

# Summary Report

## Joint Gathering 2012

**February 7-10, 2012**

Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle Downtown, 1128 West Hastings Street, Vancouver



First Nations Summit



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# Executive Summary

The *Joint Gathering 2012*, a meeting of BC First Nations and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) leadership, was held on February 7-10, 2012 in Vancouver, BC. The meeting re-invigorated a long-standing BC Region commitment to joint discussion and action on issues of common interest to BC First Nations. It followed from previous engagement forums that over the past decade included the *Joint Planning and Policy Development Forum* and the *Quality of Life Table*.

The *Joint Gathering 2012* was designed to build on the quality work already underway by First Nations communities, organizations, and government, and to increase awareness and enthusiasm for opportunities in the coming years. The event was jointly supported by AANDC BC Region and the BC First Nations Leadership Council, which is made up of the BC Assembly of First Nations (AFN), the First Nations Summit and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC).

This *Joint Gathering* was held on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people from the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. The four day event included a dinner reception on February 7<sup>th</sup>, three leadership panels on February 8<sup>th</sup>, fourteen dialogue sessions on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, and a tradeshow. At the dinner, a cultural welcome was given by the three Coast Salish First Nations: Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh.



The purpose of this Summary Report is to provide an overview of the objectives, structure, dialogue, and evaluation feedback from the *Joint Gathering 2012*. The report will also inform any post-*Joint Gathering 2012* recommendations.

The objectives of the *Joint Gathering 2012* were to:

- Provide First Nation participants with opportunities to meet and network with government officials;
- Build new relationships through the sharing of pertinent information;
- Build increased knowledge and awareness of topics of interest through workshops and plenary sessions; and
- Present First Nation participants with an opportunity to provide recommendations to government for improved ways forward.

The *Joint Gathering 2012* was targeted to First Nations leaders and administrators, and government officials and leaders. AANDC BC Region provided funding to support event costs and travel and accommodation for two delegates from each BC First Nation.

In total, 104 BC First Nations were represented over the course of the event. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, 160 participants attended; 110 from First Nations. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 183 participants attended; 124 from First Nations. Other attendees included federal and provincial government officials, dialogue session moderators, tradeshow vendors, and support personnel.

The event evaluation found that 82% of participants had their expectations met, and 75% stated that relationships had been built between government and First Nations participants through the sharing of relevant information.

Overall, the *Joint Gathering 2012* was a significant demonstration of the strength of partnerships between First Nations and AANDC. It was an important advancement in the on-going dialogue between BC First Nations, the First Nations Leadership Council, AANDC, and other government organizations. The First Nations Leadership Council and AANDC BC Region will create an Action Plan that will outline mutually agreed upon objectives and activities reflective of the *Joint Gathering 2012*'s panel and dialogue sessions.



# Evaluation Summary Highlights

Based on the high attendance from First Nations communities and their comments, the *Joint Gathering 2012* was a successful part of an ongoing dialogue between First Nations and government officials. There were 147 evaluation forms collected; 101 were completed by First Nations participants.



The panels were a key draw for First Nations, as evidenced by the large turnout on February 8<sup>th</sup>. In particular, some First Nation participants said they don't normally attend these types of events but found it useful and would likely attend in the future if held.

The dialogue sessions were also well attended by First Nation participants; they indicated that the number and types of subjects presented were of keen interest to them. Most also felt that the information provided was useful. However, feedback also indicated that a few sessions were too long on providing information out, and too short on time for meaningful dialogue amongst participants.

The *Joint Gathering 2012* provided opportunities for networking. Many participants noted the value of their informal meetings and conversations with other community representatives and government officials as a means of establishing or enhancing relationships, and discussing ongoing or future policies, programs, or initiatives.

Evaluation form feedback from the First Nations participants indicated that:

- Overall, 82% had their expectations met
- 73% had opportunities to meet and network with government officials
- 75% stated that relationships had been built between government and First Nations participants through the sharing of pertinent information
- 87% believed that their knowledge and awareness increased on topics presented at the plenary and dialogue sessions
- 74% believed that the sessions allowed them to provide recommendations to the government

Based on the evaluation forms, participants would like the following topics to be presented at a future Joint Gathering-type event:

- Capacity development opportunities and community planning strategies
- Social issues including health, affordable housing, children and families
- Financial information (including *Financial Administration Act*, *Taxation Act*, and First Nation funding information and revenue allocation)

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE BURNS LAKE TRAGEDY

An important expression of support was made during the plenary for the Burns Lake area communities that were impacted by the January 20<sup>th</sup> tragic sawmill explosion. First Nation representatives from the area thanked *Joint Gathering 2012* participants for their support in their time of crisis. Participants acknowledged the circumstances of the tragedy, and noted that the expressions of support were reflective of First Nations traditions and culture.



## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

On February 9, 2012, Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo provided an opening keynote address. The National Chief commented on the need to build on the momentum gained at the Crown First Nations Gathering. He also noted the importance of improving educational outcomes, reconciling differences between First Nations and other Canadians, and how anxiety and fear should not overrule the impetus for change.

