



Assembly of First Nations Yukon Region
Self-Government Conference; Building on Success

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

- 8:30am – 9:00am **Continental Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:00am – 9:30am **Opening Prayer:** Elder Hazel Bunbury, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council
Opening Address: Regional Chief Eric Morris – Assembly of First Nations, Yukon
Councillor Jessie Dawson – Kwanlin Dün First Nation
Chief Brenda Sam – Ta'an Kwäch'än Council
- 9:30am – 10:30am **Keynote Address:** Ensuring Future Success
National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo – Assembly of First Nations
- 10:45am – 12:00pm **Plenary Session:** What were they thinking?
Dave Joe – Legal Counsel, Negotiator – Champagne & Aishihik First Nations;
Richard Sidney – Teslin Tlingit Council; Albert Peter—First Nation of Na-cho Nyak Dun;
Doug McArthur—Simon Fraser University; Tim Koepeke—Chief Federal Negotiator, Canada
A look back through the eyes of the individuals who negotiated the Yukon Final and Self-Government Agreements, including members of the team that negotiated the Yukon Umbrella Final Agreement.
- 12:00pm – 1:15pm **Lunch:** Cultural Performance by the Takhini Dancers
- 1:15pm – 2:00pm **Keynote Address:** Nation Building and Governance
Regional Chief Jody Wilson Raybould – Assembly of First Nations, BC Region
- 2:00pm – 2:30pm **Keynote Address:** Regional Chief Angus Toulouse – Assembly of First Nations, Ontario Region
- 2:45pm – 4:00pm **Plenary Session:** Making Day One a Success
Robin Bradasch—Kluane First Nation; Bertha Rabesca Zoe – Legal Counsel, Tlcho Government;
Larry Derrickson – former Councillor, Westbank First Nation
A look at the various ways effective date has been dealt with across the country. What are the challenges, how are those overcome, and what advice can be given to those nearing their own effective date.
- 4:30pm – 6:00pm **Special Sessions**

Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business

Dennis Brunner, Senior Advisor INAC; Dolores Coelho, Program Officer PSAB- INAC

A session specifically for aboriginal business hosted by Canada. This session is intended to provide information on the CLCA.NET project and PSAB program with the goal of assisting aboriginal businesses to access contracting opportunities with all federal departments.

Transferring Knowledge

Percy Henry – Elder, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation; Beverly Sembsmoen – Carcross/Tagish First Nation;
Ed Schultz – former CYFN Grand Chief; Kluane Adamek - AFN Yukon Youth Rep; Isaiah Gilson – AFN Yukon Youth Rep

A Round Table discussion featuring key members of the Yukon First Nation Umbrella Final Agreement negotiating team and youth focusing on the need to transfer knowledge of Agreements from one generation to the next. This is an opportunity to learn from the experiences of their elders and discuss the most effective methods for transferring knowledge.

6:00pm – 9:00pm **Corporate Evening Reception; Wine/Cheese**
High Country Inn Ball Room

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

8:30am – 9:00am **Continental Breakfast**
Opening Song: “The Morning Song” – Isaiah Gilson

9:00am – 9:35am **Keynote Address: *Tom Siddon—Former Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada***

9:35am – 10:45am **Plenary Session:** Building Institutions of Government
Chief Kim Baird - Tsawwassen First Nation; Khà Shâde Héni Mark Wedge – Carcross/Tagish First Nation; Satsan Herb George – National Center for First Nation Governance
How did First Nation governments deal with the need to create nearly all of the institutions necessary for effective, accountable governments, what are the challenges and opportunities going forward?

11:00am – 12:15pm **Breakout Sessions**

Building New Relationships:

Barry Stuart—Former Yukon Chief Judge, First Nation Advisor; Joanne Wilkinson – RDG, INAC Yukon Region; Catherine Constable – Former Director of the Land Claim and Implementation Secretariat, Yukon Government

An examination of the new intergovernmental relationship between the parties and what is needed to ensure a successful working relationship is in place.

The Legal Impact of Self-Government:

Daryn Leas—Legal Counsel, CYFN; Jaimie Lickers – Associate, Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP; Lesley McCullough—ADM, Yukon Department of Justice; Philip Gibson – Senior Counsel, Justice Canada

What do the Agreements mean from a legal perspective, both internally to the Aboriginal government and externally for the Parties, public and industry?

Managing the Transition to Self-Government:

Fran Asp – Champagne Aishihik First Nation; Viola Mullet – Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation; Hal Mehaffey—retired, First Nations Negotiator

An examination of how First Nation governments dealt with the expectations of citizens regarding the impact of self-government.

