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## BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

### Economic Development Forum: Economic Empowerment

### October 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### In-Person at the Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre, Whistler, and

### Online Via Zoom

– DRAFT AGENDA –

**Co-Facilitators: Kyle Alec and Taylor Behn-Tsakoza**

<b>Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION OPENS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre</li> </ul>
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>OPENING OF THE EVENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-Facilitators Kyle Alec and Taylor Behn-Tsakoza</li> <li>Ambassadors from Squamish, and Lil'Wat First Nations</li> </ul>
<b>6:05 PM</b>	<b>WELCOME</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Chief Terry Teegee</li> </ul>
<b>6:15 PM</b>	<b>CULTURAL PERFORMANCE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spo7ez</li> </ul>
<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>CANAPE RECEPTION AND NETWORKING</b>
<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>EVENT CONCLUDES</b>



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## Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>OPENING BLESSING AND WELCOME</b>
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>OVERVIEW AND OPENING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-Facilitators Kyle Alec and Taylor Behn-Tsakoza</li> </ul>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Chief Terry Teegee</li> </ul>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>BC FIRST NATIONS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: LAUNCH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deputy Chief Harlan Schilling, Chief Executive Officer CoE.</li> </ul>
<b>10:45 AM</b>	<b>WELLNESS BREAK</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>PROVINCIAL PARTNERSHIPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistant Deputy Minister, Ann Marie Sam, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation</li> </ul>
<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA INFRASTRUCTURE BENEFITS (BCIB)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brenda Ireland, Economic Development Consultant, First Light Initiatives</li> </ul>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH – Sponsored by BCIB</b>
<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>AFTERNOON KEYNOTE - DOING OUR VERY BEST: SQUAMISH NATIONS APPROACH TO EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Khelsilem, Council Chairperson, Squamish Nation</li> </ul>



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<b>1:45 PM</b>	<b>NATURAL RESOURCES PANEL: CRITICAL MINERALS AND MINING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Porter, Chief Executive Officer, BC First Nations Energy and Mining Council</li> <li>• Paul Blom, Executive Director, BC First Nations Energy and Mining Council</li> <li>• Joelle Walker, Principal, Miller Titerle and Company</li> </ul>
<b>2:45 PM</b>	<b>WELLNESS BREAK</b>
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>CANNABIS FIRESIDE DISCUSSION: CANNABIS REVIEW, POLICY SOLUTIONS FOR FIRST NATIONS INCLUSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Beaudry, Senior Policy Analyst, AFN</li> <li>• Amy Lickers, Entrepreneur</li> </ul>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>FIRST NATIONS FORESTRY COUNCIL: A CHANGING LANDSCAPE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Executive Officer, Lennard Joe</li> </ul>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>BC FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION REPORT: DATE EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan Mowbray, Partner, MNP</li> </ul>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>



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## October 18<sup>th</sup>

<b>8:30 AM</b>	BREAKFAST
<b>9:00 AM</b>	OPENING BLESSING
<b>9:10 AM</b>	CLOSING THE EQUITY GAP: FIRST NATIONS BANK OF CANADA (FNBC) Booker Cornea, Manager, Business Development, FNBC
<b>9:30 AM</b>	KEYNOTE: FOOD SOVEREIGNTY DURING CLIMATE CHANGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jacob Beaton, Founder, Tea Creek</li> </ul>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	FOOD SOVEREIGNTY BREAKOUT SESSION: HOW DO WE FEED OUR COMMUNITIES IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD?
<b>10:45 AM</b>	JOBS, ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND INNOVATION: A MESSAGE FROM MINISTER BAILEY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister Brenda Bailey, JEDI</li> </ul>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	INTERNATIONAL TRADE: ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN ACTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wayne Garnons-Williams, President, International Inter-Tribal Trade and Investment Organization</li> </ul>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	CULTURAL PERFORMANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spo7ez</li> </ul>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	ADJOURNMENT (BAG LUNCH TO GO)



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