



Assembly of First Nations First Nations – First Ministers' Meeting *Day of Ceremony*



Sunday, October 25, 2026 • 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET • 111 Sussex Drive, Ottawa

DETAILED SCHEDULE

Ceremonial Leads: Peter Decontie, Claudette Commanda, Shirley Tolley, Leonard Weasel Traveller

Purpose: To ground the First Nations–First Ministers' Meeting in ceremony and bring together leaders in preparation for October 26. The Day of Ceremony will begin with Algonquin protocols and ceremony and will provide space for First Nations from across the country to bring forward their own ceremonies and songs.

Time (EDT)	Agenda Item
7:00 – 7:30 a.m.	Arrival and Smudging
7:30 – 7:40 a.m.	Opening Drum
7:40 – 8:00 a.m.	Lighting of the Sacred Fire
8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Pipe Ceremony
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Water Ceremony
10:00 – 10:10 a.m.	Honour Song
10:15 – 11:30 a.m.	Regional Ceremonies
11:30 – 12:00 p.m.	Transition Break
12:00 – 12:15 p.m.	Arrival and Welcome of Premiers
12:15 – 12:50 p.m.	Tobacco Ceremony
12:50 – 1:00 p.m.	National Chief Remarks
1:00 – 1:20 p.m.	Premiers and Ministers Remarks
1:20 – 1:30 p.m.	Closing of Tobacco Ceremony
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Transition to Feast
1:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Traditional Feast
3:00 p.m.	Closing Sacred Fire Ceremony