



ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS
31ST ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (AGA)
WINNIPEG CONVENTION CENTRE
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
JULY 20 - 22, 2010

DRAFT AGENDA

WHERE THE NATIONS MEET

International Action to Advance our Rights

Annual General Assembly 2010 Objectives:

Consistent with the AFN Charter, the Annual General Assembly will provide First Nations Chiefs or their designated representatives a forum at which they can:

- *Maximize opportunities for exchange, dialogue and the development of consensus on fundamental issues and common interests to further the **International Year of Action**.*
- *Contribute to **focused dialogue** on matters of critical importance to our Nations, including moving forward on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Treaties; Education; Citizenship; Climate Change and Economic Interests.*
- *Provide **mandate and direction** through **designated regional caucus sessions** and the resolutions process.*

Pre-Assembly Events

July 18, 2010 ~ 8:30 am Registration ~AFN Fun Run, Walk & Roll
Introducing IndigenACTION - an AFN Youth Council initiative
Location – University of Winnipeg, Duckworth Centre Track
2nd Floor , 400 Spence Street

**July 19, 2010 ~ AFN Golf Tournament and Banquet
in support of Heroes of Our Time Scholarships**
8:30 am Registration, Larters at St. Andrews Golf and Country Club

**July 19, 2010 ~ 7:15 pm ~ MKIO Host Committee present
“The Grandest of Grand Entries” - Location – The Forks**

July 19, 2010 ~ 7:00-9:00 pm ~ Taxation Workshop:
First Nations Rights and Issues
Location Room 13 – Winnipeg Convention Centre

July 19, 2010 ~ 4:00 – 8:00 pm ~ Pre-Registration
South East Concourse, Winnipeg Convention Centre

**Pre-Assembly Aboriginal Financial Officers Association (AFOA)
Capacity Development Workshops
Performance Measurement and Reporting in First Nations & Introduction to Comprehensive
Community Planning**

**Sunday July 18 & Monday July 19, 2010
Delta Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**For more information or for the workshop space availability, please call Sheila Howard at AFOA
Canada at 1.866.722.2362 ext 117 or email at showard@afoa.ca
More information is also available at afoa.ca**

Annual General Assembly

Tuesday July 20 ~ Day One

- 5:30 am Sunrise Ceremony and Spiritual Protocol
Location: The Forks
- 7:30 am Registration - South East Concourse, Winnipeg Convention Centre
- 8:30 am Grand Entry
- 9:00 am Welcoming Remarks
- Chief Deborah Chief, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation
 - AFN Regional Chief Bill Traverse, Manitoba
 - Grand Chief David Harper, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak
 - Grand Chief Morris Shannacappo, Southern Chiefs' Organization
 - Grand Chief Ron Evans, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
 - The Honourable Greg Selinger, Premier, Government of Manitoba
 - Mayor Sam Katz, City of Winnipeg
- 9:45 am Adoption of Rules & Agenda
- 10:15 am Opening Address by National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo
- 11:00 am Review of Audited Financial Statements
- 12:00 pm Break for Lunch
- 1:00 pm Council Reports
- AFN Women's Council - Kathleen McHugh, Chair
 - AFN Youth Council - AFN Youth Council Co-Chairs (to be confirmed)
 - AFN Elder's Council - Elder Joseph Williams/Elder Bertha Commanda

Review and Deliberation on Resolutions

- 01 – 2010 Site C Hydroelectric Dam on the Peace River
- 02 – 2010 Support for Grassy Narrows and Other Mercury Impacted Communities
- 03 – 2010 Support for the Tsilhqot'in Nation and Call for Federal Rejection of the Proposed Prosperity Mine
- 04 – 2010 Support for Band and Reserve Status for Whitewater Lake First Nation in Ontario

2:00 pm Panel: **Indigenous Nations uniting across North America:** *opportunity for alliance, Nation-building, and restoration of trade and commerce*

Introduction: **The Honorable David C. Jacobson, United States Ambassador to Canada:** advancing nation-to-nation dialogue in U.S. and potential to expand trade and economic linkages across North America

Moderator: Regional Chief Eric Morris

- President Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) - Declaration of Kinship and Cooperation Among the Indigenous Peoples and Nations of North America
- Margo Gray-Proctor, Chairwoman, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) – advancing cooperation for sustainable economic development for First Nations and Tribes
- Jamie Fullmer, former Chairman of Yavapai-Apache Nation – Inter-Nation Trade Cooperation

Review and Deliberation on Resolutions

- 05 – 2010 Furthering Work on Economic and Trade Cooperation

3:30 pm Panel: **Indigenous Territories:** *implementing land rights and ensuring resource revenue sharing and benefit*

