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Federal budget 2025,
residential school denialism,
fisheries, climate change,
and more!

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Hadih Chiefs, Leaders, Knowledge Keepers, Elders, Youth, & Community Members,

In the face of ongoing challenges, including systemic barriers, threats to First Nations' lands and waters, and the continued legacy of colonial policies, gatherings such as the First Nations Leadership Gathering (which took place in Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil-Wautulth territory (Vancouver) in November) and the work reflected in Budget 2025, and other provincial and federal initiatives—must be approached with an unwavering dedication to true partnership, recognition of title and inherent rights, and respect for First Nations governance and cultures. First Nations leaders and their communities continue to assert the necessity for meaningful engagement that honours our roles as title and rights holders, protects our ways of life and territories, and advances reconciliation in action.

This newsletter provides an overview of key discussions, commitments, and concerns that have emerged in recent months, as well as related policy developments, as First Nations leadership continues its vital work advocating for justice, equity, and the protection of the lands, waters, and peoples of British Columbia.

BCAFN is dedicated to working with leaders in addressing the challenges facing our communities—whether related to governance, economic development, environmental stewardship, or social equity—with integrity, transparency, and a spirit of partnership.

Congratulations to Orene Askew who was re-elected at our Annual General Meeting held in October. She continues in her position as the 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative for BCAFN. Thank you Wilf Junior Plasway for coming forward to run in this important election and I look forward to hearing from him in the future.

I also would like to welcome Harvey McLeod of Upper Nicola Band back to the BCAFN as the new Knowledge Keeper representative. His dedication, collaboration and professionalism will continue to contribute the advancement of our shared goals.

As we continue this important journey, let's also take the opportunity to acknowledge the upcoming holiday season. Together with the BCAFN board of directors, representatives and staff I send our warmest wishes to all First Nations communities, leaders, and allies. May this season bring moments of joy, healing, and connection, strengthening our collective resolve to continue our work in the new year (and beyond), to build a future rooted in justice, respect, and reconciliation.

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Federal Government Budget 2025

On November 4th, 2025, Prime Minister Carney tabled his government's first budget entitled, Canada Strong which narrowly passed 170 to 168 in the House of Commons on November 17th. Budget 2025 has a projected deficit of \$78 billion (compared to \$48.3 billion in the 2024 Fall Economic Statement) with proposed investments of \$141 billion over five years offset by \$51.2 billion in funding cuts and savings. Overall cuts include 2% reductions for Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), including \$2.3 reduction for ISC. The following section provides a high level analysis on budget investments:

Programs & Tax

The federal government aims to conclude fuel, alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, and vaping value-added sales tax arrangements with interested Indigenous governments with a commitment to explore government other flexible, opt-in approaches for tax jurisdiction arrangements.

Education

Budget 2025 proposes the introduction of legislation that will provide \$216.6 million per year, starting in 2029-30 to make the National School Food Program permanent.

Policing, Justice, and Community Safety

There was no new money announced for First Nations and Inuit Policing.

Housing

The federal budget includes a \$50 billion investment over ten years to capitalize the Build Canada Strong Fund, which will support the development of housing and transportation infrastructure.

Additionally, Budget 2025 reiterates a previous federal commitment to invest \$13 billion in the Build Canada Homes agency. Build Canada Homes will "partner with industry, other orders of government, and Indigenous communities to build affordable housing, including co-op housing, at scale and at speed." It is unclear if there will be a carve out for First Nations' infrastructure as part of this program.

Infrastructure

The government has committed \$2.3 billion over three years, starting in 2026-27, to renew the First

Nations Water and Wastewater Enhanced Program to fund existing infrastructure and continue the work of ending boil-water advisories. The government is also increasing the Canada Infrastructure Bank's target for investments in Indigenous infrastructure that benefit communities from \$1 billion to \$3 billion across its priority sectors. Other measures include a pilot project for First Nations contractors to enable on-reserve construction companies to bid for infrastructure projects, as well as a standalone pilot scheme to monetize federal transfers to support financing for First Nations infrastructure on reserve.

