



DIALOGUE SESSION

SAFE DRINKING WATER DIALOGUE SESSION ON CANADA'S PROPOSED DRAFT LEGISLATION: AN ACT RESPECTING DRINKING WATER, WASTEWATER, AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON FIRST NATIONS LANDS



MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023, 3:00 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M. ADT • HALIFAX CONVENTION CENTRE ROOM A3

SESSION DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this dialogue session is to provide attendees with information regarding the background, status, and next steps related to Canada's proposed First Nations safe drinking water legislation.

SPEAKERS:

Manitoba Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Emergency Services

Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare, AFN Executive Committee Water Portfolio Holder

Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige, M'Chigeeng First Nation

Former National Chief Phil Fontaine, Ishkonigan Inc.

Irving Leblanc, AFN Infrastructure, Director

Kerry Black, Advisor to the AFN Infrastructure Sector

Merrell-Ann Phare, Legal Advisor to the AFN Infrastructure Sector

Time	Agenda Item	Leads
3:00 p.m.	Opening Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Charles Hume
3:05 p.m.	Opening Remarks	Manitoba Regional Chief Woodhouse – Portfolio Holder
3:15 p.m.	Opening Remarks	Irving Leblanc - Director
3:20 p.m.	Background and Setting the Context: An Update on the Current Status of Canada's Proposed Legislation	Kerry Black - Advisor to the AFN Infrastructure Sector



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3:35 p.m.	Remarks from the Leads: Current status and proposed next steps	Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige, M'Chigeng First Nation and Mr. Phil Fontaine
3:45 p.m.	Overview and legal analysis of Canada's proposed legislation and key changes	Merrell-Ann Phare – Legal Advisor to the AFN Infrastructure Sector
4:00 p.m.	Q&A period	All participants
4:20 p.m.	Closing Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Charles Hume
4:30 p.m. - Meeting Adjourns		