



Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

Special Chiefs Assembly

December 2 to 4, 2025

Rogers Convention Centre • Ottawa ON • Hybrid



DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, December 2		
Time	Activity	Location
6:30 am	Pipe Ceremony	Level 3 – Canada Hall 1&2
7:30 am	Registration Opens	Level 3 - Parliament Foyer
9:00 am	Circle of Trade Opens	Level 3 - Canada Hall 3
8:30 am	Opening Ceremony: • Grand Entry – Eagle River Singers • Opening Prayer – Dr. Gwen Point and Chuck Hume • Welcome by Host Chief Jean Guy Whiteduck • Regional Welcome – Regional Chief Benedict	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
9:30 am	Address by National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak	
10:00 am	Adoption of Rules of Procedures for Assemblies Adoption of the Agenda	
11:00 am	Resolutions	
12:00 pm	Lunch Break	
1:00 pm	Resolutions	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
2:50 pm	Guest Speaker: • President Macarro, National Congress of American Indians	
3:00 pm	Resolutions	
5:00 pm	End of Day	

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Wednesday, December 3

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7:00 am	Pipe Ceremony	Level 3 – Canada Hall 1&2
7:30 am	Registration Opens	Level 3 - Parliament Foyer
9:00 am	Circle of Trade Opens	Level 3 - Canada Hall 3
9:00 am	Resolutions	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
10:30 am	Honouring: Elijah Harper	
11:00 am	Plenary Session: Bill S-2 and the Second Generation Cut-Off Introductions: National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak Presenters: • Drew Lafond, <i>MLT Aikins</i> • Sharon McIvor • Senator Prosper • Hon. Mandy Gull-Masty, <i>Minister of Indigenous Services Canada</i> • ADM Lappe, <i>Indigenous Services Canada</i>	
12:00 pm	Lunch Break	
1:00 pm	Resolutions	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
3:00 pm	First Nations Bank of Canada (FNBC) Major Announcement & Presentation Introduction: • Former National Chief Perry Bellegarde, <i>Chair of the Board, FNBC</i> Presenter: • Bill Lomax, <i>President & CEO</i>	
3:30 pm	Plenary Session: First Nations Infrastructure Financing Presenter: • Ernie Daniels, <i>First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA)</i>	

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4:00 pm	Plenary Session: Major Projects Office and the Indigenous Advisory Committee • Rob Van Wallenghem, <i>Vice President, Indigenous Affairs and General Counsel</i> • Candace Anderson, <i>Director, Indigenous Engagement</i> • Indigenous Advisory Committee Member	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
4:30 pm	Plenary Session: National (Outside Ontario) Long-Term Reform of First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle Introduction: Regional Chief Francis Verreault-Paul Presenter: • Chief Pauline Frost, <i>Chair of the National Children's Chiefs Commission</i> • Dr. Cindy Blackstock, <i>First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada</i>	
5:00 pm	End of Day	

Thursday, December 4

Time	Activity	Location
7:00 am	Pipe Ceremony	Level 3 – Canada Hall 1&2
8:00 am	Registration Opens	Level 3 - Parliament Foyer
9:00 am	Circle of Trade Opens	Level 3 - Canada Hall 3
9:00 am	Ministerial Panel: • Hon. Rebecca Alty, <i>Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations</i> • Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, <i>Minister of Finance and National Revenue</i> • Hon. Mandy Gull-Masty, <i>Minister of Indigenous Services Canada</i>	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
10:30 am	Ministerial Panel: • Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, <i>Minister of Public Safety</i> • Hon. Gregor Robertson, <i>Minister of Housing and Infrastructure</i> • Hon. Eleanor Olszewski, <i>Minister of Emergency Management</i> • Hon. Rebecca Chartrand, <i>Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs</i>	

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12:00 pm	Lunch Break	
1:00 pm	Resolutions	Level 3 - Canada Hall 1&2
4:00 pm	Closing Ceremony: • Closing Remarks – National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak • Closing Prayer • Closing Ceremony	
6:00 pm	Winter Gala	The Westin Hotel – 4 th floor

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