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## BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPECIAL CHIEFS MEETING MARCH 7 & 8, 2024 Online Via Zoom – DRAFT AGENDA –

Chair: Leah George-Wilson

MARCH 7	
9:00 AM	OPENING BLESSING AND WELCOME <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Gwendolyn Point, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper</li><li>• Dr. Robert Joseph, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper</li><li>• Sempulyan Stewart Gonzales, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper</li></ul>
9:10 AM	OVERVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leah George-Wilson, Chair</li></ul>
9:15 AM	WELCOME AND ADDRESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional Chief Terry Teegee</li></ul>
9:40 AM	UPDATE FROM BCAFN BOARD OF DIRECTORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlups te Secwépemc</li><li>• Chief Lynda Price, Ulkatcho First Nation</li><li>• Chief Jerry Jack, Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation</li><li>• Brian Assu, We Wai Kai Nation</li><li>• Chief Maureen Luggi, Wet'suwet'en First Nation</li></ul>
10:00 AM	ADDRESS FROM BCAFN YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crystal Starr-Lewis, BCAFN Female Youth Representative</li><li>• Kyle Alec, BCAFN Male Youth Representative (tbc)</li></ul>
10:30 AM	ADDRESS FROM BCAFN 2SLGBTQQA+ REPRESENTATIVE <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orene Askew, BCAFN 2SLGBTQQA+ Representative</li></ul>



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<b>11:00 AM</b>	<p>ADDRESS FROM BCAFN WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Louisa Housty-Jones, BCAFN Women's Representative</li> </ul> <p>RESOLUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 - Support for BCAFN to Implement the First Nations Gender Equity Strategic Action Plan</li> </ul>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<p>ADDRESS BY MINISTER NATHAN CULLEN, WATER, LANDS AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP</p> <p>RESOLUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>02 - Support for the WLRs Relationship Protocol with the FNLC</li> </ul>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	ADDRESS BY NATIONAL CHIEF CINDY WOODHOUSE
<b>1:30 PM</b>	ADDRESS BY MINISTER GARY ANANDASANGAREE, CROWN-INDIGENOUS RELATIONS
<b>1:55 PM</b>	<p>JUSTICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kory Wilson, Chair, First Nations Justice Council</li> <li>Regional Chief Terry Teegee</li> </ul>
<b>2:30 PM</b>	ADDRESS BY MINISTER MURRAY RANKIN, INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION
<b>3:00 PM</b>	ADDRESS BY PREMIER DAVID EBY
<b>3:30:PM</b>	<p>FIRST NATIONS COMBATTING METIS COLONIALISM IN BC WORKING GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hugh Braker, FNS</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Chief Terry Teegee</li> </ul>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>

<b>MARCH 8</b>	
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<p>OPENING BLESSING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Gwendolyn Point, Knowledge Keeper</li> <li>Dr. Robert Joseph, Knowledge Keeper</li> <li>Sempulyan Stewart Gonzales, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper</li> </ul>
<b>9:10 AM</b>	<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deputy Chief Harlan Schilling, CEO of COE</li> <li>Chief Lynda Price, Japan Trade Mission</li> <li>Regional Chief Terry Teegee</li> </ul> <p>RESOLUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>03 - Support for Relationship Building between the BC First Nations Centre of Excellence for Economic Development and Yukon First Nations</li> </ul>
<b>9:40 AM</b>	<p>CLIMATE CRISIS/FIRST NATIONS CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AGENDA IN BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patricia Rojas-Caro, BCAFN Climate Change Coordinator/Policy Analyst</li> <li>Anita Walker, Senior Director, Climate Change and Clean Energy Directorate, CIRNAC</li> <li>Kukpi7 Fred Robbins, Esketemc</li> </ul> <p>RESOLUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>04 - Support for Hosting Regional Spiritual Knowledge Keepers Gatherings on Climate Change</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<p>INDIGENOUS RIGHTS AND BORDER MOBILITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lorette Landmesser, Director, Indigenous Affairs Secretariat, Canada Border Services Agency</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ava Hill, Interim Coordinator, JTBA Collaborative Initiative with Government of Canada, First Nations Border Crossing Rights</li> </ul> <p>RESOLUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>05 - Indigenous Rights and Border Mobility</li> </ul>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<p>UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES –NATIONAL ACTION PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Chief Terry Teegee</li> <li>Matthew Norris, BCAFN Sr. Policy Analyst</li> </ul>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<p>LANGUAGES UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Khelsilem, Chairperson, Squamish Nation</li> <li>Tracey Herbert, CEO, First Peoples Cultural Council</li> </ul> <p>RESOLUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>06 – Addressing Underfunding of BC First Nations Languages and Support for the development of a BC First Nations Languages Act</li> </ul>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<p>CHILDREN AND FAMILIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary Teegee, BCAFN National Advisory Committee Representative</li> <li>Cindy Blackstock, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society</li> </ul> <p>RESOLUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>07 - Ensuring Free, Prior and Informed Consent for FNCFS Long-Term Reform and Compensation Distribution</li> </ul>
<b>1:40 PM</b>	<p>FISHERIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Chief Terry Teegee</li> <li>Stu Barnes, Director, First Nations Fisheries Council</li> </ul>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<p>HOUSING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobi Atolagbe, BCAFN Housing Policy Analyst</li> <li>Michael Sadler, FNHC</li> </ul>



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	<p><b>RESOLUTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>08 – Support and Endorsement for Phase 1 of the First Nations Housing and Infrastructure Council’s Housing Framework</li> </ul>
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<p><b>WATER CLASS ACTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief Dan Manual, Upper Nicola Band</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLUTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>09 - Call to Extend the Safe Drinking Water Settlement Claim Deadline</li> </ul>
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<p><b>RESOLUTIONS</b></p>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<p><b>CLOSING COMMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Chief Terry Teegee</li> </ul> <p><b>CLOSING PRAYER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Gwendolyn Point, Knowledge Keeper</li> <li>Dr. Robert Joseph, Knowledge Keeper</li> <li>Sempulyan Stewart Gonzales, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper</li> </ul>
<b>3:45 PM</b>	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>



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