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## FIRST NATIONS OF BC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FORUM

DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2024

TIME: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM (PST)

Virtual only – for registration visit:

<https://events.bcafn.ca/fn-emergency-management-forum/registration/>

### FORUM OBJECTIVES:

- **To share** the latest information on issues that impacting Nations and to learn how they can support their communities in times of emergency.
- **To listen** to First Nations on their experiences with recent emergencies and provide support for outstanding support needs.
- **To discuss** the implementation of the [Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction](#) by First Nations in BC (2023 – 2033).
- **To provide** First Nations leadership with Provincial and Federal updates on emergency management legislation and policy issues, and the multi-lateral emergency services agreement negotiation process.

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	LEAD
9:00 - 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening Prayer</b></li> <li>• <b>Leadership Opening Statements</b></li> <li>• <b>Moment of Silence</b></li> </ul>	Opening Prayer: TBD FNLC Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert Phillips, Chief Don Tom, Regional Chief Teegee</li> </ul> Canada Representative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joanne Wilkinson, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister</li> </ul> BC Representative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister Bowinn Ma, Emergency Management and Climate Resilience</li> </ul>
9:30 – 10:00	<b>Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction by First Nations in BC - Update (30 min)</b> <i>15-minute presentation;</i> <i>15-minute discussion</i>	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDMS (Dan George/Kelly Mortimer)</li> </ul>

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10:00 – 10:30	<b>Presentation: Tsilhqot'in National Government - Experiences with EM jurisdiction (30 min)</b>	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connie Jasper, Director of Health, TNG</li> <li>• Crystal Verhaeghe, CEMA Secretariat</li> <li>• Taylor Whitehead, Emergency Services Project Manager, TNG</li> <li>• Devon Ramsay, BC/EMCR</li> <li>• Laura Aucoin, ISC</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Break (15 min)</b>	
10:45 – 11:45	<b>Provincial Update (60 min)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Update</li> <li>• Situational Update</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister Ma, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Resilience</li> <li>• Minister Ralson, Ministry of Forest</li> <li>• DM Lori Halls, Ministry of Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship</li> <li>• BC Wildfire - TBD</li> </ul>
11:45 – 12:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
12:30 – 1:30	<b>FNESS Update (60 min)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services to First Nations</li> <li>• Seasonal projections</li> </ul>	Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brendon Mercer, FNESS</li> <li>• Bob Mills, FNESS</li> </ul>
1:30 – 2:30	<b>Federal Update (60 min)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISC - Update and supports for First Nations Emergency Management</li> <li>• Public Safety - Emergency Management overview</li> <li>• NRCan – Responding to BC Wildland Fires and Advancing Indigenous Rights and Reconciliation</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allyson Rowe, RDG ISC</li> <li>• James Moxon, DG ISC</li> <li>• Kenza El Bied, DG Public Safety</li> <li>• Mike Norton, DG NRCan</li> </ul>
2:30 – 2:45	<b>Break (15 min)</b>	
2:45 – 3:15	<b>Multilateral Emergency Services Agreement Negotiation Process Update (30 min)</b> <i>15-minute presentation;</i> <i>15-minute discussion</i>	Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FNLC: Kelly Mortimer (FDMS)</li> <li>• ISC: Allyson Rowe and Serge Beaudoin</li> <li>• EMCR: Monica Cox</li> </ul>
3:15 – 3:30pm	<b>Closing Comments</b>	FNLC Executive