SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY

DECEMBER 10, 11, 12, 2013 | GATINEAU, QUEBEC

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Special Chiefs Assembly 2013 Objectives
Consistent with the AFN Charter, Assemblies will provide First Nations Chiefs or their designated representatives a forum at which they can:

- *Maximize opportunities for exchange and the **development of consensus on fundamental issues** and common interests in relation to First Nation - Crown relations, international relations and partnerships.*
- *Enable **focused dialogue** and **political strategy discussion** dealing with Treaty implementation, claims and land rights, education, safety and security, environment and economic partnerships, and health.*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013

PREPARATORY SESSIONS

These sessions are an opportunity to review current developments, receive technical updates and discuss options to advance First Nation solutions, in advance of plenary dialogue during the Special Chiefs Assembly.

9 am – 12 pm	**Treaty Implementation**
10 am – 12 pm	**Youth Engagement**
1 pm – 5 pm	**First Nations Control of First Nations Education / Chiefs Committee on Education**
2 pm – 5 pm	**First Nations Policing**
2 pm – 5 pm	**Comprehensive Claims**
3 pm – 6 pm	**Towards a First Nations Energy Strategy**

SPECIAL SESSIONS – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

9 am – 3 pm CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS: This session is an opportunity for First Nation administrators and leadership to review changes and developments in contribution agreements for 2013-14 and ask questions of AANDC senior officials.

3 pm – 5 pm FUNDING STRATEGY DISCUSSION: Discussion will focus on responding to funding cuts as well as strategies for re-alignment and revenue generation.

PRE-REGISTRATION	**2 pm – 8 pm**	**HILTON LAC LEAMY FOYER**

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SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY 2013 – DAY ONE Tuesday, December 10, 2013		
7:00 a.m.	**PIPE CEREMONY**	Ballroom, Hilton Lac Leamy, Gatineau
7:30 a.m.	**REGISTRATION**	Foyer, Hilton Lac Leamy, Gatineau
8:30 a.m.	**GRAND ENTRY**	Main Ballroom
8:45 a.m.	**OPENING PRAYER**	Elder Barney Williams
9:00 a.m.	**WELCOMING**	Chief Gilbert Whiteduck, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabek
9:15 a.m.	**PROCEDURE**	Adoption of Rules and Agenda
9:30 a.m.	**OPENING ADDRESSES**	National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo
10:00 a.m.		National Youth Council - Co-chairs Sasha Maracle and Noel Joe National Women's Council - Co-Chair Lorraine Netro National Elders Council - Elder Barney Williams
11:00 a.m.	**PANEL OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION:** Supporting First Nations and reflecting Nation-building in AFN structure and processes	Furthering the mandate from Resolution 20-2013: *AFN Transition to Nation-building Structures and Processes*, members of the Task Group on Nation Building and AFN Processes will provide an overview of previous recommendations and studies on AFN processes, identify areas of focus and introduce key questions for First Nations and caucuses to consider during the Assembly.
12:00 p.m.	**LUNCH**	
1:00 p.m. 1:20 p.m.	**Tsilhqot'in Nation – Update on William Case at Supreme Court of Canada** **PLENARY PANELS & DIALOGUE IN PRIORITY AREAS** Comprehensive Claims Reform: Towards full recognition of Aboriginal title Members of the Senior Oversight Committee on comprehensive claims will report on work aimed at a new federal policy based on recognition and reconciliation that includes: • Principles respecting the recognition and reconciliation of Section 35 rights; • Development of a broader federal reconciliation framework; and, • Direction respecting policy development around legal reconciliation techniques, shared territory and governance.	

