



Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly

December 3-5, 2024

Rogers Centre (formerly Shaw Centre), Ottawa, Ontario

Hybrid (In-Person and Online)



DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday December 3, 2024

Time (EST)	Activity
7:00 AM	<i>Sunrise Pipe Ceremony – (3rd Level, Room Canada Hall 1 & 2)</i>
7:30 AM	<p>Registration (3rd Level Foyer) Regional Caucus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nova Scotia Room 201 • New Brunswick Room 103 • Yukon Room 106 • Prince Edward Island Room Show Office 2C • Newfoundland Room Show Office 2B • Northwest Territories Room 105 • Quebec Room 102 • Ontario Room 206 • British Columbia Room 208 • Saskatchewan Room 205 • Manitoba Room 204 • Alberta Room 104
<p>9:00 AM – 5:00 PM • 3rd Level, Room Canada Hall 3</p> <p>CIRCLE of TRADE</p>	
8:30 AM	<p>Opening Protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Entry – Host Drum: Spirit Wolf Singers • Opening Prayer – Algonquin Elder Jane Chartrand • Welcome by Host Official – Chief Greg Sarazin, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan • Territorial Welcome – Ontario Regional Chief Abram Benedict
9:30 AM	<p>Opening Remarks - National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moment of Silence to Honour the late Senator Murray Sinclair • Honouring
10:15 AM	Test Vote
10:45 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of Rules of Procedures for Assemblies • Adoption of Agenda
11:00 AM	Update on Panel 13 - Andrew Bisson, AFN Chief Executive Officer; Jon Thompson, AFN Vice President, Operations and Administration
11:20 AM	<p>National Youth Council – Isaiah Bernard, NYC Co-Chair</p> <p>Presentation of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Flag – Tyler George, 2SLGBTQQIA+ Council</p>
11:30 AM	Plenary: First Nations Citizenship - MB Regional Chief Willie Moore; Chief Marilyn Slett, Heiltsuk Nation; Sharon McIvor; Natasha Beedie, Director, AFN Rights and Governance



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1:30 PM	<p>Resolution - Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ ER-01, Call for a National Inquiry into Systemic Racism in Policing and First Nations Peoples Deaths <p>Resolutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure and Economic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ DR-05, <i>First Nations Labour Market Information (LMI)</i> ◦ DR-06, <i>First Nations Economic Reconciliation Framework</i> ◦ DR-07, <i>Recognize the First Mile Connectivity Consortium as a Network of Professionals for the Support of First Nations Telecommunications</i> ◦ DR-08, <i>Right to the Improvement of Housing, a Social Condition</i>
2:00 PM	<p>Resolutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizenship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ DR-12, <i>Call for Immediate Prioritization of Eliminating the Second-Generation Cut-Off Rule and Meaningful Action Towards Citizenship Self-Determination</i> ◦ DR-13, <i>Recognition of First Nations' Inherent Jurisdiction Over Citizenship</i> • Lands, Rights and Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ DR-09, <i>Support for the Recognition of the As'in'í'wa'chî Ni'yaw Nation, also known as Kelly Lake Cree Nation (KLCN)</i> ◦ DR-10, <i>Full Involvement of First Nations in Additions to Reserve Re-Design</i> ◦ DR-11, <i>Support for the Advancement of First Nations Self-Determined Solutions at the Canada – United States Border</i> ◦ DR-14, <i>Rejecting the Accessible Canada Act and Advancing Distinct First Nations Accessibility Legislation</i> ◦ DR-15, <i>Support for First Nations Schools Class Action</i> ◦ DR-16, <i>Treaty Right to Tax Exemption</i> ◦ DR-17, <i>Treaty Annuities Value</i>
5:00 PM	End of Day

5:30 PM – National Chief's Parliamentary Reception (Westin Ottawa)

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9:00 AM	Panel: Human Trafficking – Paul Brandt; Anaida Poilievre
9:45 AM	Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health, Healing and Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ DR-18, <i>Expanding Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Coverage to include Allied Health Services</i> ◦ DR-19, <i>Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Medical Transportation Policy Discriminatory to First Nations</i> ◦ DR-20, <i>Support for Greater Investment into the Reclamation of Childbirth</i> ◦ DR-21, <i>First Nations Tuberculosis Elimination Strategy in Canada</i> ◦ DR-22, <i>Enhanced Health Emergency Management Funding and Naloxone Access to Address First Nations Dying At Higher Rates</i> ◦ DR-23, <i>Call for Continued Funding in Areas of Health Services & Emergency Response</i> ◦ DR-24, <i>Call for National Safety and Humility Standard</i> ◦ DR-25, <i>Addressing trauma from Indian Residential Schools, Day Schools, MMIWG2S+ and burial sites for unknown persons</i> ◦ DR-26, <i>Support for the Criminalization of Forced and Coerced Sterilization</i> ◦ DR-30, <i>Support for Gender Inclusive Advocacy to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples</i>

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1:30 PM	Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Healing and Justice Continued<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ DR-27, <i>Ensure Full implementation of the Indigenous Justice Strategy First Nations Chapter</i>◦ DR-28, <i>Support Special Interlocutor's Indigenous-Led Reparations Framework</i>◦ DR-29, <i>Support Bill C-413 to Provide Protection Against Anti-Indigenous Hate Speech and Residential School Denialism</i>
2:00 PM	Plenary: Update on Jordan's Principle and Long-Term Reform of First Nations Child and Family Services Program – MB Regional Chief Willie Moore, Dr. Cindy Blackstock, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society
2:30 PM	Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long Term Reform of First Nations Child and Family Services Program<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ DR-40, <i>Ensuring Fair and Equitable Inclusion of the Northwest Territories in the Child Welfare Compensation and Long-Term Reform Final Settlement Agreement</i>◦ DR-38, <i>Implementing the Chief's Direction to End Canada's Discrimination in First Nations Child and Family Services</i>◦ DR-39, <i>Our Children, Our Future – Draft Agreement on reforming the First Nations Child and Family Services Program</i>◦ DR 41, <i>Renewing Negotiations toward Long-Term Reform of First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle</i>



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**** Late Resolutions Deadline at 12:00 PM EST**



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9:00 AM	Guest Speakers: Federal Opposition Party Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jagmeet Singh, Canada's New Democratic Party • Yves-François Blanchet, Bloc Québécois (tbc)
10:00 AM	Guest Speakers: Federal Government Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Honourable Minister Arif Virani, Justice • The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Crown Indigenous Relations • The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Indigenous Services Canada • The Honourable Dan Vandal, Northern Affairs (tbc)
11:30 AM	Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Conservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ DR-01, <i>First Nations Leadership in Impact Assessment</i> ◦ DR-02, <i>Support for Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations Legal Action Against the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act</i> ◦ DR-03, <i>Advancing First Nations-led Marine Conservation and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas</i> ◦ DR-04, <i>Reaffirming Support for the Joint Committee on Climate Action</i>



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4:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing Remarks by National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak• Closing Prayer – Algonquin Elder Jane Chartrand• Closing Ceremony - Host Drum Group: Spirit Wolf Singers
7:00 PM – AFN Winter Celebration (Rogers Centre)	