

# BC Assembly of First Nations

## Special Chiefs' Assembly & Annual General Meeting



June 22, 23, & 24, 2011

The Westin Wall Centre, 3099 Corvette Way, Richmond, BC

### BCAFN Special Chiefs' Assembly

#### ***BUILDING ON OUR SUCCESS: STRONG & APPROPRIATE GOVERNANCE***

June 22 & 23, 2011

Day 1 - Lunch - Keynote Speaker: SATSAN (HERB GEORGE)

Day 2 - Lunch - Keynote Speaker: NATIONAL CHIEF SHAWN A-IN-CHUT ATLEO

***“Strong and appropriate governance is necessary if our Nations are to reach our full potential and maximize our opportunities. This is a prerequisite to sustainable and long-term economic development.”***

*Building on OUR Success*

The purpose of the Special Chiefs' Assembly is to officially launch the **BCAFN Governance Toolkit: A Guide to Nation Building** and to provide a forum for our leadership to discuss the three Parts of the Toolkit:

1. The Governance Report,
2. The Governance Self-Assessment, and
3. A Guide to Community Engagement.

The agenda follows and highlights the structure of the Toolkit. Moderated expert panels will discuss aspects of the toolkit and provide an opportunity for dialogue among our leadership. A hard copy of the Toolkit will be provided free of charge to all BC First Nations. The Toolkit is also available through our website ([www.bcafn.ca](http://www.bcafn.ca)) with links to key documents. The BCAFN team is excited about the Toolkit and its potential to assist our Nations in developing their own critical path to re-establishing “strong and appropriate governance”.



### BCAFN 8th Annual General Meeting

June 24, 2011 – Draft Agenda

Lunch - Keynote Speaker: THE RIGHT HONOURABLE PAUL MARTIN

Afternoon - Keynote Speaker: THE HONOURABLE JOHN DUNCAN

***ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD. ALL CANDIDATES FORUM – Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 4:30pm***

# BCAFN Special Chiefs' Assembly

*Building on OUR Success: Strong & Appropriate Governance*



**Day 1 – June 22, 2011**

Co-Chairs: ☞ Jody Wilson-Raybould, Regional Chief  
☞ Harold Tarbell, Facilitation

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Opening Prayer / Welcome

- ☞ Musqueam Elder Larry Grant
- ☞ BCAFN Elder Robert Joseph
- ☞ Chief Ernie Campbell, Musqueam Indian Band

8:50 a.m. Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould  
Opening Remarks / Acknowledgements

9:10 a.m. *The Governance Report (Part 1, Sec 1):  
Options for Governance Reform*

*Evolving First Nations' Governance within Canada  
(Source of Authority, Negotiations & Future Direction:  
Indian Act, Sectoral and Comprehensive Perspectives)*

Moderator: ☞ Harold Tarbell, Facilitation

- Panelists:
- ☞ Chief Kim Baird, Tsawwassen First Nation
  - ☞ Frank Brown, Heiltsuk Nation
  - ☞ Chief Robert Louie, Westbank First Nation
  - ☞ Brenda Kustra, Director General, Governance, INAC

10:40 a.m. Health Break

10:55 a.m. *The Governance Report (Part 1, Sec 2):  
The Core Institutions of Governance*

*Structures and Procedures of the First Nation  
Government and Its Institutions (Legal Status and  
Capacity, the Citizens, and the Governing Body)*

Moderator: ☞ Harold Tarbell, Facilitation

- Panelists:
- ☞ Tim Raybould, the KaLoNa group
  - ☞ Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation
  - ☞ Doug McArthur, Professor, Simon Fraser University
  - ☞ Robert Dennis, Sr., Huu-ay-aht First Nation

12:30 p.m. Lunch – Keynote Address

**Satsan (Herb George)**

National Centre for First Nations Governance

1:30 p.m. *The Governance Report (Part 1, Sec 2):  
The Constitution*

*Developing a Constitution*

Moderator: ☞ Micha Menczer, Barrister & Solicitor

- Panelists:
- ☞ Chief Lydia Hwitsum, Cowichan Tribes
  - ☞ Raf DeGuevara, Westbank First Nation
  - ☞ Miles Richardson, Haida Nation
  - ☞ Barbara Joe, Sechelt First Nation

3:00 p.m. Health Break

3:15 p.m. Governance Self-Assessment and  
Community Engagement (Part 2 and Part 3)

*First Nation Perspectives on Self-Assessment, Next  
Steps and Community Engagement*

Moderator: ☞ Debra Hanuse, BCAFN / Barrister & Solicitor

- Panelists:
- ☞ Councillor Timothy Innis, Gitxaala Nation
  - ☞ Christa Williams, First Nations' Public Service Secretariat
  - ☞ Mike Mearns, BC Aboriginal Financial Officers Association
  - ☞ Tewanee Joseph, Tewanee Consulting Group Inc.

