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BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS 15th Special Chiefs Assembly

March 7 & 8, 2019

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, 4155 Belshaw St,
Nlaka'pamux and Sylix Territory,
Merritt, BC

FINAL NOTICE

To:	All BC Chiefs and Delegates	Date:	March 2, 2019
From:	Regional Chief Terry Teegee	Pages:	10
RE:	BCAFN 15th SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY		

The BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) will be hosting the 15th Special Chiefs Assembly on March 7 - 8, 2019 in Nlaka'pamux and Sylix Territory, Merritt, BC at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, 4155 Belshaw St. The Special Chiefs Assembly is a duly convened political meeting where BCAFN membership may determine the mandate and direction of the BCAFN.

Date: Thursday March 7th and Friday March 8th, 2019
Location: Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, 4155 Belshaw St, Merritt, BC
Meeting Time: 8:30 – 4:30 each day (breakfast and lunch provided)

All inquiries, letters of proxy and registrations can be forwarded to the BCAFN Staff, Annette Schroeter at:

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NOTICE ATTACHMENTS:

Registration form: To register, please complete and submit the attached registration form to Annette Schroeter at Annette.schroeter@bcfn.ca or via fax 250-962-9552.

Proxy letter: We have attached our proxy template should you not be able to attend this meeting. **Completed proxy forms must be brought to the Special Chiefs Assembly.**

Travel and Accommodation Notice: Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered for BC Chiefs or Chiefs' proxy to attend this Special Chiefs Assembly. The block rate deadline has passed. Local hotels include:

Best Western Plus, Merritt	250-378-0700
Comfort Inn, Merritt	250-315-0237
Ramada Limited, Merritt	250-378-3567

Notice of Resolutions: Resolution submissions are requested in advance. Please use the included resolution template and **submit to our Senior Policy Advisor, Maureen Buchan, via email: maureen.buchan@bcfn.ca** Emergency resolutions will only be accepted until noon(12pm), Thursday March 7, 2019. Any other resolutions coming forward after that time will be considered at the BCAFN AGM in the Fall 2019.

Notice of Appointments: Per Articles 9 and 10 of the BCAFN Bylaws, appointments to the new Governance Committee and new Elections Appeal Committee can be made at this Special Chiefs Assembly on an interim basis, with appointees serving until the AGM in 2020.

- For the Governance Committee, the BCAFN will be seeking nominations for 6 member delegates (3 men and 3 women) who reflect regional diversity.
- For the Elections Appeal Committee, the BCAFN will be seeking nominations of 3 individuals with the following mix of skills and experience: experience managing or supervising elections, legal expertise, experience adjudicating disputes as part of an administrative tribunal or similar body, and familiarity with BCAFN processes and procedures. Nominees may be, but need not be, member delegates.

Further information regarding these committees will be made available at the Assembly.

Sincerely,

BCAFN Regional Chief Terry Teegee





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REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name:		First Name:	
Title/Job Title:			
First Nation/Organization:			
Street Address:			
City:		Postal Code:	
Phone:	Fax:	Cell:	
Email:			

Registration Type:	Chief	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	Elder Observer	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0
	Proxy Holder	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	Student Observer (ID Req'd)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0
	Participatory Representative*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	Observer**	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150

* Participatory Representatives include those who:

- Holds office either as a hereditary Chief, traditional leader of a member First Nation, Grand Chief, head of a First Nation provincial/territorial political organization, or head of a tribal council and as such may speak on any Agenda item;
- Is the head of a Treaty group or a First Nation organization or association with which the BC Assembly of First Nations has entered into a written protocol that allows for invitations to be extended to such persons to attend and be permitted to speak at Assemblies on specific issues, as authorized by the protocol; or
- Is a Committee Representative pursuant to the Society's Constitution and Bylaws and Policy and Procedures Manual.

**Any person who is ineligible to register as a Chief, Proxy Holder, Participatory Representative, Elder or Student Observer may apply to register as an Observer.





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SAMPLE LETTER OF PROXY

*TO COMPLETE PROXY LETTER
INSERT ORIGINAL LETTERHEAD OF COMMUNITY HERE*

(Please advise Proxy holders to keep a photocopy of their proxy letter)

Date:

[Your Address]

ATTENTION: REGISTRATION

RE: BCAFN 15th Special Chiefs Assembly – March 7 & 8, 2019
Merritt, BC

I, Chief _____ of the _____ First Nation, do
hereby delegate _____ to act as a proxy and vote on behalf of the
_____ First Nation at the BCAFN 15th Annual Special Chiefs Assembly in Merritt,
BC on March 7 & 8, 2019

Regards,

(Chief's Signature)

(Printed Chief's name)

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CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

TO: All BC Chiefs
FROM: BCAFN Office
DATE: March 7 & 8, 2019– FINAL Notice

RESOLUTIONS are the essential mechanism by which First Nations provide mandates and directives to the BC Regional Chief.

ADVANCE RESOLUTION SUBMISSION IS REQUESTED. In order to facilitate a more efficient and effective resolution process, resolutions for consideration at a BCAFN Assembly should be received at least 5 business days prior to an Assembly, include a completed resolution and background information and/or supporting documentation.

