead.

Host:

- Jill Tipping, BC Tech

Panel:

- Kiersten Enemark, Council of Canadian Innovators
- Meggie Javid, Clio
- Andrew McLeod, Svante

RUN OF SHOW:

10:50AM	Speakers arrive 10 minutes early for final testing	10 min
11:00AM	Session opens	2 min
11:02AM	Opening remarks – BC Tech, Jill Tipping	4 min
11:06AM	Speaker Introduction – BC Tech, Jill Tipping	1 min
11:07AM	Speaker Discussion – Meggie, Kiersten, Andrew, Jill	33 min
11:40AM	Audience Q&A – Meggie, Kiersten, Andrew, Jill	15 min
11:50AM	Closing Remarks – BC Tech, Jill Tipping	10 min
12:00PM	Event end	Time

AUDIENCE POLLS - During welcome remarks:

Poll 1 - What should the BC government do to support growth in BC's Tech sector?

- Buy more from BC companies
- Stronger R&D and Innovation tax credits
- Better access to capital for smaller companies
- Work with Federal Government to scale BC projects
- Better support for visa applications of skilled workers
- All of the above

Poll 2 - How well does the BC government support BC's tech sector?

- Great - couldn't do more
- Good - they're supportive
- Fair - it isn't a top priority, but they do care
- Poor

QUESTIONS MODERATED BY JILL:

1. From where you sit, why is it so important that the government hears directly from the Tech Sector
 - a. Meggie
 - b. Andrew
 - c. Kiersten

2. Looking specifically at capital, where do you think the government can be most effective in supporting the tech sector?
 - a. Andrew [Compare funding for Svante across various markets / make it less hard for companies to scale in BC]
 - b. Meggie [Despite investor pressure to move into the USA, Clio stays in BC / unblock hurdles and red tape that make growth difficult in BC]
 - c. Kiersten [Flow Through Shares / government recommendations on capital / Procurement]

3. Now looking at talent, what can be done to help companies attract and retain high quality people in our industry?
 - a. Meggie [Clio's growth journey, rapid team growth / centralized team brings better synergy / more BC residents means more BC tax payers]
 - b. Andrew [Visa Support / Anecdote on employee affected & its trickle down effect]
 - c. Kiersten [recruitment registration redtape and delays makes it harder]

4. From what you have seen and heard today from tech companies - what is working and what isn't working in terms of how the government supports the tech sector?
 - a. Kiersten [Procurement / Cutting red tape / Look West Economic Plan / Flow Through Shares]

AUDIENCE Q&A - Jill

5. Now the final question - if you had one key priority you would like the government to focus on, what would it be?
 - a. Andrew
 - b. Meggie
 - c. Kiersten