Environment

Budget 2025 included the Climate Competitiveness Strategy which aims to focus on aligning nation-building projects under Bill C-5 by "lowering our emissions is critical to protecting the competitiveness of Canada's oil and gas and steel sectors" and focuses on industrial carbon pricing and supporting critical minerals projects including the \$2 billion Critical Minerals Sovereign Fund and the \$371.8 million First and Last Mile Fund to support critical minerals supply chains.

Fisheries

According to the Narwhal's analysis, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada is expected to see spending cuts of \$736.7 million over several years. The government said the department would "leverage artificial intelligence and other digital tools to modernize Canada's fisheries management system."

Oil and Gas Cap

According to the budget plan, Canada may scrap a cap on oil and gas emissions if other measures like effective carbon markets, stronger regulations, carbon capture and storage technologies proved successful. Canada's emissions cap was not enforced through legislation and not scheduled to take effect until 2030.

Critical Minerals

Provides \$2 billion over five years, on a cash basis, starting in 2026-27, to Natural Resources Canada to create the Critical Minerals Sovereign Fund, which will make "strategic investments in critical minerals projects and companies."

Major Projects

Spending on major projects has been a signature

aspect of Carney's new government, and the budget contains several new proposals:

- A Critical Minerals Strategy, developed by the Major Projects Office
- \$213.8 million over five years starting in 2025-26, for the Major Projects Office, which will also support the Indigenous Advisory Council
- \$10.1 million over three years to continue leading the Federal Initiative on consultation to support the meaningful participation of Indigenous rightsholders
- \$40 million over two years through the Strategic Partnerships Initiative to support Indigenous capacity building and consultation on nation-building projects.
- Doubling of the Indigenous Loan Guarantee Corporation to work with Indigenous investors in major projects.

Tariff Response Support

Budget 2025 proposes \$5 billion over six years for the Strategic Response Fund, which will support companies affected by tariff instability. There were no specific mentions in the budget of supports for Indigenous-owned businesses being subject to tariffs.

Defence and Northern Security

Defence is a significant portion of the budget, with \$81.8 billion announced overall. This includes the Defence Industrial Strategy, which sets aside resources for research and innovation, as well as \$656.9 million to develop and commercialize military technologies.



Regional Chief Terry Teegee at the Premier's, Coastal First Nations' statement on the North Coast Protection Declaration press conference. Photo provided by BC government.

First Nations Leadership Gathering

The 10th B.C. Cabinet and First Nations Leaders' Gathering took place Tuesday, November 4 and Wednesday, November 5, 2025, on the territories of the Xʷməθkʷəy̍əm (Musqueam), Skwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations at the Vancouver Convention Centre West. The Gathering is a partnership between the First Nations Leadership Council (comprised of the BC Assembly of First Nations, the First Nations Summit and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs) and the Government of British Columbia. As one of the largest meetings of provincial and First Nations leaders in the country, the Gathering is designed to recognize, respect and honour relationships, and foster joint dialogue and collaboration. *Photos provided by BC government.*



BCAFN 2SLGBTQIA+ Flag

This month, BCAFN reflected on the rich diversity within BC First Nations—not only in First Nation languages, customs, legal orders, and traditional knowledge, but also within identities and community structures that continue to uplift First Nations 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

Since 2023, the newly re-elected BCAFN 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative, Orene Askew engaged with First Nations 2SLGBTQQIA+ people through in-person events and across organizational networks and social media, gathering ideas for a new flag to reflect the diversity of our communities. These ideas included borrowing elements of the rainbow flag and two-spirited flag, as well as the progressive pride flag while reflecting BC First Nations design traditions.

In early November 2024, the BCAFN launched the Call for Concepts for the BCAFN 2SLGBTQQA+ Flag—grounded in feedback collected earlier during both in-person and virtual sessions. The BCAFN 2SLGBTQQA+ Representative, Orene raises their hands to all who supported and shared the initiative within their Nations and networks, and to those who submitted their ideas. Orene’s goal throughout this work has been to co-develop a flag that uplifts the identities and voices of BC First Nations

2SLGBTQQIA+ people, symbolizing both inclusion within the BCAFN and the gender diversity present across our Nations.

