Agenda

Goal

This gathering is designed to build on the quality work already being done by First Nations communities, organizations, government; and to increase awareness and enthusiasm for opportunities in the coming years. To achieve this, we continue to share a joint commitment to mutual respect and to real progress for communities.

What will success look like?

- First Nations participants will have taken advantage of the opportunities to meet and network with government officials.
- New relationships will have been built between government and First Nation participants through the sharing of pertinent information.
- There will be increased knowledge and awareness of topics of interest through workshops and plenary sessions.
- First Nation participants will have provided recommendations to government for improved ways forward.

Partners

Day 1 – Tuesday, February 7, 2012

5:30 – 8:00 Evening Reception and Registration

Celebrate First Nation culture, network, meet people informally and prepare for tomorrow’s learning and discussions. Dinner and beverages will be available throughout the evening.

- Cultural Celebration and Welcome - Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations - Elders and Chiefs/Councillors/Representatives
- Welcome - Eric Magnuson, RDG, AANDC

Trade Show Exhibitors – February 9-10, 2012

- Caring for First Nations Children’s Society
- First Nations Emergency Services Society
- First Nations Social Development Society
- First Nations Technology Council
- First Nations Health Council
- New Relationship Trust
- First Nations Tax Commission
- First Nations Finance Authority
- First Nations Financial Management Board
- Education Information System
Open Plenary - Leadership

7:30 – 8:30 Registration and Hot Buffet Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 Opening Prayer and Welcome

The session is an opportunity to meet leaders within government and the First Nation communities and to:

» discuss issues of mutual interest; and
» provide ideas on how governments and all of us can work together better and grasp the opportunities that will improve the lives of First Nations in BC.

PRESENTERS: Dan George, Emcee
Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations - Elders and Chiefs/Councillors/Representatives

Plan for the Day

The Facilitator introduces the day and explains how the day will unfold. Each panel sets the stage for discussion and then opportunity for First Nation leaders to dialogue, ask questions and talk about their issues and their solutions (as related to their topic).

9:00 – 10:30 Moderated Panel and Audience Questions #1

Big Picture Overview of the Global Economic and Social Environment

» What trends and opportunities will impact Canada and British Columbia over the next 4-5 years, and how can BC First Nations be positioned to capture those benefits and opportunities?
» What conditions need to be in place for First Nations and Government to work effectively and efficiently together?
» In your experience, what has worked ‘on-the-ground’?
» What do successful collaborations look like?
» What special considerations, if any, do First Nation communities in remote or special access areas need to be successful?

PRESENTERS: Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould, BCAFN
Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, UBCIC
Grand Chief Ed John, FNS
Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister, AANDC
Steve Munro Deputy Minister, MARR, BC

10:30 – 11:00 Networking Break

11:00 – 12:30 Moderated Panel and Audience Questions #2

Unlocking Potential of First Nation Economies

» In terms of economic development where do the greatest opportunities exist?
» What are key elements of healthy relationships?
» What are the greatest hurdles we need to overcome? What are suggestions to overcome noted improvement areas?

First Nations Quality of Life

» Traditionally, how did First Nations ensure the whole community was taken care of, that no one was left behind?
» What conditions need to exist for a community to be deemed ‘healthy and prosperous’?
» In what ways could we create multiple entry points for First Nations to access employment? Education? Skills and training?
» If we were successful in our shared work, what would success look like?
» What needs to change to improve governance and community development?
» How can communities develop strong capacities to prepare for and respond to emergencies?

PRESENTERS: Chief Willie Charlie, Sts’ailes Nation
Gwen Phillips, Ktunaxa Nation Council
Erralyn Thomas, Youth Representative
Sheilagh Murphy, DG, AANDC
Ron Hallman, Senior ADM, AANDC

3:00 – 3:30 Networking Break

3:30 – 4:30 Closing

Summary – Next Steps & Closing

PRESENTER: Dan George, Emcee
Day 3 – Thursday, February 9, 2012

Administrators & Portfolio Holders

7:30 – 8:30 Registration and Hot Buffet Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 Opening in Plenary

Introduction, Summary from the Panels and Process Explanation

There will be four Dialogue Sessions occurring concurrently, some are 1.5 hours and others are 1.25 hours. There will be two session blocks in the morning and two in the afternoon.

PRESENTER: Dan George, Emcee

8:45 - 9:20 Keynote Address

National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo, AFN

- Questions and Answers

9:30 – 10:45 Dialogue Sessions

Changes to the Regulatory Regime .................. Pinnacle I

Review of the Additions to Reserve process and policy currently underway.

PRESENTER: Sheila Craig, AANDC

Legislative Initiatives .................. Pinnacle II

Information on current legislative initiatives: Matrimonial Real Property, Electoral Reform, the Financial Transparency Acts and the Exploratory Process on Membership.

