



36<sup>e</sup> Assemblée générale annuelle de l'Assemblée des Premières Nations | Du 7 au 9 juillet 2015

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### Annual General Assembly 2015 Objectives

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

- *Development of consensus on fundamental issues and common interests affecting First Nations.*
- *Discuss **political strategy and policy issues** on key topics such as health and wellness, land rights and claims, education, residential schools, First Nation governments, environment and economic partnerships, community development and safety and social development.*

### PRE-ASSEMBLY EVENTS

Monday, July 6, 2015

AFN Golf Tournament  
Caughnawaga Golf Course  
Kahnawake, Québec  
Registration – 8:30 a.m.  
Shotgun Start – 10:30 a.m.

Regional Indigenous Peoples and Nations  
Consultation on Climate Change:  
*“Defending our Rights and Defining our Priorities  
on the Road to Paris and Beyond”*  
1:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel

Chiefs Committee on Health  
  
AFN Women’s Council  
  
AFN Youth Council  
  
AGA REGISTRATION OPENS  
4 p.m. – 8 p.m.



**ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015 – DAY ONE**

**Tuesday, July 7, 2015**

6:30 a.m.	<b>PIPE CEREMONY / SACRED FIRE</b>	
7:30 a.m.	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	
<b>9 a.m. – 5 p.m.</b>	<b>TRADE SHOW</b>	<b>Hotel Bonaventure Montréal, Fontaine Room</b>
8:30 a.m.	<b>GRAND ENTRY</b>	<b>Hotel Bonaventure Montréal, Montréal Ballroom</b>
9:00 a.m.	<b>OPENING PRAYER</b> <b>VETERANS WELCOME</b>	
9:15 a.m.	<b>WELCOMING</b>	Montréal Mayor Denis Coderre (tbc) <b>The Honourable Geoffrey Kelley, Minister Responsible for Native Affairs, Québec</b> <b>Grand Chief Joseph Tokwiroh Norton, Kahnawake</b> <b>AFNQL Regional Chief Ghislain Picard</b>
9:45 a.m.	<b>PROCEDURE</b>	Adoption of Rules and Agenda
10:00 a.m.	<b>KEYNOTE</b>	<b>National Chief Perry Bellegarde</b> <b>Closing the Gap ~ Advancing First Nations Well-Being &amp; Human Rights</b>
10:30 a.m.	<b>TRI-COUNCIL REPORTS</b>	National Youth Council National Women’s Council National Elders Council
11:00 a.m.	<b>REPORT</b>	Management Committee: Audited Financial Statements
11:20 a.m.	Mr. Edwin Vasquez Campos, General Coordinator Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (tbc)	
11:30 a.m.	<b>MOBILIZING THE VOTE</b>	First Nations are poised to influence change in the October 19 <sup>th</sup> General Federal Election. This panel will outline requirements for voting and how First Nations can exercise their influence.
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
<b>12:00 – 1:00 p.m.</b> <b>Bonaventure Montréal</b> <b>Longueuil Room</b>	<b>SPECIAL SESSION: Landless Bands</b> Landless bands face significant challenges in acquiring the necessary title to lands in keeping with their right to self-determination. There is an ongoing need to clarify this class of bands and to identify the forum(s) where these issues are best resolved.	



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<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY RECONVENES</b>
1:05 – 1:35 p.m.	<p><b>LEADERS OF FEDERAL PARTIES</b>      All federal party leaders have been invited to speak to Chiefs-in-Assembly to outline their priorities for the upcoming federal General Election and to hear directly from First Nations representatives.</p> <p><b>Thomas Mulcair, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada</b></p>
1:40 – 2:10 p.m.	<p><b>Justin Trudeau, Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada</b></p>
2:15 p.m.	<p><b>AFN RESTRUCTURING AND NATION-BUILDING</b></p> <p>Careful review of the AFN and its structures is underway to effectively reflect the vision of First Nations leadership and to support Nation re-building at all levels. Speakers will outline considerations and potential new directions to be brought to Chiefs-in-Assembly for decision at the December 2015 Special Chiefs Assembly.</p>
3:15 p.m.	<p><b>TOWARDS A NEW FISCAL RELATIONSHIP</b></p> <p>The removal of the 2% cap on federal funding for essential services is long overdue and dialogue with governments needs to take place respecting revenue sharing and fiscal arrangements that support services on par with all Canadians. This panel will outline options and opportunities to restructure fiscal transfer arrangements to reflect the nation-to-nation relationship and improve the lives and futures of all First Nations.</p>
4:00 p.m.	<p><b>TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION</b></p> <p>The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has completed its monumental examination into the experiences and impacts of Indian Residential Schools, hearing directly from former students and their families. Commissioner Wilton J. Littlechild will provide an overview of their findings and speak to the importance of the Calls to Action for all of Canada.</p>
4:45 p.m.	<p><b>UPDATE: Indian Day Scholars Class Action</b></p>
5:00 p.m.	<b>OUTLINE FOR DAY TWO / DAY ONE ADJOURNS</b>
5:00 p.m.	<p><b>IndigenACTION Walk ~ Youth and Leadership</b></p> <p>Meet in Main Plenary</p>
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	<p><b>AFNQL EVENT: 25 YEARS OF THE 1990 OKA CRISIS: <i>WHERE ARE WE NOW?</i></b></p> <p>Special Presentation of the 1993 documentary film by Alanis O'bomsawin, <i>Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance</i>, followed by a panel presentation.</p>

