



Special Chiefs Assembly Long-Term Reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services Program

October 16-18, 2024 • Hybrid
BMO Centre, Treaty No. 7, Calgary, Alberta



Draft Agenda

Wednesday, October 16, 2024	
7:00 a.m.	<i>Sunrise Pipe Ceremony – (Plenary Hall A1)</i>
7:30 a.m.	<i>Registration</i>
8:00 a.m.	<i>Regional Caucus Sessions (2nd Level)</i>
Time (MT)	Activity
8:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Entry – Buffalo Tracks Drum Group • Opening Prayer – Elder Leonard Weasel Traveller, Piikani Nation • Territorial Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Chief Roy Whitney, Tsuu T’ina Nation ◦ Chief Troy Knowlton, Piikani Nation • Opening Address – Alberta Premier Danielle Smith • Opening Address – National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak • Tribute to the late Grand Chief Cathy Merrick, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
9:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of Rules of Procedures for Assemblies • Adoption of Agenda <p><i>Co-Chairs: Wina Sioui, Adam Fiddler</i></p>
10:00 a.m.	<p>Plenary – Overview of the Draft Agreement and Political Perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak, Assembly of First Nations ◦ Regional Chief Abram Benedict, Chiefs of Ontario ◦ Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler and Deputy Grand Chief Bobby Narcisse, Nishnawbe Aski Nation • Question and Answer Period
11:00 a.m.	<p>What we heard – Feedback from Regional Engagement Sessions and Report on Amendments made to the Draft Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly of First Nations
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m.	<p>Plenary – Reformed First Nations Child and Family Services Funding Model and Remoteness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Stuart Wuttke, General Counsel, Assembly of First Nations ◦ Maggie Wenthe, Partner, OKT Law, Chiefs of Ontario Legal Counsel ◦ Julian Falconer, Founding Partner, Falconers LLP, Nishnawbe Aski Nation Legal Counsel ◦ Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler and Deputy Grand Chief Bobby Narcisse, Nishnawbe Aski Nation • Question and Answer Period





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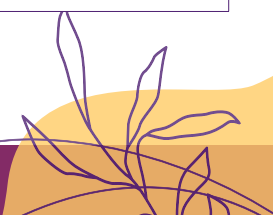
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2:00 p.m.	Plenary – Governance of the Draft Agreement and Alternative Dispute Resolution under the Draft Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam Williamson, Assembly of First Nations, Legal Counsel Maggie Wenté, Partner, OKT Law, Chiefs of Ontario Legal Counsel Julian Falconer, Founding Partner, Falconers LLP, Nishnawbe Aski Nation Legal Counsel Question and Answer Period
3:00 p.m.	Regional Review and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Chiefs and Proxies
5:30 p.m.	End of Day
6:00 p.m.	<i>Working Session – Building Consensus on Draft Settlement Agreement Resolution (Plenary Hall A1)</i>

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7:30 a.m.	<i>Registration</i>
8:00 a.m.	<i>Regional Caucus Sessions (2nd Level)</i>
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9:00 a.m.	Guest Speaker – Dr. Cindy Blackstock, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada
9:30 a.m.	Panel – Impacts of Child and Family Services Program Discrimination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representative Plaintiffs: Carolyn Buffalo, Melissa Walteson, Karen Osachoff, Ashley Bach
10:15 a.m.	Panel Discussion – Navigating Diverse Regional Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stuart Wuttke, General Counsel, and Adam Williamson, Assembly of First Nations Legal Counsel Maggie Wenté, Partner, OKT Law, Chiefs of Ontario Legal Counsel Julian Falconer, Founding Partner, Falconers LLP, Nishnawbe Aski Nation Legal Counsel Government of Canada (TBC) Question and Answer Period
<i>12:00 p.m. – Deadline to Submit Late Resolutions</i>	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m.	Guest Speaker – Former National Chief Phil Fontaine





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1:30 p.m.	Resolutions – Discussion and Voting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR 01, Our Children, Our Future – Draft Agreement on reforming the First Nations Child and Family Services Program • DR 02, Addressing Long-Term Reform of the First Nations Child & Family Services Program and Jordan’s Principle • DR 03, Direction to Provide Time for First Nations to Review Agreement(s) on Long-Term Reform of First Nations Child and Family Services Program and Jordan’s Principle • DR 04, Meaningful Consultation on Long-Term Reform of First Nations Child and Family Services • LR 01, Draft Final Settlement Agreement on Long-Term Reform of First Nations Child and Family Service • DR 05, Renewed Capacity-Building Funding Commitment for <i>An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families</i> • DR 06, Ensuring Transparency, Fair Representation, and Accountability in the Settlement Implementation Committee (SIC) • DR 07, Extending the Age of Eligibility for Jordan’s Principle from the Age of Majority to 30 Years of Age • DR 08, Ensuring Justice for First Nations Children: Support for the CHRT Non-Compliance Motion on Jordan’s Principle
5:30 p.m.	End of Day

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9:00 a.m.	Plenary – Update on Compensation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Dean Janvier, Partner, Deloitte ◦ Duke Peltier, Settlement Implementation Committee Member ◦ Chief Derek Nepinak, Pine Cree First Nation and Settlement Implementation Committee Member • Question and Answer Period
10:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Remarks – National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak • Closing Prayer – Elder Leonard Weasel Traveller, Piikani Nation • Closing Ceremony – Buffalo Tracks Drum Group