Moderator: Regional Chief Roger Augustine

- Chief Terry Nelson, Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation: 'The New Buffalo'
- Ginger Gibson, Walter & Duncan Gordon Foundation re: IBA Community Toolkit – Negotiation and Implementation of Impact Benefit Agreements
- Richard Nerysoo, Gwich'in Tribal Council – development and Indigenous jurisdiction and management in the North (tbc)
- David Newhouse, Member of the Academic Advisory Committee to the Chiefs Committee on Economic Development – analysis of First Nations property rights

5:00 pm Meeting Adjourns for the Day

Concurrent special evening strategy sessions

5:00 pm-

7:00 pm:

First Nation Gaming: towards a national strategy
Location - Meeting Room 11, Winnipeg Convention Centre

5:00 pm-

7:00 pm:

First Nation languages: a strategy to confirm protection, maintenance and promotion of critically endangered Indigenous languages across our Nations
Location – Meeting Room 13, Winnipeg Convention Centre

Wednesday July 21 ~ Day Two

5:30 am Sunrise Ceremony and Spiritual Protocol
Location – The Forks

Regional Caucus Sessions: dialogue and deliberation on topics and resolutions relating to:
'Exercising and Implementing our Rights' and 'Supporting First Nation Governments & Nation building'

8:00 ~ 10:00 am ~ Regional Caucus Sessions

BC - Meeting Room #4, Ground Floor

Alberta - Meeting Room #3, South Ground Floor

Saskatchewan - Meeting Room #7/8

Manitoba - Millennium Suite, 2nd Floor

Ontario - Pan Am Room, 2nd Floor

Quebec - Meeting Room #9, Ground Floor

NS/NFLD – Meeting Room #5, East Ground Floor

NB/PEI – Meeting Room #5, West Ground Floor

Yukon – Meeting Room #15, South Ground Floor

NWT – Meeting Room #15, North Ground Floor

10:00 am ~Plenary Session ~Convene Assembly

~Location: Hall A, Winnipeg Convention Centre

10:15 am **Exercising and Implementing our Rights**

Session to be Co-Chaired by:

- AFN Regional Chief Ghislain Picard, Quebec
- AFN Regional Chief Guy Lonechild, Saskatchewan

Topics to be covered include:

1. UNDRIP:

- *First Nations ~ Crown work plan*
- *Grand Chief Ed John, North American representative to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues*

2. Treaties: proposed National Strategy on Treaties

- *Chief Ovide Mercredi, Misipawistik Cree Nation*

3. Implementing Title and Rights:

- *Comprehensive Claims Review*
- *AFN Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould, British Columbia*

Review and Deliberation on Resolutions

06 – 2010 Improving the Additions to Reserves Policy

07 – 2010 Comprehensive Claims Policy Reform

08 – 2010 Support for Taxation Rights of First Nations People

09 – 2010 Call for the Rescinding of Appointment of Mr. Justice Patrick Smith of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario to the Specific Claims Tribunal

11:45 am Special Announcement: Holmes on Homes Foundation

12:00 pm Break for Lunch

1:00 pm Supporting First Nation Governments and Nation Re-building:

Session to be Co-Chaired by:

- AFN Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould, British Columbia

- AFN Regional Chief George Stanley, Alberta

Topics to be covered include:

1. Overall direction on governance, nation building and duty to consult

2. Citizenship

3. Fiscal Relationship including: Capital and Infrastructure issues, winter roads and Third Party Management

- AFN Regional Chief Rick Simon, Nova Scotia/Newfoundland
- AFN Regional Chief Bill Traverse, Manitoba

Review and Deliberation on Resolutions

- 10 – 2010 Principles for an Exploratory Process on First Nations Citizenship
- 11 – 2010 Amendments to the Indian Act: Arrival of newly registered members
- 12 – 2010 Development of a First Nations Urban Strategy
- 13 – 2010 Repeal of Section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act
- 14 – 2010 First Nations Approaches to Matrimonial Real Property
- 15 – 2010 Using Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to Settle Outstanding Specific Claims
- 16 – 2010 Public Safety Canada – First Nations Policing Policy (FNPP) Comprehensive Review
- 17 – 2010 Support for an Inquiry into the Shooting Death of John Simon

3:30 pm

Organizational Updates and Accountability:

- Aboriginal Healing Foundation (AHF) - Georges Erasmus, President
- Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada (AFOA) - Dana Soonias, CAFM, Chair
- Aboriginal Sport Circle – Tex Marshall, Chair
- First Nation Information Governance Centre – Bonny Healy, Alberta Representative, FNIHGC