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6:00 a.m.	<b>IndigenACTION Informal Fitness and Friendship Run</b>	<b>Bonaventure Hotel Lobby</b>
6:30 a.m.	<b>PIPE CEREMONY / SACRED FIRE</b>	
<b>7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>REGIONAL CAUCUS SESSIONS</b>	<b>Fairmont Queen Elizabeth</b>
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<b>MAIN PLENARY</b> Hotel Bonaventure, Montréal Ballroom	<b>Resolutions will be dealt with according to subject area and at designated times for decision-making</b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FIRST NATIONS AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT</b> Energy development opportunities and the regulation of energy proposals continue to be of great interest and concern to First Nations. With the <i>Tsilhqot'in</i> decision, the national conversation on energy and resource development is changing and First Nations need to be engaged. Panelists are invited to offer their respective insights and experiences on energy development, natural resources, stewardship and environmental protection, clean energy projects, revenue sharing and/or engagement issues. Chiefs-in-Assembly are asked for guidance on advancing a dialogue that further supports First Nation involvement and priorities in decisions that impact our nations and that properly take into account First Nations inherent rights and title, as it relates to energy, resource development, the economy and more.	
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS: CLEAN ENERGY ALTERNATIVES AND RESPONSES TO CLIMATE CHANGE</b>  ~ DR. DAVID SUZUKI	
<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>INDIGENOUS HUMAN RIGHTS</b>  There are growing domestic and international criticisms of Canada’s human rights performance in respect to First Nations. There are also mounting calls for Canada to implement, in close collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Increased understanding of Indigenous collective and individual human rights is crucial. This panel will explore the status of First Nations advocacy on some current human rights issues and how these relate to the collective well-being of First Nations.	
<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>LEADERS OF FEDERAL PARTIES</b>  Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada	
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>OUTLINE FOR DAY THREE / DAY TWO ADJOURNS</b>	



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<p><b>SPECIAL SESSION:</b></p> <p><b>1:00 - 2:00 p.m.</b></p> <p>Hotel Bonaventure, Pointe-aux-Trembles</p>	<p><b>Aboriginal Skills Employment and Training Strategy (ASETS): Demand Driven, Delivering Results</b></p> <p>ASETS is a five-year \$1.68 billion program funded by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). It is delivered through 84 national ASETS holders – 57 of whom are First Nation.</p> <p>ASETS has currently been extended for two years until March 31, 2017, at which time it is anticipated that it will be renewed for another five-year term. In the coming months, there is the opportunity for First Nation leadership and ASETS technicians to engage ESDC on ways to strengthen the program.</p> <p>The AFN and the First Nation Human Resource Development Technical Working Group (TWG) have submitted a position paper on ASETS Renewal to ESDC. TWG members will provide highlights from the paper and discuss the need for a stronger ASETS program that has not seen a funding increase in over 20 years.</p>
<p><b>2:00 – 5:00 p.m. CONCURRENT STRATEGY AND DIALOGUE SESSIONS:</b></p> <p>Based on recommendations from First Nation leadership, these sessions are designed to maximize political dialogue and deliberation specific to First Nations’ objectives in key areas. These sessions will include an overview of past AFN resolutions and discuss relevant articles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The discussion will focus on priority topics, review draft resolutions and chart strategy. Regional Chiefs with portfolio responsibility along with designated AFN team leaders will moderate these sessions.</p>	
<p><b>Indigenous Languages</b></p> <p>Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, Mackenzie Room</p>	<p>The importance of retaining and revitalizing Indigenous languages is well documented. While efforts to encourage governments to acknowledge and support language revitalization, however, has for many governments been determined to be impractical, we believe that it is not. The official recognition by state governments of indigenous languages could greatly contribute to revitalization efforts. This session will explore practical options jurisdictions can and should consider in an effort to support language revitalization. A review of any relevant language resolutions will also be undertaken.</p>
<p><b>Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women</b></p> <p>Hotel Bonaventure, Montréal Ballroom</p>	<p>The profile and awareness of the national tragedy of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls continues to increase, with the first National Roundtable in February 2015 and international reports that have found that Canada has violated the human rights of Indigenous women and girls through failing to address root causes and appropriately respond to incidences. This session will strategize to identify immediate responses and tangible actions to ensure the safety of Indigenous communities, families and all citizens, to bring to all governments in planning for the second National Roundtable to take place in 2016.</p>
<p><b>Fisheries</b></p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, Joilliet Room</p>	<p>This session will provide information and facilitate discussion on strategies and provide updates on legislative changes affecting First Nation fisheries, while promoting and supporting First Nation Fisheries and aquatic governance regimes.</p>
<p><b>Non-Insured Health Benefits</b></p> <p>Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, Marquette Room</p>	<p>Resolution 56/2012 “<i>Moratorium and Joint Review of Non -Insured Health Benefits</i>”, called for the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) to join the AFN in conducting a comprehensive joint review of the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program and for a moratorium on cuts to NIHB until the joint review is completed. The AFN-FNIHB NIHB Joint Review is reviewing each benefit separately and is expected to take two years, ending in 2017. This dialogue session will provide a brief overview of the status of the AFN-FNIHB NIHB Joint Review and provide an opportunity for leadership to provide their input and feedback into the review of the NIHB mental health benefit.</p>



