



Assembly of First Nations

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DIALOGUE SESSIONS



First Nations Languages: Regional Allocation Formula

Monday, July 8, 2024, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST

Room: 512GH, Palais des Congrès, Montreal, Quebec

Session Description:

Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Resolution 76/2023, *Support for Urgent First Nations Languages*, directs the AFN, the Chiefs Committee on Languages (CCOL), and the Technical Committee on Languages (TCOL) to codevelop a funding allocation methodology that is consistent with AFN Resolution 17/2022, *Support for the First Nations Language Funding Model*, for any new funding and seek to bring a consensus-based recommendation back to the First Nations-in-Assembly in July 2024. This session will provide an opportunity to inform First Nations-in-Assembly on steps taken by the AFN, TCOL, and CCOL to fulfill the mandate on the Regional Allocation Formula.

This session will provide an overview of the progress towards revising the Regional Allocation Formula for First Nations languages funding, which is delivered through the Department of Canadian Heritage's Indigenous Languages Component (ILC). The need to revise the Regional Allocation Formula was included in the interim First Nations Languages Funding Model ratified by the First Nations-in-Assembly in 2022. This session will also provide information on the implications of Budget 2024 on the Indigenous Languages and Cultures Program (ILCP), including the ILC.

The session will begin with a brief outline of the Regional Allocation Formula mandate, the process, regions' proposed weights for the factors used to calculate allocations, and outcomes based on discussions with the TCOL and CCOL to date. This will be followed by another brief presentation on how the Regional Allocation Formula relates to existing budgets. The presentations will be followed by a discussion and question period facilitated by AFN Languages and Learning staff.

Speakers:

- William Sunday, Knowledge Keeper, AFN Knowledge Keepers Council
- Chief Leroy Denny, Chiefs Committee on Languages
- Renee St. Germain, Director, AFN Languages and Learning Sector
- Julia Stockdale-Otárola, Associate Director, AFN Languages and Learning Sector
- Atticus Harrigan, Senior Policy Analyst, AFN Languages and Learning Sector



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1:00 pm	Opening Prayer	Knowledge Keeper William Sunday
1:05 pm	Welcome and Introductions	Renee St. Germain (Facilitator)
1:10 pm	Opening Comments	Renee St. Germain
1:15 pm	Regional Allocation Formula for First Nations Languages <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background and Overview of Regional Allocation Formula	Julia Stockdale-Otárola
1:50 pm	Q&A Period	Renee St. Germain (facilitator)
2:20 pm	Closing Prayer	Knowledge Keeper William Sunday
2:30 pm	Meeting Adjourns	