



# BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

## CITIZENSHIP FORUM

~CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION~

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011

River Rock Casino Resort  
Fraser Room – 8811 River Road, Richmond, BC

## FAX NOTICE

To: **ALL BC FIRST NATIONS**

Date: **NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

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Re: **NOTICE OF BCAFN CITIZENSHIP FORUM – November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

BCAFN invites BC First Nations' Chiefs or Chiefs' representatives to participate in a discussion on the *Core Institutions of Governance* with a focus on *The Citizens*. This forum seeks to continue and support the conversations on citizenship that have been and continue to be held locally, regionally and nationally. Additionally, there will be a discussion on how citizenship, as a core institution of governance, may be reflected in a community Constitution.

### The Citizens

The institution of citizenship and determining who belongs to the group to which governance arrangements apply, is central to any discussion of Nation building.

Depending on what type of governance arrangements your Nation is subject to, there is a spectrum of options for exercising jurisdiction over determining who is a part of the Nation.

This forum will include the following discussions:

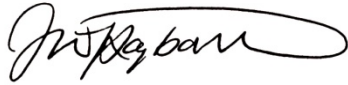
- How we self-identify, organize into groups and create rules for belonging to that group;
- Impacts of rules around who can and cannot be citizens of our Nations;
- Distinction between citizenship of a Nation and "status" under the *Indian Act*;
- Review and discussion of governance initiatives/options available to First Nations in defining citizenship; and
- How citizenship can be reflected in a well-crafted, community driven and culturally appropriate community constitution.

Travel, accommodations and meals will be provided however space is limited. If your Chief or Chiefs' representative is interested in participating please complete the attached BCAFN Registration Form and fax to 604-922-7433 or go to our website at [www.bcafn.ca](http://www.bcafn.ca).

For more information on the BCAFN Citizenship Forum, please contact the BCAFN office at 604-922-7733 or [reception@bcfn.ca](mailto:reception@bcfn.ca). *Gilakas'la.*

Respectfully,

BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS



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