



FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Province-wide Community to Community Forum - Agenda **September 16, 2024, 8:30am – 4:35pm** **Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, Waterfront Ballroom, 900 Canada Place, Vancouver**

7:45 – 8:30am Registration and Breakfast

8:30 – 8:55am Welcome & Opening Remarks

Musqueam Elder Larry Grant (sʔəyələq | 洪禮興), UBCM & First Nations Leadership Council

8:55 – 9:15am Truth Before Reconciliation

This session will, with a focus on the missing and disappeared children and unmarked burials, review the facts and findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and the impacts of residential schools that still exist today. In the journey towards reconciliation, understanding the truth is often seen as a crucial first step. This session will explore the relationship between truth telling and the process of healing within First Nation communities, and explore tools local governments can use to confront the misrepresentation of facts and denialism relating to the residential school system in Canada.

9:15 – 9:25 Q&A

Speaker: Kimberly Murray, Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools

Reconciliation in Action

9:25 – 10:10am City of Vancouver UNDRIP Action Plan

In October 2022, Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and the City of Vancouver became the first intergovernmental partners to collectively approve a strategy to implement UNDRIP at the local government level in Canada. More recently, the City approved an UNDRIP Action Plan. This work, led by the City's UNDRIP Task Force, is an important example of reconciliation in progress.

10:10 – 10:25 Q&A

Speakers: Vancouver's UNDRIP Task Force: Council Chairperson Khelsilem (Squamish Nation), Councillor Charlene Aleck (Tsleil-Waututh Nation), Councillor Michele Point (Musqueam Indian Band), Councillor Christine Boyle, Councillor Adriane Carr & Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung (City of Vancouver)

Staff: Jeneen Sutherland (Musqueam Indian Band), Arthur Macapagal (Squamish Nation), Brittany John (Tsleil-Waututh Nation), Michelle Bryant-Gravelle (City of Vancouver)

10:25 – 10:45am Break

10:45 – 11:05am Implementing/Legislating UNDRIP within Local Governments

The Union of BC Indian Chiefs and First Nations Summit have passed resolutions calling on provincial and federal governments to legislate requirements for local governments to implement UNDRIP. First Nations Leadership Council will share their perspective on the topic. What would this look like? What are the implications for local governments? What are the opportunities and challenges?

Speakers: Councillor Trish Mandewo, President (UBCM), Jessica Wood, Deputy Minister (Declaration Act Secretariat), Cheryl Casimer, Political Executive (First Nations Summit), Grand Chief Stewart Phillip (Union of BC Indian Chiefs)

11:05 am – 12:35pm Breakout Discussion - facilitated by Andrea Reimer

12:35 – 1:15pm Lunch (Waterfront Ballroom)

FNLC & UBCM Relationship Protocol Signing towards end of lunch (1:15 – 1:30pm)

Reconciliation in Action

1:30 – 2:00pm Collaborative Land Use Planning

The City of Port Alberni formed a Reconciliation Committee in 2017 that made recommendations to foster and advance reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the Alberni Valley. More recently the City, Tseshahst and Hupačasath have undertaken collaborative land use planning and development along the City's waterfront. This panel will explore projects that the communities are working on together including the planning and development of the Somass Lands and Clutesi Haven Marina and how this aligns with UNDRIP.

2:00 – 2:15pm Q&A

Speakers: Chief Ken Watts (Tseshahst First Nation), Chief Brandy Lauder (Hupačasath First Nation) & Mayor Sharie Minions (City of Port Alberni)

2:15 – 2:45pm Breakout Discussion – facilitated by Andrea Reimer

2:45 – 3:00pm Break

3:00 – 3:30pm Inclusive Regional Governance

This panel will present the work that Westbank First Nation (WFN) – a self-governing nation – and Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) are undertaking to develop a functioning inclusive governance model that will ensure meaningful WFN representation on the RDCO Board. This initiative was undertaken in the spirit of fostering mutual understanding, respect, and cooperation between WFN and the RDCO. It also moves forward implementation of DRIPA/UNDRIP, Article 5 recognizing that, "Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic,

social and cultural institutions, while retaining their right to participate fully, if they so choose, in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the State.” Panelists will share what has been accomplished to date, and what issues/challenges they are working through along the way.

3:30 – 3:45pm Q&A

Speakers: Councillor Jordan Coble & Lisa Pastro, Director of Operations (Westbank First Nation) and Chair Blair Ireland & Sally Ginter, CAO (Regional District of Central Okanagan)

3:45 – 4:15pm Keynote Address by The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould

Title: Governing & Politics in Uncertain Times: Advancing Reconciliation/UNDRIP at the Local Level

4:15 – 4:30pm Q&A

4:30 – 4:35pm Closing Remarks



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We are fortunate to be able to gather on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh people. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to hold this session here today.