From four submissions received, Orene worked alongside other BCAFN representatives, knowledge keepers, and the BCAFN Board of Directors to select the final design. The BCAFN is honored to share that the chosen flag was created by artist Carrielynn Victor (she/her)—a renowned, community-rooted 2-Spirited artist of Xemontalot ancestry, with Coast Salish and mixed European lineage.

This October, at the 2025 BCAFN AGM, the BC Chiefs-in-Assembly, through BCAFN Resolution 24/2025, formally adopted the BCAFN 2SLGBTQQIA+ Flag as a symbol of the inclusivity and diversity that shape the BC Assembly of First Nations and First Nations throughout this province. As the BCAFN 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative, Orene has been committed to ensuring that the creation of safe community spaces for First Nations 2SLGBTQQIA+ people is a central principle of the BCAFN. The BCAFN wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to the artist Carrielynn Victor for the gift of her design.



Regional Chief Terry Teegee, BCAFN 2SLGBTQIA+ representative, Orene Askew, Carrielynn Victor, BCAFN Policy Analyst, Rochelle King and BCAFN 2SLGBTQIA+ Knowledge Keeper representative, Sempulyan introduce the new BCAFN 2SLGBTQIA+ flag.

Climate Emergency

International Climate Engagement

[Resolution 05/2021](#) and [Resolution 32/2023](#) mandate Regional Chief Teegee and BCAFN to engage in international advocacy on climate change at various levels, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as other relevant forums. This mandate also encompasses building relationships to foster mutual learning and action between First Nations in BC and Indigenous Peoples worldwide.

To advance this mandate, BCAFN has been proactively seeking opportunities to advocate for First Nations' interests within multilateral discussions, actions and global policy development. In the fall, BCAFN participated in:

- [UNFCCC COP30](#): BCAFN participated in the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) held in Belém, Brazil, in November 2026. Donald Sam, Chief of the ʔAkisq̓nuk First Nation and a member of the BCAFN Board of Directors, led the BCAFN delegation. At the Canada and Indigenous Peoples Pavilion, the delegation showcased the “Building Climate Resilience from Indigenous Perspectives” project, which aims to foster partnerships, facilitate knowledge exchange, and implement nature-based solutions to enhance climate resilience. BCAFN also engaged in Indigenous caucus meetings, where representatives from Indigenous peoples worldwide gathered daily to discuss collective responses and positions on issues affecting our inherent rights and interests.

The BCAFN will continue to monitor the implementation of the Paris Agreement and key outcomes from COP30, “Global Multilateral Action: Uniting Humanity in a Global Mobilization Against Climate Change”, as well as their implications for Canadian and BC policies.

- [Adaptation Futures 2025](#): BCAFN led a delegation to Adaptation Futures 2025 in Ōtautahi, Aotearoa (Christchurch, New Zealand). BCAFN were able to build relationships with Māori and other Indigenous Peoples from around the world and participated in networking events and various panels, and

[spotlight sessions](#) to uplift BC First Nations Climate Leadership. BCAFN-led a panel with a youth and Knowledge Keepers titled ‘Transforming First Nations-led Climate Action, Leadership and Governance Through Ceremony.’ The panel built on the BC First Nations Climate Leadership (FNCL) Agenda policy work and the BC First Nations Spiritual Knowledge Keepers Gathering on Climate Change, and panellists shared teachings and reflections on how collective research, policy, and action can be guided by Ceremony, Indigenous knowledge/science, and First Nations Natural Law.

We would like to acknowledge the Ngāi Tūāhuriri and Ngāi Tahu whose lands we gathered on to attend Adaptation Futures 2025 in Ōtautahi (Christchurch). We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Māori, in particular the hapū Ngāti Irakehu and Ngāi Tārewa, for welcoming us to their marae (sacred lands), sharing their ceremonies (pōwhiri), their songs (waiata) and their food (kai).

