



Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

# Special Chiefs Assembly

December 2 to 4, 2025

Rogers Convention Centre • Ottawa ON • Hybrid



## AGENDA

### Wednesday, December 3

Time	Activity	Location
7:00 am	<b>Pipe Ceremony</b>	Level 3 – Canada Hall 1&2
7:30 am	<b>Registration Opens</b>	Level 3 - Parliament Foyer
9:00 am	<b>Circle of Trade Opens</b>	Level 3 - Canada Hall 3
9:00 am	<b>Resolutions</b>	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
10:30 am	<b>Honouring: Elijah Harper</b>	
11:00 am	<p><b>Plenary Session: Bill S-2 and the Second Generation Cut-Off</b>  <b>Introductions: National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak</b></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drew Lafond, <i>MLT Aikins</i></li> <li>• Sharon McIvor</li> <li>• Senator Paul (PJ) Prosper</li> <li>• Hon. Mandy Gull-Masty, <i>Minister of Indigenous Services Canada</i></li> <li>• Assistant Deputy Minister Catherine Lappe, <i>Indigenous Services Canada</i></li> </ul>	
12:00 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
1:00 pm	<b>Resolutions</b>	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
3:00 pm	<p><b>Plenary Session: National (Outside Ontario) Long-Term Reform of First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle</b></p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Chief Francis Verreault-Paul</li> </ul> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Pauline Frost, <i>Chair of the National Children's Chiefs Commission</i></li> <li>• Dr. Cindy Blackstock, <i>First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada</i></li> </ul>	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
4:00 pm	<p><b>Plenary Session: Major Projects Office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rob Van Wallenghem, <i>Vice President, Indigenous Affairs and General Counsel</i></li> <li>• Candace Anderson, <i>Director, Indigenous Engagement</i></li> </ul>	

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4:15 pm	<b>Plenary Session: First Nations Infrastructure Financing</b> Presenter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ernie Daniels, <i>First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA)</i></li> </ul>	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
4:30 pm	<b>First Nations Bank of Canada (FNBC) Major Announcement &amp; Presentation</b> Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Former National Chief Perry Bellegarde, <i>Chair of the Board, FNBC</i></li> </ul> Presenter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bill Lomax, <i>President &amp; CEO, FNBC</i></li> </ul>	
5:00 pm	End of Day	

### Thursday, December 4

Time	Activity	Location
7:00 am	<b>Pipe Ceremony</b>	Level 3 – Canada Hall 1&2
8:00 am	<b>Registration Opens</b>	Level 3 - Parliament Foyer
9:00 am	<b>Circle of Trade Opens</b>	Level 3 - Canada Hall 3
9:00 am	<b>Resolutions</b>	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
9:00 am	<b>Ministerial Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon. Rebecca Alty, <i>Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations</i></li> <li>Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, <i>Minister of Finance and National Revenue</i></li> <li>Hon. Mandy Gull-Masty, <i>Minister of Indigenous Services Canada</i></li> </ul>	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
10:30 am	<b>Ministerial Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, <i>Minister of Public Safety</i></li> <li>Hon. Gregor Robertson, <i>Minister of Housing and Infrastructure</i></li> <li>Hon. Eleanor Olszewski, <i>Minister of Emergency Management</i></li> <li>Hon. Rebecca Chartrand, <i>Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs</i></li> </ul>	

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12:00 pm	Lunch Break	
1:00 pm	<b>Resolutions</b>	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
4:00 pm	<b>Closing Ceremony:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closing Remarks – National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak</li><li>• Closing Prayer</li><li>• Closing Ceremony</li></ul>	
6:00 pm	Winter Gala	The Westin Hotel – 4 <sup>th</sup> floor

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