



Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly 2024

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Dialogue Session

Economic Impact of Closing the Infrastructure Gap

Monday, December 2, 2024 • 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM • Room 208, Rogers Centre

Session Description:

Building on the “Closing the Infrastructure Gap by 2023” Report that describes the \$349.2 billion needed to meet First Nations housing and infrastructure needs, a new report commissioned by the AFN to the Conference Board of Canada, titled *“Benefits for All Canadians (Part 1): Economic Impact of Closing the Infrastructure Gap,”* will be introduced. This session will provide an opportunity to inform First Nations-in-Assembly on key evidence that will support budget advocacy.

Speakers List:

- Knowledge Keeper Sempluyan Stewart Gonzales
- Regional Chief Brendan Mitchell, AFN Newfoundland, Portfolio
- Grace Martineau, Director, AFN Housing and Infrastructure
- Alan Chaffe, Associate Director, Economic Research Conference Board of Canada

Time	Agenda Item	Leads
10:30 AM	Opening Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Sempluyan Stewart Gonzales
10:35 AM	Welcome and Introductions	Regional Chief Brendan Mitchell
10:40 AM	Closing the Infrastructure Gap by 2030	Grace Martineau Alan Chaffe
11:50 AM	Closing Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Sempluyan Stewart Gonzales