- [IUCN World Conservation Congress](#): The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) invited BCAFN as a special delegate to participate in the [IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025](#) held in Abu Dhabi in October 2025. The BCAFN delegation, led by Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir, Chief of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and BCAFN Board of Directors Member, joined Indigenous leaders from around the world to celebrate the inaugural World Summit of Indigenous Peoples and Nature: “Our Knowledge is the language of Mother Earth” (the Summit), and the Indigenous Peoples Pavilion (IPP). It took over 70 years of advocacy for the IUCN to organize an Indigenous Peoples' Summit aimed at amplifying Indigenous voices and influencing IUCN decisions and initiatives. Kukpi7 Casimir presented at various venues, highlighting the teachings, solutions, and leadership of First Nations in BC in addressing the interconnected challenges of climate change, environmental degradation, and biodiversity loss. A perspective rooted in sacred laws, languages, traditional knowledge, and the exercise of First Nations' inherent rights.

BCAFN Annual General Meeting - October 28 - 30, 2025



Blanketing and Honouring ceremony for former BCAFN Knowledge Keeper Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, OBC. Photograph by Jordana Luggi.



King Charles Coronation Ceremony

The King Charles Coronation Medal Award is a prestigious honor bestowed to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to their communities and demonstrated outstanding service. This medal commemorates the coronation of King Charles and symbolizes a commitment to excellence, leadership, and public service. Receiving this award is a testament to one's dedication to fostering positive impact and upholding values of integrity and community spirit. The ceremony took place at the BCAFN Annual General Meeting on October 22nd, 2025. Read the BCAFN press release for more details [here](#)



Fisheries

Regional Chief Terry Teegee and the BCAFN continue to advance critical advocacy on fisheries, wild salmon recovery, and the protection of First Nations' rights and jurisdiction. As climate change, habitat degradation, major project development, and regulatory uncertainty intensify pressures on watersheds across British Columbia, BCAFN has focused its fall efforts on ensuring First Nations' laws, governance, and knowledge remain central to all fisheries-related decisions.

Strong Salmon Returns in 2025

This year saw exceptionally strong sockeye returns in parts of the province, including the Fraser and Stuart systems, with some runs reaching levels not seen in decades. These numbers reflect the impact of First Nations-led habitat restoration and long-term watershed work.

However, Regional Chief Teegee has emphasized that 2025 has been an anomaly. Many salmon populations remain in crisis. Watershed instability, drought, wildfire impacts, major project fast tracking, fish farms and land-use pressures continue to undermine long-term recovery and food security.

Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers August Meeting

At the Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers (CCFAM) meeting in August, RC Teegee reiterated BC First Nations long-standing support for transitioning away from open-net pen salmon aquaculture. Concerns remain regarding the federal decision to delay full transition to 2029. RC Teegee called for:

- A co-developed transition timeline,
- Economic transition supports for affected Nations
- A transition plan that reflects and respects First Nations governance and territorial authority

House of Commons Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans - Fisheries Act 5-Year Review November Meeting

A major focus this fall has been the federal 5-year review of the Fisheries Act. On behalf of the AFN National Fisheries Committee (NFC), Regional Chief Teegee presented to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans, calling for:

- Full alignment of the Fisheries Act with the *UN*

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the UNDA Action Plan

- Clear requirements for co-jurisdiction and shared decision-making with First Nations
- Recognition of First Nations laws under sections 4.1 and 4.2
- Strengthened protections for Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- Implementation of SCC decisions (Sparrow, Gladstone, Ahousaht, and others)

The AFN's full technical submission on the 5-year review of the Fisheries Act, completed and submitted in November, sets out comprehensive amendments to support rights-based fisheries and shared governance.

NFC November Meeting

BCAFN participated in the National Fisheries Committee (NFC) meeting in November 2025. First Nations representatives and federal officials met to review current priorities, funding issues, and emerging challenges in fisheries and aquatic governance. A major topic was Budget 2025, which did not introduce new funding for salmon recovery, fisheries science, habitat protection, or broader DFO program capacity, aside from previously committed dollars. The discussion noted that two essential Indigenous programs, the Indigenous Habitat Participation Program (IHPP) and the Indigenous Aquatic Habitat Participation Program (IAHPP), are set to expire on March 31, 2026, and that no decision on renewal has yet been communicated. This uncertainty continues to limit First Nations' ability to plan for Species at Risk work, community-based monitoring, and meaningful participation in major project reviews.

