ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Indigenous Languages Initiative

AGENDA

Monday July 24, 2017

Treaty 4 Territory

First Nations University of Canada

1 First Nations Way

Regina, Saskatchewan

2017 Indigenous Languages Legislation Engagement Session Objectives:

- To garner input into the Indigenous Languages Legislation from First Nations leaders, fluent speakers and language champions
- To inform First Nations leaders, fluent speakers, language champions and policy makers about the opportunities to provide input into the Indigenous Languages Legislation

ENGAGEMENT SESSION Monday, July 24, 2017		
First Nations University of Canada 1 First Nations Way, Regina, SK S4S 7K2		
9:00 am	**Opening Prayer**	Dexter Asapace, Kawacatoose First Nation, Treaty 4 (TBC)
9:05 am	**Welcome to the First Nations University of Canada** **Opening Remarks from National Chief**	Dr. Mark Dockstator, (Oneida of the Thames) President Perry Bellegarde, (Little Black Bear First Nation, Treaty 4 Territory)
9:15 am	**Review of purpose and use of session** Description of objectives, scope, plans and status of this joint policy development process	Harold Tarbell, Akwesasne Mohawk, Tarbell Facilitation Network
9:20 am	**The State of Indigenous Languages: How we got here** The Historical Background of Languages Initiatives in the Past Leading up to the December 2016 Announcement of an Indigenous Languages Act	Chief Ron Ignace, Skeetchestn First Nation, AFN Chiefs Committee on Languages
9:40 am	**The State of Indigenous Languages:** **The Recovery and Revitalization of Indigenous Languages** Key concepts about languages and their importance to Indigenous Peoples Current status of First Nations languages in Canada, theories, challenges & practical examples of recovery and revitalization	Dr. Lorna Williams, Lil'wat First Nation, Professor Emerita, University of Victoria Dr. Peter Jacobs, Professor, University of Victoria
10:05 am	**Legislation: Process & Principles** A review of the steps involved in creating federal legislation and the approach to secure a joint development process	Roger Jones, Sagamok Anishinabe, AFN

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10:30 am	**HEALTH BREAK**	
10:45 am	**Conversation Groups:** Facilitated breakout session to explore the overarching objectives and priority concerns about First Nations languages	Harold Tarbell, Akwesasne Mohawk, Facilitator
12:00 pm	**LUNCH BREAK** **Indigenous Language Recovery:** **The Promise of Second Language Speakers** **(Lunch will be provided at the FNUniv.)**	 **Speaker:** Khelsilem (Dustin Rivers), Squamish First Nation
1:00 pm	**Indigenous Languages: What do We Want?** Plenary report back from Conversation Groups	Harold Tarbell, Facilitator
1:30 am	**The State of Indigenous Languages:** **Perspectives from the Four Directions** Examples of current approaches to supporting and speaking our languages Lessons learned about securing support within our communities, from external allies, and governments	Mike Mitchell, Akwesasne, Native Nations Institute International Advisory Committee Peter Nippi, (Kinistin) SK AFN CCOL Grand Chief Ed John, FNS (TBC)
2:30 pm	**HEALTH BREAK**	
2:45 pm	**Conversations Groups:** **Facilitated breakout sessions to provide an opportunity for all participants to speak to what structures (i.e. commission, foundation, trust, etc.) are needed within the Indigenous Languages Act and how those structures could relate to current Indigenous languages structures and initiatives.**	
3:45 pm	**Indigenous Languages – What do we Want?** **Plenary report back from Conversation Groups**	Conversation Group Facilitators
4:15 pm	**Closing Remarks**	Roger Jones, AFN
	Closing Prayer	TBC