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<p><b>Child Welfare</b> Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, Duluth Room</p>	<p>This session will provide an overview of recent developments in First Nation Child Welfare. Topics to be covered will include the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s “Calls to Action” as well as work undertaken under direction of the Council of the Federation. The session will also seek to identify promising options to address the high rates of First Nations children in care. In addition, a review of any pertinent resolutions will be provided.</p>
<p><b>4:00 – 5:30 p.m.</b> <b>Side Session:</b> <b>Administrative Boards and Tribunals</b>  Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, Joilliet Room</p>	<p>A working group on First Nations administrative law issues seeks to ensure that various administrative commissions, tribunals and boards that operate within the context of First Nations governance, or deal with First Nations matters, are structured and employ processes that are fully compatible with Aboriginal and Treaty rights, as well as with the traditional laws and custom of the nation(s) which they serve, including how to address issues related to overlapping territories.</p>

***AFNQL Fundraiser Gala for the  
First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada***

***6:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.  
Marriott Chateau Champlain Hotel***



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<b>Education</b>  Hotel Bonaventure, Montréal Ballroom	This session will provide an update on the status of work undertaken by the National Indian Education Council and the Chiefs Committee on Education on the Framework for a Federal Act for Funding First Nation Education. Building on the momentum from Truth and Reconciliation “Calls to Action”, the session will seek to identify new opportunities to address the ongoing chronic underfunding of First Nation Education. The session will also include a review of education-related resolutions.	
<b>Treaties</b>  Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Joilliet Room	Representatives from Treaty areas are invited to speak as part of a panel discussion on implementation of their Treaty and consider different options for moving forward, including the role of the AFN to support Treaty Nations in this objective.	
<b>Land Rights and Claims</b>  Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Marquette Room	The first half of the session will focus on Specific Claims and the work of the Chiefs Committee on Claims relating to the federal 5-year review and the development of an Expert Panel report. The second half of this session will focus on Comprehensive Claims and AFN’s collaboration with a coalition of social justice organizations focused on meaningful policy reform at the federal level.	
<b>Social Finance and Social Innovation: Housing as an Example</b>  Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Mackenzie Room	The Strategy Session will introduce social innovation and social finance concepts for a broad range of First Nations’ needs such as education, health, economic development and housing to encourage dialogue and feedback among delegates on the readiness of First Nations to explore social innovation, social finance, impact investing and social investment funding. The AFN in partnership with Employment and Social Development Canada and other federal departments have begun to examine the potential for social innovation and social finance to address the unmet needs of First Nation communities.	
<b>Consultation, Accommodation and Consent Obligations</b>  Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Duluth Room	The Supreme Court of Canada has said the objective of s. 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 is reconciliation of asserted Crown sovereignty with the pre-existing rights and sovereignty of First Nations. The Crown’s consultation, accommodation and consent obligations now must be understood in the context of international law including the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.	
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	



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<b>1 p.m.</b> <b>Main Plenary</b> Hotel Bonaventure, Montréal Ballroom	<b>FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION</b> <b>~ The Right Honourable Paul Martin, P.C. , Martin Aboriginal Initiative</b>  <b>REPORTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement</li><li>• N.I.B. Trust</li><li>• National First Nations Information Governance Centre</li></ul> <b>RESOLUTIONS / DECISION MAKING</b> <b>LATE RESOLUTIONS</b>
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>CLOSING REMARKS      National Chief Perry Bellegarde</b> <b>CLOSING CEREMONIES</b>

