



# Our Gathering, 2021

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### June 23 & 24 First Nations Administration Sessions

#### Agenda

#### Day 1: Wednesday, June 23 - 8:30am - 12:30pm PDT

##### 8:35am - Greetings, Opening Prayer, and Honour Song

*Moderated by Harold Tarbell and Jessie Hemphill.*

- Opening Prayer and Honour Song offered by *Elder J'SINTEN, John Elliot, Tsartlip First Nation.*
- Moment of silence to recognize Kamloops Indian Residential School children and all those lost across the country through the residential school program.

##### 9:00am - Setting the Stage

*Moderated by Harold Tarbell and Jessie Hemphill.*

- Outline of program and event housekeeping.
- Opening comments from *Regional Chief Terry Teegee; Angela Bate, Director General of Treaties and Aboriginal Government, Negotiations West Branch, CIRNAC; and Bill Guerin, Acting Regional Director General, ISC.*

##### 9:20am - Plenary - Panel on 10-Year Grants

*Speakers: Dianne Bastedo, Chief Financial Officer, Upper Nicola Band; Barbara ("Babs") Stevens, Chief Administrative Officer, Skidegate Band Council; Susan Wood, Finance Manager, Skidegate Band Council; Willie Charlie, Chief Administrative Officer, Sts'ailes First Nation; Paul Andrew, Strategic Initiatives Officer / Acting Finance Director, Sts'ailes First Nation; Jody Kaden, Director, Funding Services, ISC; Anthony Hadfield, Manager, Funding Services, ISC; Moderated by Jessie Hemphill.*

This session, comprised of a panel of First Nations Administrators from Upper Nicola Band, Skidegate Band Council, and Sts'ailes First Nations whose nations have received a 10-Year Grant, as well as Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) representatives, will provide updates on the implementation of the 10-Year Grant program (including information on the escalation clause in the new federal budget) as well as a discussion from Administrators on 10-Year Grant experiences: what's working and challenges with a Q&A to follow.

##### 10:20am

10 Minute Health Break.

## **10:30am - Plenary - Nation-to-Nation sharing on capacity development and the journey to self-determination**

*Speakers: Colleen Hemphill, Chief Negotiator, Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nations; Trudy Warner, former Executive Director, Huu-ay-aht First Nations. Moderated by Angela Wesley, Commissioner, BC Treaty Commission.*

Two Nations will share lessons from their journeys toward greater self-determination. They will explain which capacity enhancement supports they need(ed), what they received, and offer suggestions on what would have helped more and what other Nations should know about their own capacity-building efforts.

## **11:30am - Plenary - How can ISC work better with and Serve First Nations**

*Speakers: Vaughn Sunday, Executive Director, Adams Lake Indian Band; Sandra Wesley-Olson, COO, Gitwagak Band; Trish Wuttunee, Funding Services Officer, ISC; Vern Bob, A/Manager of Funding Services, ISC. Moderated by Jessie Hemphill.*

The response to the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the need for ISC program officials to work and communicate with Band Administrators in an efficient, timely, clear, and effective manner. This plenary session will be designed to elicit dialogue and feedback about what is working, what is not working, and how ISC can improve and adjust its working relationship with band administrators to better meet their needs.

**12:30pm - END DAY ONE**



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#### Day 2: Thursday, June 23 - 8:30am - 12:30pm PDT

##### 8:35am - Greetings and Welcome

*Moderated by Harold Tarbell and Jessie Hemphill.*

- Opening Prayer offered by *Elder Darlene McIntosh, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.*
- Setting the stage: outline of day's program and event housekeeping.

##### 9:00am - Plenary - First Nations Public Service Secretariat (FNPSS) Info Session

*Speakers: Tania Brewer, Chief Administrative Officer, Tobacco Plains Indian Band; Barbara ("Babs") Stevens, Chief Administrative Officer, Skidegate Band Council; Councillor George Chaffee, Kwikwetlem First Nation; and moderated by Jehan Casey, Director, FNPSS.*

This panel session will introduce First Nations representatives to who FNPSS is, what they do, and their future plans to support BC First Nations in capacity building. Participants are encouraged to attend to learn more about FNPSS' services and to hear feedback from those First Nations who have utilized FNPSS' services previously. This session will be followed by a Q&A.

##### 10:00am

15 Minute Health Break.

##### 10:15am - Plenary - Professional and Institutional Development (P&ID) Session

*Speakers: Collette Sunday, Band Administrator, Upper Nicola Band; Norine Messer, Capacity Building Coordinator, Tla-o-qui-aht; and Carina Chow, Manager, Governance & Capacity Development, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). Moderated by Jessie Hemphill.*

This session will provide attendees with an update from ISC BC Region on the program, how projects for capacity enhancement are supported, commonly funded projects, and best practices for the future. This session will also provide an opportunity for two First Nations representatives to share their experiences with P&ID projects, and the challenges and lessons learned with moving P&ID projects forward. This session will be followed by Q&A.

## **11:15am - Concurrent Networking & Information Session Rooms**

*Moderated by Harold Tarbell and Jessie Hemphill.*

Participants will be given an opportunity to choose from two different concurrent Zoom breakout sessions (or, attend both if they so wish, by moving from room to room).

### ***Room 1 - Informal Networking***

For those participants who wish to network with fellow Band Administrators and First Nations leadership, or who wish to informally meet with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) representatives, attendees may stay in the current Zoom room. This informal networking and Q&A session will be moderated by Jessie Hemphill.

*ISC directorates represented in this networking session: Capital Infrastructure; Child & Family Services; Community Development; Funding Services; Lands & Economic Development; Programs & Partnerships.*

To return to this original room at any time, please use your original Zoom invitation link found in your email inbox.

### ***Room 2 - Indigenous Community Support Fund - Information Session***

*Speakers: Vern Bob, A/Manager of Funding Services, ISC; Luc Millaire, Manager of Resource Services, ISC.*

For those who wish to learn about the *ISC Indigenous Community Support Fund - Needs-based Funding Application*, attendees can move into the second concurrent room. To do so, participants will have to leave the main room, and click or copy/paste the following breakout room link:

**[https://fnps-ca.zoom.us/j/82663652711?  
pwd=TWFwdDZJUThCY1hleFRSTTNWTGdMUT09](https://fnps-ca.zoom.us/j/82663652711?pwd=TWFwdDZJUThCY1hleFRSTTNWTGdMUT09)**

[Click here if you would like additional information about the Indigenous Community Support Fund.](#) This session will be moderated by Harold Tarbell.

## **12:15pm - Event Wrap Up & Final Comments**

*Moderated by Harold Tarbell and Jessie Hemphill.*

All participants will gather again for final comments.

\*For those who had moved to the Indigenous Community Support Fund - Information Session, please return for final comments via your original Zoom link in your email inbox.

*Closing comments from Kukpi7 Judy Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer, UBCIC; Angela Bate, Director General of Treaties and Aboriginal Government, Negotiations West Branch, CIRNAC; and Wendy Rogers, Acting Associate Regional Director General, ISC.*

**12:30 PM - END DAY TWO**