



BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

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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

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	
11:30 – 11:45	BCAFN SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FISCAL RELATIONS STRATEGY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Chief Terry Teegee	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

DAY TWO – Friday, March 8		<i>Co-Chairs: Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and Cindy Tom-Lindley</i>
<i>International Women’s Day</i>		
8:00 – 9:00	BREAKFAST	



9:00 – 9:15	OPENING BLESSING AND DRUM SONG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Elementary School – Martha Chillihitzia (with the support of the NVIT Elders) • 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
3:30	ADJOURNMENT