Impact on Federal and Provincial/Territorial Governments:

Michael Hale—Yukon Territorial Government; Alain Grenier – Director, INAC

What has the recognition of self-government meant for the provinces/territories and Canada in terms of policy changes, challenges and systemic barriers? How can the parties work together more effectively to ensure that structural issues within Government do not impact the ability of the parties to resolve issues and move forward on self-government matters?

Aboriginal Public Government:

Joe Ohokannoak and Alastair Campbell - Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

A look at the challenges and progress that has been made; where public government was created as part of the treaty process rather than stand alone self-government. What lessons can be learned and are there parallels with self-government.

12:15pm – 1:15pm **Lunch and Networking**

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1:15pm – 2:30pm

Plenary Session: Building Fiscal Capacity

Chief Joe Linklater—Vuntut Gwitchin Government; Stephen Gagnon—Director General, INAC; Perry Billingsley – Director General, INAC; Government of Yukon

Self-government financing is one of the most consistent and often contentious issue facing the parties. How can the parties work together to create a more effective process to deal with the fiscal architecture of First Nation and Inuit Self-government financing?

2:45pm – 4:00pm

Breakout Sessions

Growing Revenue: Justin Ferbey – Carcross/Tagish First Nation; Andy Gaule - CanNor; Yukon Department of Finance

How can First Nation and Inuit governments more effectively access revenue streams outside of the financial transfer process and are the policies of the Parties supporting First Nation and Inuit government revenue growth?

Relationship with Industry: James Eetoolook, A/President, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated; Jim Harper—Legal Counsel, Yukon First Nations; Yukon Department of Energy, Mines and Resources

How do First Nation and Inuit governments build effective relationships with industry to ensure long-term benefits and build their economies while maintaining other interests?

Accessing Financing Solutions:

First Nation Finance Authority - Dr. Tim Raybould

What are the options for obtaining affordable, stable financing when dealing with large infrastructure projects or making other large investments in upgrading their ability to effectively provide programs and services to citizens/members?

Managing Expectations: Stephen Gagnon—Director General, INAC; Leslie McCullough—ADM, Yukon Department of Justice; Yukon First Nations; Mary Jane Jim-Cant – former Assembly of First Nations Yukon Regional Chief

Each of the Parties may have had a different idea of what the agreements mean for their government, and different expectations of how the other governments should act in relation to the agreements. How can the parties work together to deal with these expectations and find solutions where the expectations are inconsistent?

Self-government and Circumpolar Issues: Cindy Dickson, Terry Fenge and Erika Rosenthal—Arctic Athabaskan Council; Norma Kassi – Gwich'in Steering Committee

Decisions made internationally are increasingly important in influencing the welfare and well-being of northern Indigenous peoples and the agenda of self-government. Self-government institutions will need to help First Nation citizens adapt to the impacts of climate change, and persuade others in North America and around the globe to reduce emissions of the global warming pollutants that cause climate change.

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Cultural Night

A celebration of Yukon First Nation performers and a traditional feast, hosted by Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and held at **Deep Creek Centre** on their Settlement Lands

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

8:30am – 8:45am	Continental Breakfast Opening Song: Gary Johnson, Carcross/Tagish First Nation
8:45am – 9:30am	Opening Comments – Reports from Wednesday Breakout Sessions
9:30am – 10:00am	Keynote Address: The importance of the success of self-government to the North. Yukon Premier Dennis Fentie
10:00am – 10:30am	Keynote Address: International Perspectives Dr. Xavier Albo - consultant for the Bolivian Ministry of Autonomy A look at Plurinationalism and Autonomy in Bolivia.
10:45am – 12:00pm	Plenary Session: Maintaining focus after effective day James Harper – Legal Counsel, Yukon First Nations; Brian McGuigan—Negotiator; Karyn Armour—ADM, Yukon Executive Council Office; Alain Grenier—Director INAC How can the Parties work together to ensure implementation of self-government receives the level of political focus needed to ensure issues can be resolved and progress can be maintained?
12:00pm – 12:45pm	Lunch
12:45pm – 1:45pm	Plenary Session: Improving Intergovernmental Relationships Grand Chief Ruth Massie – Council for Yukon First Nations; James Eetoolook, A/President, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated; Larry Bagnell—MP, Yukon; Tony Penikett – Former Yukon Premier Moving forward, how can government-to-government relationships be strengthened? Are there examples that can be adapted that allow for a stronger, more effective relationship where issues can be identified and addressed?
1:45pm – 2:15pm	Closing address: Regional Chief Eric Morris – Assembly of First Nations, Yukon
2:15pm	Closing Prayer: Elder, Robert Lee Jackson – Teslin Tlingit Council
2:30pm	Conference Adjourned