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2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	**PLENARY PANELS & DIALOGUE IN PRIORITY AREAS** Treaty Implementation To determine how best to advance Treaty implementation in accordance with the Prime Minister's commitment, Treaty leaders will outline principles, requirements and concrete mechanisms for moving forward on a Treaty-by-Treaty basis in accordance with the spirit and intent of Treaty-making. This will be done according to their own timelines and direction, including key roles and responsibilities of rights holders, governments and political advocacy organizations, including the Assembly of First Nations. **POSTHUMOUS TREATY RIGHTS RECOGNITION HONOURING** - Jim Sinclair - Elijah Harper - Tobasonakwut Kakagewanakweb Kinew
5:00 p.m.	**OUTLINE for DAY TWO / DAY ONE ADJOURNS**
5:30 p.m.	IndigenACTION WORKOUT
6:30 p.m.	DIRECT DIALOGUE ~ EVENING WITH PARLIAMENTARIANS & POLICY MAKERS Westin Hotel, Governor General Room

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SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY 2013 – DAY TWO Wednesday, December 11, 2013	
6:30 a.m.	**IndigenACTION WAKE-UP ACTIVITY**
7:00 a.m.	**PIPE CEREMONY** Ballroom, Hilton Lac Leamy, Gatineau
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	**REGIONAL CAUCUS SESSIONS**
Main Plenary 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	**PLENARY PANELS & DIALOGUE IN PRIORITY AREAS** International Update & Priorities Dialogue and preparation for key international events, including the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples taking place in September 2014. First Nations Youth leading the way: National Youth Engagement Building from dialogue at the 2013 National First Nations Youth Summit, panelists will identify key priorities for youth engagement and dialogue directly with Leadership to drive these priorities forward to achieve the change that all First Nations are seeking for the future. First Nations Control of First Nations Education First Nations have identified clear goals to move forward on First Nations control of First Nations education – this panel will focus on what is required to achieve First Nations control and a strategy for its implementation, including an assessment on the federal government's proposals for a First Nations Education Act.
12:00 p.m. **12:30 pm.**	**LUNCH** **IndigenACTION BREAK**
Main Plenary 1:00 p.m.	**PLENARY PANELS & DIALOGUE IN PRIORITY AREAS** Towards a First Nations Energy Strategy First Nations are an integral part of the energy future of Canada. This panel will discuss factors that would instruct work, to be guided by the AFN Chiefs Committee on Economic Development, towards a national strategy to support First Nations rights, jurisdiction, and participation in the energy sector. The panel will also present examples of First Nation involvement in the energy sector, sustainability, engagement issues and considerations, equity ownership, and other experiences.

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3:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.	Supporting Safety and Security for our People & Communities – First Nations Policing This panel will focus dialogue on a National First Nation Policing Strategy, reflecting on how best to position First Nation communities in relation to the safety and security of their citizens and steps required to address the chronic underfunding and legal status of First Nation police services. Additionally, recent events, most notably in Elsipogtog First Nation have damaged the trust and confidence First Nations have with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). This panel will focus on a new approach between First Nations and the RCMP to ensure they are more competent on First Nation issues, cultures, and understand the importance of establishing and maintaining respectful and positive relationships between the RCMP and First Nation peoples. REPORT TO CHIEFS: Assembly of First Nations, Holmes Group, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Nation partnership
5:00 p.m.	**OUTLINE for DAY THREE / DAY TWO ADJOURNS**
5:30 p.m.	IndigenACTION WORKOUT

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SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY 2013 – DAY THREE Thursday, December 12, 2013	
6:30 a.m.	**IndigenACTION WAKE-UP ACTIVITY**
7:00 a.m.	**PIPE CEREMONY** Ballroom, Hilton Lac Leamy, Gatineau
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	**REGIONAL CAUCUS SESSIONS**
Main Plenary 9:00 a.m. 9:20 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	 GUEST PRESENTATION: Honourable Jackson Lafferty, Deputy Premier and Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, NWT Minister Lafferty will present on comprehensive Residential Schools Curriculum Resource developed in partnership with the Legacy of Hope Foundation (LHF), the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Nunavut. **PLENARY PANELS & DIALOGUE IN PRIORITY AREAS** Indian Residential Schools This panel will provide an update on implementation of the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement, outstanding issues and next steps. First Nations Health – Non-Insured Health Benefits This panel will focus on current challenges to Non-Insured Health Benefits and identify strategy leading towards regional roundtables and the development of a national approach to ensure full implementation of the Treaty right to health.
12:00 p.m. **12:30 pm.**	**LUNCH** **IndigenACTION BREAK**
1:00 p.m.	Decision-making / Summary of Direction from the Assembly Late Resolutions
3:00 p.m.	**CLOSING REMARKS AND CEREMONIES**
AFN Winter Celebration	

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