SUBMITTING A RESOLUTION: Please complete the attached draft resolution template and send by email to Maureen Buchan, Senior Policy Advisor at maureen.buchan@bcfn.ca.

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**BCAFN SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
Merritt, BC
March 7 & 8th, 2019**

Resolution DRAFT/2019

SUBJECT:

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

DECISION:

WHEREAS:

- A.
- B.
- C.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Shuttle Pick-up: every morning between 7:30-7:45am at Comfort Inn and Best Western

– DRAFT AGENDA –

DAY ONE – Thursday, March 7		<i>Co-Chairs: Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and Cindy Tom-Lindley</i>
8:00 – 9:00	BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION	
9:00 – 9:30	OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME AND DRUM SONG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N'kwala School – Carol Holmes • Coldwater School – Janice Antoine • Lower Nicola Band School – Angie Sterling • With support from NVIT Elders 	
9:30 – 9:35	OVERVIEW OF SCA OBJECTIVES AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	
9:35 – 9:45	ADDRESS FROM BCAFN ELDER REPRESENTATIVE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCAFN Elder representative Dr. Gwen Point 	
9:45 – 10:15	ADDRESS FROM BCAFN REGIONAL CHIEF TERRY TEEGEE	
10:15 – 10:30	ADDRESS FROM BCAFN BOARD OF DIRECTORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Harvey McLeod, Chief Councillor Charles Morven, Chief Rebecca David, Chief Willie Blackwater 	
10:30 – 10:45	HEALTH BREAK	
10:45 – 11:30	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Casimer, FNS Task Group Member • Kukpi7 Judy Wilson, UBCIC • Regional Chief Terry Teegee, BCAFN • Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, Advisor to AFN Legislative Working Group • Mary Teegee, BC Representative to National Advisory Committee on First Nations Child and Family Services 	

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11:30 – 11:45	BCAFN SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FISCAL RELATIONS STRATEGY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Chief Terry Teegee Chief Cynthia Dick, Tseshaht First Nation
11:45 – 12:15	BC FIRST NATIONS FORESTRY COUNCIL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Bill Williams and Charlene Higgins, CEO
12:15 – 1:00	LUNCH
1:00 – 1:30	BC FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE COUNCIL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doug White and Rosalie Wilson
1:30 – 2:15	UPDATE ON INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES INITIATIVE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kukpi7 Ron Ignace, BC Representative on AFN Chiefs Committee on Languages and Tracey Herbert, CEO, First Nations Cultural Council of BC
2:15 – 2:45	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NVIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2:45 – 3:00	ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Chief Terry Teegee
3:00 – 3:30	FEDERAL POLICIES: COMPREHENSIVE CLAIMS, SPECIFIC CLAIMS AND INHERENT RIGHTS AN UPDATE FROM AFN CHIEFS COMMITTEE ON LANDS, RESOURCES, & TERRITORIES, FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT AND BC SPECIFIC CLAIMS WORKING GROUP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Mark Point, BC Representative on AFN Chiefs Committee on Lands, Resources & Territories (tbc) Cheryl Casimer, First Nations Summit Executive Kukpi7 Judy Wilson, BC Specific Claims Working Group Jody Woods, Technical Advisor to AFN Chiefs Committee and BC Specific Claims Working Group
3:30 – 3:45	APPOINTMENTS TO INTERIM GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AND ELECTIONS APPEAL COMMITTEE – DRAFT RESOLUTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Darren Haines, Ratcliff & Co,
3:45 – 4:00	RESOLUTIONS
4:00	ADJOURNMENT
5:30 – 7:30	DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT





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DAY TWO – Friday, March 8

Co-Chairs: Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and Cindy

International Women's Day

Tom-Lindley

8:00 – 9:00	BREAKFAST
9:00 – 9:15	OPENING BLESSING AND DRUM SONG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Elementary School – Martha • Merritt Secondary School – Shelly Oppenheim-Lacerte • With the support from the NVIT Elders
9:15 – 9:30	PROVINCIAL COMMITMENT DOCUMENT – LEGISLATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION ON THE UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Chief Terry Teegee, BCAFN • Cheryl Casimer, FNS • Kupki7 Judy Wilson, UBCIC
9:30 – 10:45	ADDRESS FROM MINISTER DAVID EBY, BC ATTORNEY GENERAL
10:45 – 11:00	HEALTH BREAK
11:00 – 11:30	FISHERIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Chief Terry Teegee, Co-Chair, National Fisheries Committee • Ken Paul, AFN Fisheries Director
11:30 – 12:00	FIRST NATIONS FISHERIES COUNCIL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hugh Braker, Jason Wong and Richard Sparrow
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH
1:00 – 1:30	ADDRESS FROM MINISTER CAROLE JAMES, MINISTRY OF FINANCE (tbc)
1:30 – 2:00	BC GAMING-REVENUE SHARING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jay Johnson, BC First Nations Gaming Commission
2:00 – 2:30	CANNABIS LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Harvey McLeod and Cheryl Casimer, Joint Interim Working Group on the Legalization & Regulation of non-medical Cannabis in BC
2:30 – 3:00	UPDATE FROM HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Dan George, Chair • Garry Merkel
3:00 – 3:30	RESOLUTIONS

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