PRESENTERS: Line Paré, DG, AANDC
Brenda Kustra, DG, AANDC

Emergency Management .................. Pinnacle III

- “Working Together to Prepare for Emergencies”
- Agency roles and responsibilities
- Personal and family preparedness
- Community preparedness
- What to do when a disaster occurs

PRESENTERS: Heli Aatelma, AANDC
David Tomaz, EMBC, BC
Marc D’Aquino, FNESS

Moving Towards Employment .................. Shaughnessy

- “Active Measures” to increase education, health, training and employability
- Review of Active Measures successes to date and an overview of the goals for the future

PRESENTERS: Nene Kraneveldt, First Nations Social Dev. Society
Sheilagh Murphy, DG, AANDC
Andy Butler, AANDC

10:45 - 11:15 Break and Networking

11:15 - 12:30 Dialogue Sessions

Educational Framework .................. Pinnacle I

Presentation on the BC Tri-partite Education Framework Agreement

PRESENTERS: Heather Lawrence, AANDC
Deborah Jeffrey, First Nation Education Steering Committee
Trish Rosborough, Director MoE, BC

Legislative Initiatives .................. Pinnacle II

*Repeat session

Water Strategies .................. Pinnacle III

This session will engage participants in a dialogue on using Operational Excellence to support safe drinking water and the protection of public health in First Nations communities. A short summary of National Assessment results will be followed by an interactive discussion and question/answer session.

PRESENTERS: Gail Mitchell, DG, AANDC
Ted Molyneux, AANDC

Building AANDC BC Region Service Standards from First Nations’ Perspectives .......................... Shaughnessy

This session will seek First Nations input on: supports needed to implement programs and policies locally; desired service standards; ways to improve service; and experiences in receiving and delivering service.

PRESENTER: Vickie Whitehead, AANDC

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 2:45 Dialogue Sessions

Educational Framework .................. Pinnacle I

*Repeat session

BC Treaties: Opportunities and Challenges .......... Pinnacle II

This dialogue session covers the opportunities and challenges of negotiating treaties in BC, in the overall context of promoting First Nation community development and economic prosperity.

PRESENTERS: Frank Osendarp, CFN, AANDC
Stuart Gale, Sr. Negotiator, MARR, BC
First Nations Summit Representative (tbc)

Environmental Management .................. Pinnacle III

- Engagement with First Nations on how to improve environmental stewardship on the reserve.
- Recommendations for the improvement of natural resources.

PRESENTERS: Lisa Webster-Gibson, AANDC
John Alexis, AANDC
BC Housing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) ................................. Shaugnessy

Overview of the Tripartite First Nations Housing MoU, including work achieved to date by the Housing MoU Technical Committee.

PRESENTERS: Juanita Berkhout, MARR, BC
Karen Ramsey Kline, MARR, BC
Line Gullison, CMHC
Heather Leong, AANDC

2:45 – 3:15 Break and Networking

3:15 – 4:30 Dialogue Sessions

Land Management Continuum ................................. Pinnacle I

► First Nations Land Management (FNLM) and Reserve Land and Environment Management Program (RLEMP)

PRESENTERS: Sheryl Yoner, AANDC
Lise Steele, We Wai Kai Nation/Cape Mudge Band

Economic Development Update ............................. Pinnacle II

Update on program re-design, focus on Land Use Planning, and information out on Strategic Partnership Initiative.

PRESENTER: Ken McDonald, AANDC

Day 4 – Friday, February 10, 2012

7:30 – 8:30 Registration and Hot Buffet Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 Opening in Plenary
Introduction and Process for the morning

PRESENTER: Dan George, Emcee

9:00 – 10:15 Dialogue Sessions

Land Management Continuum ................................. Pinnacle I

*Repeat session

Moving Towards Employment ................................. Pinnacle II

*Repeat session

Emergency Management ................................. Pinnacle III

*Repeat session

Redesigning the Way AANDC BC Region Supports Community-led Development: A Dialogue on New Directions ................................. Shaugnessy

*Repeat session

10:15 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:45 Summary and Process Going Forward

PRESENTERS: Dan George, Emcee
First Nation Leader(s) (tbc)
Eric Magnuson, RDG, AANDC

11:45 – 12:00 Wind Up and Farewell

Closing Prayer and Farewell

PRESENTERS: Dan George, Emcee
Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations - Elders and Chiefs/Councillors/Representatives

BC Region Fire Protection Strategies .......................... Pinnacle III

This dialogue session will engage participants on fire protection awareness in their communities and seek suggestions and direction on possible strategies to address fire protection issues. This session will use draft fire protection strategies as a reference to engage in interactive discussion.

PRESENTER: Gerry Grunau, AANDC

Redesigning the Way AANDC BC Region Supports Community-led Development: A Dialogue on New Directions ................................. Shaugnessy

► A discussion on how AANDC BC Region can most effectively support Community-led Development (social, economic, environmental, and cultural development).
► Seeking First Nations’ insights and experience to guide the role of AANDC in supporting communities at different stages of development and capacity.

PRESENTER: Bill Guerin, AANDC

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