



INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S HOUSE

OVERVIEW

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is working with partners to develop a vision for the future use of the Indigenous Peoples House.

On June 21, 2017, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that the former American embassy would become a space for Indigenous peoples, with its function and use to be determined in partnership with AFN, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK), the Métis National Council (MNC) and Canada.

The Indigenous Peoples House project will encompass the 100 Wellington Street building, 119 Sparks Street (currently a CIBC bank), and a future infill to connect the two existing buildings.

Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution 29/2017, *100 Wellington Street*, in July 2017, giving the AFN a mandate to initiate a process to determine the most effective use of the 100 Wellington street space as an Indigenous Peoples House.

Resolution 29/2017 also directed the AFN to make sure that the appropriate protocols with the Algonquin Nations are engaged and to ensure Algonquin involvement.

In February 2018, the Department of Crown Indigenous Relations convened representatives from the AFN, ITK, and MNC to provide an update on the potential timing and resourcing for the project.

UPDATE

The AFN has engaged the Algonquin First Nations, to discuss and identify appropriate protocols.

The AFN circulated a video update on the project and a survey in July 2018 to gain First Nations input on the vision and use of the future Indigenous Peoples House.

Preliminary survey results indicate the desire to use the facilities as an embassy function for First Nations whereby public relations and public education could be facilitated.

NEXT STEPS

The AFN is proactively engaging with other project partners on preferred approaches for governance, vision, and timing.

The AFN will continue to engage the Algonquin First Nations to continue a respectful process.

The AFN is actively pursuing resources to support the development of a vision for the Indigenous Peoples House project and support Algonquin engagement in the project.