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About the AFN Knowledge Keepers Council

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Knowledge Keepers Council (KKC) are key advisors and active participants in policy work. The KKC provides thoughtful, perceptive, and valuable contributions across all AFN sectors. The KKC ensures that a Knowledge Keeper supports each AFN portfolio by providing guidance in their respective areas of work.

AFN Knowledge Keepers Council Representatives

- British Columbia – Gwendolyn Point (co-chair), Robert Joseph, and Sempulyan Gonzales
- Yukon – Chuck Hume (co-chair) and Lorraine Netro
- Nunavut – John Bekale and Grace Blake
- Alberta – Ivy Raine and Lawrence Courtoreille
- Saskatchewan – Joseph (Joe) Quewezance
- Manitoba – Mike Muswagon
- Ontario – Theresa (Terri) Fiddler, Ma-Nee Chacaby and Barney Batise
- Quebec and Labrador – William (Bill) Sunday and Joe Lazore
- New Brunswick – Eldon Bernard
- Prince Edward Island – Judith (Judy) Clark
- Nova Scotia and Newfoundland – Dr. Calvin White

Latest News from the AFN Knowledge Keepers Council

Engagement Guide

The AFN developed an engagement guide, *“A Guide to Engaging the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Knowledge Keepers Council.”* This engagement guide will assist the AFN sectors in collaborating with the KKC on policy work, initiatives, and events.

Welcoming Dr. Calvin White

The AFN warmly welcomes Dr. Calvin White, the newest council member of the KKC. Dr. Calvin White will hold the portfolio for Housing and Infrastructure.



United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP) 28

The KKC representative for the AFN Yukon Region, Lorraine Netro, attended the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) for the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from November 30 to December 12, 2023. At COP 28, the AFN presented its position paper titled, “Advancing and Affirming First Nations Climate Leadership.” This document illustrates how the First Nations Climate Lens can be leveraged to create space for Indigenous Peoples’ governance, rights, and knowledge systems within all areas of the UNFCCC, including national and sub-national climate action.





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The AFN First Nations Veterans Council (FNVC) is supported by *Resolution 02/2020, First Nations Veterans Council*, which ensures a unified voice for concerns raised by First Nations Veterans. The role and function of the FNVC includes engagement with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) to advance reconciliation and healing.

AFN First Nations Veterans Council Representatives:

- British Columbia – Chair Percy Joe
- Yukon – Carl Sydney
- Northwest Territories – Tim O’Loan
- Alberta – Henry Raine
- Saskatchewan – Emile Highway
- Manitoba – Chief Lawrence Letandre
- Ontario – Wendy Jocko and Gerald McGregor
- Quebec and Labrador – Vacant
- New Brunswick – Eldon Bernard and Chief Terry Richardson
- Prince Edward Island – Keptin James (Jimmy) Bernard
- Nova Scotia and Newfoundland – Alan Knockwood

Latest News from the AFN First Nations Veteran's Council

Rainbow Veterans of Canada Unveiling Ceremony

On April 19, 2024, Veteran Wendy Jocko, the Ontario representative for the First Nations Veterans Council (FNVC), attended the Rainbow Veterans of Canada Unveiling Ceremony at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. During the ceremony, a new military badge was unveiled for the 2SLGBTQI+ Veteran community.

Veteran Wendy Jocko had the opportunity to meet Governor General Mary Simon.



Meeting with Veterans Affairs Canada

On April 3 and 4, 2024, the AFN First Nations Veteran’s Council (FNVC) met with Veterans Affairs Canada to advance the initiatives outlined in the Letter of Understanding (LOU). During this time, the FNVC also met with representatives from the Atlas Institute for Veterans and Families, the Last Post Fund, and the Department of National Defence to discuss First Nations-led approaches to commemoration and the importance of collaborating with other organizations engaged in similar activities as the FNVC.