Participants also discussed the Building Canada Act, which aims to accelerate approvals for major projects within a two-year timeline. Concerns were raised about whether this approach would allow for the depth of engagement, consultation, and cumulative effects assessment required to uphold First Nations' rights and ensure the protection of salmon, watersheds, and fish habitat. Broader questions were also raised about federal public service staffing reductions and the potential impact on DFO's capacity to meet its obligations during an acceleration of major projects.

FNFC and FNLC Strategic Collaboration

The First Nations Fisheries Council (FNFC) and the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) met this fall to discuss coordination and strategic alignment. The two bodies discussed improving pathways for political-technical collaboration and supporting unified advocacy on priority files such as salmon recovery, the Fisheries Act review, watershed security, and major project monitoring.

BCAFN will continue to work closely with FNFC to support strong, coordinated First Nations leadership across BC's marine and freshwater fisheries.

Looking Ahead

As 2025 concludes, BCAFN remains committed to advocating for:

- Rights-based fisheries grounded in First Nations laws

- More effective habitat protection and watershed security measures
- Strengthened federal accountability for salmon recovery
- Continued collaboration with First Nations and partners working to protect wild salmon for future generations

Regional Chief Teegee and the BCAFN will continue elevating these priorities through the National Fisheries Committee, federal advocacy, and engagement with First Nations across the province.

Housing and Homelessness

BCAFN successfully hosted the 3rd Annual First Nations Housing and Homelessness Forum alongside the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, the First Nations Summit, and the First Nations Housing and Infrastructure Council. The event took place from September 16 - 17, 2025, at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Ballroom on the traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

We welcomed over 350 chiefs, leaders, housing technicians and community members to the two-day event. Both Provincial and Federal government officials provided housing updates and heard insights on how their programs and portfolios could be improved to meet First Nations' realities. Speakers and participants highlighted practical insights, community-driven solutions, and partnership ideas for challenging the complex and intersectional issues affecting First Nations housing.

The What We Heard Report from the forum is under development. In the meantime, all presentations and materials from the event can be found at BCAFN events website [here](#)



Mark Point, Chair, First Nations Housing and Infrastructure Council speaks at the 2025 Housing Forum. Photograph by Jordana Luggi.



2025 Housing Forum. Photographs by Jordana Luggi.



Residential School Denialism

Residential school denialism continues to be widely broadcast by elected officials, using their platforms to amplify extremely harmful and racist ideologies, rooted in misconceptions and misrepresentations of the residential school system.

At the 2025 BCAFN Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Chiefs-in-Assembly brought forward and passed Resolution 41/2025, Call for the Resignation for MLA Dallas Brodie for Violating the BC Legislatures Respectful Workplace Guidelines and the 2024-2028 Reconciliation Action Plan, in direct response to MLA Brodie and the OneBC party's continued public statements that deny and diminish the experiences of residential school survivors. Following the AGM, the FNLC immediately released a statement on this matter, urging MLA Brodie to resign from the BC Legislature. The FNLC highlighted that MLA Brodie and the OneBC party are actively using public funds to distribute anti-Indigenous rhetoric, inside and outside of the BC legislature, despite British Columbia's obligations to uphold the interests of title and rights holders.

On November 4th and 5th, 2025, the FNLC and the Province of BC hosted the 10th annual BC Cabinet and First Nations Leaders' Gathering, on the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh people. During a press release on the first day of the gathering, all members of the FNLC spoke out against the harmful, racist and deeply disrespectful behaviour of MLA Brodie, reinforcing the call for her immediate resignation and calling for action to prohibit residential denialism. RC Teegee also addressed the plenary during a discussion on anti-Indigenous racism, citing the behaviour of MLA Brodie and her supporters as a contradiction to British Columbia's commitments to adopt the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration)*, and her clear violations of the BC Legislature's Respectful Workplace Guidelines. RC Teegee explained the deep pain inflicted upon First Nations throughout Canada as a result of the residential school system and condemned the widespread public broadcasting of misleading and false narratives that only retraumatize survivors.