4:45 p.m. Conclusion of Day 1

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**Day 2 – June 23, 2011**

Co-Chairs: ☞ Jody Wilson-Raybould, Regional Chief  
☞ Harold Tarbell, Facilitation

8:30 a.m. Review of Day One

*An Introduction to The Governance Report - The Powers (Jurisdictions) of the First Nation: Indian Act, Sectoral Governance Initiatives, Comprehensive Governance Arrangements and other Activities*

8:45 a.m. *The Governance Report (Part 1, Sec 3): The Powers (Jurisdictions) of the First Nation*

*Child and Family (3.5); Education (3.7); Health (3.15); and, Heritage and Culture (3.16)*

Moderator: ☞ Tracey Herbert, First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council

Panelists: ☞ Chief Bob Chamberlin, First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council  
☞ Tyrone McNeil, First Nations Education Steering Committee  
☞ Grand Chief Doug Kelly, First Nations Health Council  
☞ Judith Sayers, Joint Working Group on First Nations' Heritage

10:15 a.m. Health Break

10:30 a.m. *The Governance Report (Part 1, Sec 3): The Powers (Jurisdictions) of the First Nation (cont'd)*

*Land Management (3.19), Land and Marine Use Planning (3.20)*

Moderator: ☞ Harold Tarbell, Facilitation

Panelists: ☞ Frank Brown, Coastal First Nations/GBI  
☞ Gwaans (Bev Clifton-Percival), Gitksan Chiefs' Office  
☞ Chief Robert Louie, Chair, Lands Advisory Board  
☞ Murray Browne, Barrister & Solicitor

12:00 p.m. LUNCH – Keynote Address

**National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo**

1:00 p.m. *The Governance Report (Part 1, Sec 3): The Powers (Jurisdictions) of the First Nation (cont'd)*

*Natural Resources: Minerals and Precious Metals (3.23); Oil and Gas (3.24); Fish, Fisheries and Fish Habitat (3.12); and, Water (3.31)*

Moderator: ☞ Mark Stevenson, Mark L Stevenson Law Corp

Panelists: ☞ Dave Porter, First Nations Energy & Mining Council  
☞ Jordan Point, First Nations Fisheries Council  
☞ Chief Rick Deneault, Skeetchestn Nation  
☞ Chief Garry Feschuk, Sechelt First Nation

2:30 p.m. Health Break

2:45 p.m. *The Governance Report (Part 1, Sec 4): Financing First Nations' Governance*

*Financing First Nations' Governance: Costing First Nations' Governance (4.1); First Nations' Revenues (4.2); First Nations' Own Source Revenue; Public Debt Financing; and, Transfers from other Governments*

Moderator: ☞ Tim Raybould, the KaLoNa group

Panelists: ☞ Harold Calla, Financial Management Board  
☞ Joe Hall, First Nation Finance Authority  
☞ Tom McCarthy, Tsawwassen First Nation  
☞ Stephen Gagnon, Director General, Implementation, INAC

4:15 p.m. Next Steps / Closing Comment  
Conclusion of Special Chiefs' Assembly

**4:30 p.m. BCAFN All Candidates Forum**

☞ Women's Council Representative  
☞ Youth Council Representative (Female)

# BC Assembly of First Nations

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting



June 24, 2011

Chair: Chief Nelson Leon

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
sponsored by New Relationship Trust

9:00 a.m. Opening Prayer / Welcome

9:15 a.m. Regional Chiefs' Annual Report  
☞ First Nations' Leadership Council

9:40 a.m. Directors' Report

9:55 a.m. Women's Council Report

10:10 a.m. Youth Council Report

10:25 a.m. Health Break

10:45 a.m. BCAFN Audited Financial Statements

☞ Resolutions: 01-2011-Approval of Audit & 02-2011-Appointment of an Auditor

11:45 a.m. LUNCH – Keynote Address & Dialogue  
**The Right Honourable Paul Martin,**  
Former Prime Minister of Canada, Martin  
Education Initiative

☞ Dialogue & Discussion

1:00 p.m. **Electoral Officer's Announcement**

1:05 p.m. BCAFN Resolutions

2:45 p.m. Health Break

3:00 p.m. Keynote Address & Dialogue  
**The Honourable John Duncan,**  
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs & Northern  
Development

☞ Dialogue & Discussion

3:45 p.m. AFN Annual General Assembly  
July 12-14, 2011 - Moncton, NB

☞ BC Chiefs' Planning & Preparation

4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks / Closing Prayer

### BCAFN ELECTIONS



**9:00 - 10:30 FIRST BALLOT**

**11:00 - 12:30 SECOND BALLOT**



**BCAFN Women's Council**  
One Representative

**BCAFN Youth Council**  
Female Representative