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**BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS
23rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 15 & 16, 2026
In-Person at the Fairmont Waterfront,
900 Canada Place, Vancouver and
Online Via Zoom
– DRAFT AGENDA –**

Chair: Harold Tarbell

OCTOBER 14	
9:00 AM	WELCOME AND OPENING Councillor Nicholas Kofi, Tsleil-Waututh Nation
9:10 AM	OPENING PRAYER - Dr. Gwen Point, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper - Harvey McLeod, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper - Sempulyan, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper
9:20 AM	OVERVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA Harold Tarbell, Chair
9:25 AM	WELCOME AND ADDRESS Regional Chief Terry Teegee
9:45 AM	UPDATE FROM BCAFN BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Chief Jerry Jack, Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation - Chief Donald Sam, ?Aqisq'nuk
10:00 AM	FINANCIAL UPDATE - Micaela Roque, KPMG Auditor - Rayna Barter, BCAFN Finance Manager RESOLUTION 01 - Adoption of the 2025-2026 Audited Financial Statements 02 - Appointment of Auditor



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10:30 AM	ADDRESS FROM AFN NATIONAL CHIEF CINDY WOODHOUSE – NEPINAK
11:00 AM	ADDRESS FROM BCAFN WOMEN’S REPRESENTATIVE - Cheryl Rule, Coldwater Indian Band ADDRESS FROM BCAFN 2SLGBTQQIA+ REPRESENTATIVE - Orene Askew, Squamish Nation RESOLUTION 03 - BCAFN Governance Committee Appointments and Terms of Reference
11:20 AM	FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY AMENDMENTS, PACIFIC LINK PIPELINE, AND MAJOR PROJECTS - Dominic LeBlanc, Minister for Canada-US Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs and One Canadian Economy (tbc) - Dawn Farrell, CEO, Major Projects Office - Rob Van Wellingham, VP, Major Projects Office - Kukwpi7 Rosanne Casimir, Tk’emlúps te Secwepemc - Erin Barnes, Legal Counsel, Miller Titerle RESOLUTIONS 04 - Call on Canada to Pause the Advancement of Bill C-39, “Building Canada Strong Act” 05 - Call to Co-Draft Federal Major Projects Consultations Procedural Minimum Standards Legislation
12:15 PM	LUNCH
1:00 PM	FIRST NATIONS CLEAN WATER ACT DISCUSSION - Avi Lewis, Federal NDP Leader, Federal - Leah Gazan, Federal NDP Member of Parliament
1:30 PM	FIRST NATIONS CLEAN WATER LEGAL - Erin Barnes, Legal Counsel, Miller Titerle RESOLUTION 06 - Support for Amendments to Bill C-37, First Nations Clean Water Act
1:50 PM	FIRST NATIONS – FIRST MINISTERS MEETING Regional Chief Terry Teegee



	- Gina Wilson, AFN (Via Zoom) RESOLUTION 07 – Unified Position at the First Nations-First Ministers Meeting
2:20 PM	FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE - Deb Jeffrey, Executive Director, FNESC - Tyrone McNeil, President, FNESC RESOLUTIONS 08 - BC Tripartite Education Agreement (BCTEA) Renewal 09 - BC Specific First Nations School Capital Funding Model - Phased Approach 10 - Supporting Effective Implementation of Indigenous Education Councils in BC Public Schools
2:55 PM	HEALTH BREAK
3:10 PM	ELECTION PROCEDURES Ron Laufer, Electoral Officer
3:20:PM	ALL CANDIDATES FORUM BCAFN FEMALE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE - Tyra Point, Sts'ailes - Kianna Watts, Snaw-naw-as
4:30 PM	ADJOURNMENT
	On October 15th elections will be held for the Female Youth Representative. Voting is open at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on October 15. Voting will be conducted online or by telephone during the BCAFN AGM. If there are any questions, please contact Ron Laufer, BCAFN Electoral Officer at ronlauferelections@gmail.com or 604-715-4777



OCTOBER 15	
9:00 AM	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES UPDATE • Cindy Blackstock, First Nations Caring Society • Mary Teegee, Our Children Our Way • Deb Foxcroft, Co-Chair, National Children's Chiefs Commission (Via Zoom) • Helen Henderson, BC Representative, National Children's Chiefs Commission (Via Zoom) RESOLUTIONS • 11 - Call for Canada to Reverse Changes to Funding Coordination Agreements under the Framework of An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families • 12 - Support for the Loving Justice Plan to End Canada's Discrimination in First Nations Child & Family Services • 13 - Appointment of BC Representative to National Children's Chiefs Commission
10:15 AM	EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE • Karen Isaac, Executive Director, BC Aboriginal Child Care Society RESOLUTION • 14 - Support for the Integrated Strategy to Advance B.C. First Nations Jurisdiction over Early Learning and Child Care
10:45 AM	FIRST NATIONS FORESTRY COUNCIL UPDATE – FOREST SECTOR TRANSFORMATION • Lennard Joe, Executive Director, First Nations Forestry Council RESOLUTION • 15 - Upholding First Nations-Led Stewardship
11:30 AM	ADDRESS BY WADE GRANT, FEDERAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CANADA RESOLUTION • 16 - Support for the Revised Watershed Security Strategy Titled a Shared Path to Watershed Security: A Proposed Watershed Security Strategy
12:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK



1:00 PM	JUSTICE PORTFOLIO • Kory Wilson, Chair, BC First Nations Justice Council (Via Zoom) • Regional Chief Terry Teegee RESOLUTIONS • 17 - Condemnation of the Native Extremism Surveillance Program and Demand for Formal Apology • 18 - Provincial Retreat from Police Act Reform and Public Safety Modernization Commitments
2:00 PM	ADDRESS BY DAVID EBY, PROVINCIAL NDP PARTY LEADER
2:40 PM	BCAFN ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT RESULTS • Ron Laufer, Electoral Officer ADDRESS BY ELECTED FEMALE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE
3:00 PM	FISHERIES UPDATE • Regional Chief Terry Teegee • Bob Chamberlain, FNWSA
3:50 PM	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE • Erik Blaney, FNESS, Response Supervisor (Via Zoom)
4:15 PM	ADJOURNMENT



OCTOBER 16

9:00 AM	HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE • Connie Davis, Executive Director, FNHC RESOLUTION • 19 - Closing the Infrastructure Gap Report
9:45 AM	RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL INVESTIGATIONS - ONTARIO CHIEF CORONER • Kukwpi7 Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc • Dr. Dirk Huyer, Ontario Chief Coroner (tbc) • Mark Mackisoc, Investigator, Ontario Chief Coroner Office • Jeanette Jules, Manager, Le Estcwiwéy RESOLUTIONS • 20 - Extension of 2027 Destruction Deadline for Independent Assessment Process and Alternative Dispute Resolution Records Pending Review of Information Relating to Missing and Disappeared Children • 21 - Advancing a Residential School/Indian Hospital Death Investigation Initiative In British Columbia
10:30 AM	ADDRESS FROM EMILY LOWAN, PROVINCIAL GREEN PARTY LEADER
11:00 AM	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) • Natia Vinson, First Nations Technology Council RESOLUTION • 22 - Upholding First Nations Rights in Artificial Intelligence (AI) Data Centre Development In British Columbia
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2:00 PM	CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT • Dr.Gwen Point, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper • Harvey McLeod, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper • Sempulyan, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper



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