Throughout the Fall, several BC First Nations and Tribal Councils released public statements denouncing residential school denialism and the behaviour

of the OneBC Party. The Penticton Indian Band, the Okanagan Nation Alliance and Tk'emlups te Secwépemc have all publicly endorsed the calls for MLA Brodie's immediate resignation, citing her deeply harmful behaviour.

On November 12, 2025, OneBC hosted a gathering at Thompson Rivers University (TRU) in Tk'emlups te Secwépemc territory where residential school denialists publicly protested, debated and intimidated campus community members as a tool to gain political notoriety and support. In a statement, President of TRU, Dr. Airini, condemned the gathering by stating it was an unsanctioned event, and committed to upholding the lived experiences of residential school survivors and Indigenous community members living with the impacts of residential schools.

In response to the continued spreading of residential school denialism, Regional Chief Terry Teegee was scheduled to attend the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, to propose amendments to Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (hate propaganda, hate crime and access to religious or cultural places). RC Teegee's proposed amendments seek to explicitly include residential school denialism as hate speech under the Criminal Code, as articulated in BCAFN Resolutions 21/2025 and 41/2025. Unfortunately, this appearance was cancelled due to the sudden suspension of this Committee. BCAFN staff remain in contact with the House of Commons to ensure this appearance will occur at a later date.

RC Teegee and the FNLC will continue to advocate for the amendments to the Criminal Code to ensure residential school denialism is explicitly recognized as a criminal offence and ongoing support for public education on the impacts of the Indian Residential School system. The FNLC will always stand with survivors and commend the strength and resilience of BC First Nations Chiefs and Leaders who continue to face anti-Indigenous rhetoric and denialism. There is no place for this behaviour in British Columbia.



FIRST NATIONS Centre of Excellence

The First Nations Centre of Excellence for Economic Development (FNCOE) continues to advance its mandate of supporting Nations across British Columbia through practical, Nation-driven economic development services. Over the past quarter, the FNCOE has focused on strengthening partnerships, delivering tailored services, and supporting priority projects while maintaining FNCOE day-to-day operations. The team continues to seek long-term federal and provincial funding agreements to ensure sustained service delivery and organizational stability.

Following the direction of Chiefs-in-Assembly at the recent BCAFN AGM, the FNCOE has been mandated to transition into a standalone, independent society. The transition work is well underway, with the goal of establishing the FNCOE as an independent organization by March 2026. Throughout this process, the FNCOE remains committed to uninterrupted service for partner Nations and is grateful for the ongoing support of the BCAFN Board and staff as this important work moves ahead.

Go to First Nations Centre of Excellence for Economic Development (FNCOE) [website](#)



FNCOE CEO Harlan Schilling provides an update at the BCAFN AGM.

FNLC First Nations Leadership Council

Check out the new First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) website at fnlc.ca

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



**Regional Chief Terry Teegee
Board of Directors and staff
wish you a safe and joyful time surrounded
by family and friends during this special season**

Upcoming Events

BCAFN Events

First Nations Citizenship/Membership: Eliminating Sex Discrimination in the Indian Act Webinar
December 12, 2025
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

BCAFN 22nd Annual Special Chiefs Assembly
Save the date! March 4 & 5, 2026

Updates and details at BCAFN events [website](#)

Other Events

AFN First Nations Fire Protection Strategy
October 30, 2025 - March 19, 2026
Online via Zoom

AFN Regional Engagement Sessions on the Pay Equity Act
January 21 - May 31, 2026
Various venues across Canada

AFN 6th Annual Forum on Income Assistance
February 3 - 5, 2026
River Rock Casino Resort, Richmond, BC

AFN 2nd Annual National Natural Resources Forum:
Strengthening our Sovereignty
February 10 - 11, 2026
Calgary Telus Convention Centre, AB

AFN 2026 Education Forum: Voices for Tomorrow,
Lifting our Nations through Lifelong Learning
February 24 & 26, 2026
Vancouver Convention Centre, BC

Registration and details on the AFN [website](#)

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