5:00 pm

Meeting Adjourns for the Day

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 National Chiefs' Reception
 Kawacatoose First Nation Emergency Relief Fundraiser
 Room 1 & 2, Winnipeg Convention Centre
 Tickets - \$20 – available for purchase at AFN Registration, Winnipeg Convention Centre

Thursday July 22 ~ Day Three

5:30 am Sunrise Ceremony and Spiritual Protocol
 Location: The Forks

7:30 am **The Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce and the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce Breakfast** (for further information or tickets for this event, please call (204) 948-0111 or email dczastkiewicz@mbchamber.mb.ca)

Regional Caucus Sessions: dialogue and deliberation on topics and resolutions relating to: 'Supporting Families and Communities' and 'Advancing Economic and Environmental Interests'

8:00 – 10:00 am ~ Regional Caucus Sessions

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10:00 am ~Plenary Session ~Convene Assembly

~Location: Hall A, Winnipeg Convention Centre

10:15 am **Supporting Families and Communities**

Session to be Co-Chaired by:

- AFN Regional Chief Angus Toulouse, Ontario
- AFN Regional Chief Bill Erasmus, NWT

Topics to be covered:

1. Education - including:

- *Education guarantee / funding*
- *Post secondary*
- *First Nations University (FNU)*
 - *AFN Regional Chief Guy Lonechild, Saskatchewan*

2. Health – including:

- *Governance – political strategies to direct change*
- *Funding and data issues*

3. Residential Schools- including:

- *Day Schools*
- *Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)*
 - *The Honorable Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair*

Review and Deliberation on Resolutions

- 18 – 2010 Taking Action for First Nations Post-Secondary Education: Access, Opportunity, and Outcomes
- 19 – 2010 First Nations' Control of First Nations' Education
- 20 – 2010 Support for Filing a Human Rights Complaint on Unequal Funding for First Nations' Education
- 21 – 2010 Request that the Assembly of First Nations Rescind Resolution 41/2009
- 22 – 2010 Protecting the Rights of Former Indian Residential School Students in the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement
- 23 – 2010 Call to Negotiate Redress for Day Scholars
- 24 – 2010 Creating a National Heritage Commission
- 25 – 2010 Recognition of National Aboriginal Day as a Canadian Statutory Holiday
- 26 – 2010 Improved Care and Outcomes for the Prevention and Care of First Nations and Tuberculosis (TB)
- 27 – 2010 Data Sharing Agreement: First Nations Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) and Brogan Consulting Inc.
- 28 – 2010 Removal of AFN as a Member of the National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO)
- 29 – 2010 Support for the Establishment of a Family Treatment Centre and Wellness Centre at Lac Brochet, MB

11:45 am Special Announcement: Engineers Canada

12:00 pm Break for Lunch

1:00 pm **Advancing Economic and Environmental Interests:**

Session to be Co-Chaired by:

- AFN Regional Chief Eric Morris, Yukon
- AFN Regional Chief Roger Augustine, New Brunswick/PEI

Topics to be covered:

1. Water Rights

2. Climate Change

**His Excellency Edgar Torres Mosqueira, Ambassador to Canada,
Plurinational State of Bolivia** - Agreement from the *Cochabamba World Peoples' Climate Conference*

3. Energy: *discussion of International Indigenous Energy Summit*

4. Gaming: *advancing national strategy*

Review and Deliberation on Resolutions

- 30 – 2010 National Meeting – Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement
- 31 – 2010 Consultation with First Nations on Recovery Strategies under the *Species at Risk Act*
- 32 – 2010 First Nations Bio-monitoring Initiative
- 33 – 2010 Domestic Access and Benefit Sharing Policy Development
- 34 – 2010 Support for an International Indigenous Knowledge and Intellectual Property Rights Regime
- 35 – 2010 Development of First Nation-Specific Carbon Finance Regimes
- 36 - 2010 First Nations Sovereignty over Biological and Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge
- 37 – 2010 Support for Aboriginal Community Futures (CF) Ongoing Funding
- 38 – 2010 Security Against Impacts from Offshore Oil Spills

2:45 pm

Concluding Summary Statement of Direction from Assembly

- preparation and deliberation of communiqué from the Assembly – summarizing go-forward directions and priority actions.

3:45 pm

Closing Ceremonies

4:30 pm

Meeting Adjourns

Additional Special Guests and Announcements:

- The Belinda Stronach Foundation – One Laptop Per Child Program
- Members of the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples
- Members of the House of Commons Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
- World Indigenous Nations Games - 2012
- Canadian Human Rights Museum
- Starwood Hotel Partnership
- Heroes of our Time Scholarship Announcements