## First Nations Identity Rights and Citizenship

Monday July 8, 2024, 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Room 512GH, Palais des congrès de Montréal

## **Session Description:**

This dialogue session will provide an overview of the work being done by the AFN in relation to First Nations Identity Rights and Citizenship. First Nations leadership and technicians will have an opportunity to discuss current issues related to jurisdiction over citizenship and support needed for the implementation and recognition of First Nations' own citizenship laws in response to Bill C-53, An Act respecting the recognition of certain Métis governments in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan, to give effect to treaties with those governments and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, and other citizenship-related legislation such as Bill C-38, An Act to amend the Indian Act (new registration entitlements), and S-14, An Act to amend the Canada National Parks Act, the Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act, the Rouge National Urban Park Act and the National Parks of Canada Fishing Regulations.

The dialogue session will also provide an opportunity to discuss resolutions related to citizenship tabled for the 2024 Annual General Assembly. There will be an opportunity for a question-and-answer period at the end of the presentations.

## **Speakers List:**

- Chief Shelly Moore-Frappier, Temagami First Nation, Ontario
- Natasha Beedie, Director of Rights and Governance, AFN
- Lacey Kassis, In-House Legal Counsel, AFN
- Jordan Ames-Sinclair, Associate Director of Rights and Governance, AFN
- · Khelsilem, Chairperson, Squamish Nation

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| Time       | Agenda Item  | Leads                                   |
|------------|--|---|
| 5 minutes  | Opening Prayer   | Knowledge Keeper Lawrence Courtoreille  |
| 5 minutes  | Welcome and Opening Remarks  | Chief Shelly Moore-Frappier             |
| 10 minutes | AFN Update on Citizenship     Recap on work being done on Citizenship-related resolutions  | Natasha Beedie and Lacey Kassis         |
| 15 minutes | Squamish Nation presentation on Membership Code change process (tbc)  • Squamish Nation will speak to what they are doing to exercise jurisdiction over citizenship  | Khelsilem                               |
| 20 minutes | <ul> <li>AFN Update on C-53</li> <li>Present AFN engagement report on Bill C-53 and Identity Rights Assertions</li> <li>Overview of work undertaken to advance resolutions 81/2023, Urgent Protection of First Nations Inherent and Treaty Rights from Ongoing Illegitimate Rights Assertions, and 44/2023, Protect First Nations Rights and Interests from Unfounded Metis Rights Assertions in relation to Bill C-53.</li> </ul> | Natasha Beedie and Jordan Ames-Sinclair |
| 20 minutes | Discussion on Resolutions  | Natasha Beedie                          |
| 10 minutes | Questions/ Discussions   |   |
| 5 minutes  | Closing Prayer   | Knowledge Keeper Lawrence Courtoreille  |