

The House of Commons rose for the summer on June 23rd, 2016. This Parliamentary Wrap-Up includes events from April 10th until then.

On April 14th, the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee (INAN) heard from AFN Ontario Regional Chief, Isadore Day, Nishnabe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler and Mushkegowuk Grand Chief Jonathan Solomon, as well as other witnesses, at a meeting concerning the "*Declaration of Health Emergency by First Nations Communities in Northern Ontario*." They testified regarding high mortality rates in communities and made recommendations for action. Their full testimony can be read at this

link: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?Language=e&Mode=1&Parl=42&Ses=1&DocId=8193223>

On April 20th, Ontario Regional Chief Day and others appeared at the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology to provide comment toward the Senate's study of dementia. The full testimony for that meeting can be found at this link: http://www.parl.gc.ca/Content/SEN/Committee/421/soci/05ev-52514-e.htm?Language=E&Parl=42&Ses=1&comm_id=13

On May 30th, National Chief Perry Bellegarde participated in a seminar hosted by the Library of Parliament where he addressed Members of Parliament, Senators and their staff on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration), urging all parties to work cooperatively with Indigenous peoples on measures to adopt and implement the Declaration in Canada.

Also on May 30th, AFN British Columbia Regional Chief Shane Gottfriedson provided a written submission to the House Standing Committee on Natural Resources for that Committee's *Study on the Future of Canada's Oil and Gas, Mining, and Nuclear Sectors: Innovation, Sustainable Solutions and Economic Opportunities*. That submission can be located at the following

link: http://www.parl.gc.ca/Search/Results.aspx?Language=E&search_term=gottfriedson

On June 9th, INAN heard from AFN Northwest Territories Regional Chief Bill Erasmus, and Cindy Blackstock, Executive Director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, concerning "*Supplementary Estimates (A) 2016-17: Votes 1a, 5a, 10a and L20a under Indian Affairs and Northern Development*." At the same meeting, it heard from Ontario Regional Chief Day, concerning "*Suicide Among Indigenous Peoples and Communities*." The full testimony on both these subjects can be found at this

link: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=8351720&Language=E&Mode=1>

On June 14th, National Chief Perry Bellegarde appeared before the House Standing Committee on International Trade concerning the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement. The full testimony from this appearance is available at the following

link: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=8364218&Language=E&Mode=1>

Also on June 14th, National Chief Bellegarde and AFN Alberta Regional Chief Craig Makinaw appeared before the Senate Committee on Transport and Communications to outline First Nations concerns respecting the regulation of oil pipelines and the role of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. That testimony is at this link: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/content/sen/committee/421/TRCM/52704-E.HTM>

And on June 20th, AFN Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Regional Chief Morley Googoo organized a summit meeting between 13 Chiefs and the 11 Members of Parliament from Nova Scotia to begin a dialogue on the nation-to-nation relationship. This was the first time such a meeting had been held.

In legislative news, Parliament passed Bill C-14, the *Medical Assistance in Dying Act*. This legislation was required by a Supreme Court of Canada ruling and had a short deadline for reaching Royal Assent to become law. Other bills passed included those implementing Budget 2016, facilitating the administration of government, making changes to the *Copyright Act* to increase access for persons with disabilities, and one concerning maintenance of Air Canada aircraft.