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BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS 21st ANNUAL SPECIAL CHIEFS MEETING FEBRUARY 26 & 27, 2025 Online Via Zoom – DRAFT AGENDA –

Chair: Harvey McLeod

FEBRUARY 26	
9:00 AM	OPENING BLESSING AND WELCOME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Gwendolyn Point, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper • Sempulyan Stewart Gonzales, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper
9:10 AM	OVERVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvey McLeod, Chair
9:15 AM	WELCOME AND ADDRESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Chief Terry Teegee
9:40 AM	UPDATE FROM BCAFN BOARD OF DIRECTORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlups te Secwépemc • Chief Don Sam, ?Akisqnuq First Nation • Chief Jerry Jack, Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation • Brian Assu, We Wai Kai Nation • Chief Maureen Luggi, Wet'suwet'en First Nation
10:00 AM	ADDRESS FROM BCAFN YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal Starr-Lewis, BCAFN Female Youth Representative (tbc)
10:30 AM	ADDRESS FROM BCAFN 2SLGBTQQIA+ REPRESENTATIVE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orene Askew, BCAFN 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative RESOLUTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 01-Support for the Establishment of a BCAFN 2SLGBTQQIA+ Council



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11:00 AM	<p>ADDRESS FROM BCAFN WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice-Chief Cheryl Rule, Coldwater Indian Band <p>RESOLUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 02-Support for the Establishment of a BCAFN Women's Council
11:30 AM	<p>CANADA WATER AGENCY UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Darren Haines, Legal Counsel Sophia Iliopoulos, Associate Director <p>RESOLUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 03 – Advancing Shared Governance of the Canada Water Agency
12:15 PM	LUNCH
1:15 PM	<p>TARIFF THREAT IMPLICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Terry Teegee Mark Podlasly, First Nations Major Project Coalition <p>RESOLUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 04 – Call for First Nations Rights and Title to be Upheld in Canada-U.S. Trade Considerations and Countermeasures
2:00 PM	<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Chief Harlan Schilling, CEO of COE
2:30 PM	<p>INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessica Berglund, Chief Civilian Director
3:00 PM	<p>ADDRESS BY MINISTER CHRISTINE BOYLE, INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION</p>
3:30:PM	<p>ADDRESS BY PREMIER DAVID EBY</p>



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4:00 PM	<p>CLIMATE CRISIS/FIRST NATIONS CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AGENDA IN BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patricia Rojas-Caro, BCAFN Climate Change Coordinator/Policy Analyst <p>RESOLUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 05 - Support for the BC First Nations Climate Leadership Agenda Recommendations and Final Report
4:30 PM	ADJOURNMENT

FEBRUARY 27

9:00 AM	<p>OPENING BLESSING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Gwendolyn Point, Knowledge Keeper Sempulyan Stewart Gonzales, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper
9:10 AM	ADDRESS BY NATIONAL CHIEF CINDY WOODHOUSE
9:50 AM	<p>CHILDREN AND FAMILIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Cheryl Casimer, NCCC Representative Deb Foxcroft, NCCC Representative <p>RESOLUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 06 – B.C. Pathway for Long-Term Reform of First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan’s Principle
10:30 AM	<p>JUSTICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald, RCMP Kory Wilson, Chair, First Nations Justice Council Regional Chief Terry Teegee <p>RESOLUTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BWC Call For Reform the <i>Security Services Act</i> Call to End Exploitative Legal Fees Structure



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11:15 AM	MINERAL TENURE REFORM – GITXAALA INTERVENTION UPDATE AND MINERAL TENURE ACT MODERNIZATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Chief Terry Teegee • Joelle Walker, Legal Counsel, MT • Merle Alexander, Legal Counsel, MT
12:15 PM	LUNCH BREAK
1:30 PM	ADDRESS BY MINISTER JAGRUP BRAR, MINISTRY FOR MINING AND CRITICAL MINERALS
2:15 PM	FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AND JORDAN’S PRINCIPLE SETTLEMENT AND COMPENSATION PROCESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lydia Hwitsum, Liaison • Jeannie Parnell, Liaison
2:45 PM	RESOLUTIONS
3:30 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Chief Terry Teegee CLOSING PRAYER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Gwendolyn Point, Knowledge Keeper • Sempulyan Stewart Gonzales, BCAFN Knowledge Keeper
3:45 PM	ADJOURNMENT



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