## KEY DIGNITARIES IN ATTENDANCE

The panels and dialogue sessions featured notable speakers from the First Nations Leadership Council, BC First Nations, AANDC and the provincial government, including:

- Grand Chief Edward John – First Nations Summit
- Grand Chief Stewart Phillip – Union of BC Indian Chiefs
- Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould – BC AFN
- Chief Kim Baird – Tsawwassen First Nation
- Chief Councillor Ellis Ross – Haisla Nation



- Deanna Hamilton – President/CEO, First Nations Finance Authority
- Chief Willie Charlie – Sts’ailes Nation
- Gwen Phillips – Ktunaxa Nation Council
- Erralyn Thomas – Youth representative
- Michael Wernick – Deputy Minister, AANDC
- Steve Munro – Deputy Minister, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation
- Gerry Salembier – Assistant Deputy Minister, Western Economic Diversification
- Ron Hallman – Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations, AANDC
- Trish Rosborough – Director, Aboriginal Education, Ministry of Education
- Stuart Gale – Senior Negotiator, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation

## TRADESHOW

There were 13 vendors representing regional First Nation service organizations and government hosted tables at the trade show, including:

- Caring for First Nations Children’s Society
- First Nations Emergency Services Society/Emergency Management BC
- First Nations Social Development Society
- First Nations Technology Council
- First Nations Health Council
- New Relationship Trust
- First Nations Tax Commission
- First Nations Finance Authority
- First Nations Financial Management Board
- Education Information System – AANDC Education Branch-HQ
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada/Pacific Federal Council



# Plenary and Panels



The *Joint Gathering 2012* held three panel sessions with panelists from First Nation, federal and provincial representatives, so that various views on the topics were represented and discussed.

Panels topics:

- Big Picture Overview of the Global Economic and Social Environment;
- Unlocking the Potential of First Nation Economies; and
- First Nations Quality of Life.

Summary of key points raised by panelists and participants (grouped by common themes):

PANEL TOPIC	THEMES	WHAT WAS HEARD
Big Picture Overview of the Global Economic and Social Environment	First Nations' access to lands and resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Strong governance can assist in the exercise of rights and title</li> <li>» Engaging/consulting First Nations is important prior to regulatory change</li> </ul>
	Building First Nations' economies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Partnerships needed for resource development</li> <li>» Asia-Pacific related economic opportunities should be identified</li> <li>» Labour shortages provide opportunities for First Nations youth</li> <li>» People are the greatest resource – education provides an opportunity for advancement</li> <li>» Many in industry recognize that relationships/ partnerships with First Nations are critical</li> <li>» Sustainable development is required</li> <li>» There is a need to move beyond the <i>Indian Act</i> – new initiatives are only part of the solution</li> <li>» Health, safety, and the well-being of First Nation people are paramount</li> </ul>



PANEL TOPIC	THEMES	WHAT WAS HEARD
Big Picture Overview of the Global Economic and Social Environment (continued)	Many differing approaches and views on how to address First Nations' issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» More and immediate investment coupled with an agenda designed by First Nations</li> <li>» Rebuild Canada – a strong economy and resource development can generate the revenue to support new program development</li> </ul>
	Collaborative approach to decision-making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Government respects and recognizes the importance of community driven plans</li> <li>» Overcome the communications gap between First Nations and government to foster trust and respect</li> <li>» New collective approaches will be required to support reallocation of resources to priority areas</li> <li>» There will be challenges, requiring collaboration to achieve collective goals</li> </ul>
Unlocking the Potential of First Nations Economies	Governance structure and tools enable decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Internal community governance reform is required</li> <li>» Jurisdictional options exist – <i>First Nations Land Management Act, First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act</i>, treaties</li> <li>» Infrastructure/land use/resource planning is required</li> <li>» Transparent processes for decision making are required</li> </ul>
	Prepare for economic development opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Access to capital and funding required</li> <li>» Need to be ready to leverage opportunities</li> <li>» Promote small/medium business to key contractors</li> <li>» Improve First Nation partnerships and relationships with government and industry</li> </ul>
	People power, relationships and capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Hiring and developing the right people is important</li> <li>» Need to engage community for a planned vision in a planned direction</li> <li>» Share information with businesses</li> <li>» Enable and allow for government to government relations to evolve</li> </ul>

PANEL TOPIC	THEMES	WHAT WAS HEARD
Quality of Life	First Nations want to shape the support they are receiving from AANDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Program development/funding allocations should be informed by First Nations input</li> <li>» Reform regulations, make policies more adaptive</li> <li>» Consider investment model in place of programs</li> </ul>
	Support for language and culture is required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Share tools/supports amongst First Nations (e.g. mentorships and internships)</li> </ul>
	Challenge for the government – one size does not fit all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Better relationships are required to break down barriers/find creative solutions</li> </ul>
	Foster health and well-being of communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Use community planning as a tool to define success</li> <li>» Strong governance is required for effective decision-making</li> <li>» Capacity development at the community level is required</li> <li>» First Nations should develop their own indicators of well-being</li> <li>» Intergenerational factors still exist related to the Residential School experience</li> </ul>



# Dialogue Sessions

Fourteen dialogue sessions provided an opportunity for participants to engage with federal and provincial officials, as well as regional First Nation service organizations on a wide range of subjects including legislative initiatives, emergency management, employment, education, water strategies, the BC treaty process, land management, community development and economic development.



Many sessions were designed to encourage discussions and solicit comments and suggestions from participants, while some were an opportunity for government and First Nation organizations to share important information and answer participant questions.

The following is a summary of some of the observations and recommendations made during the 14 Dialogue Sessions by participants and presenters:

DIALOGUE SESSION	WHAT WAS HEARD
<b>Moving Towards Employment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» Continue to support Active Measures projects</li><li>» Accessible and sustainable employment is needed</li><li>» Skills development support needed</li><li>» Encourage multi-departmental support</li><li>» Develop an overarching strategy that addresses healing, healthy living, education, employability, training, self-empowerment in both individuals and communities</li><li>» Develop strong committed sustainable partnerships between federal, provincial and business stakeholders</li><li>» Identify and support positive role modeling and strong leadership</li><li>» Consider programs to address historical trauma</li></ul>

DIALOGUE SESSION	WHAT WAS HEARD
Changes to Regulatory Regime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Need to expedite Addition to Reserve (ATR) process and streamline policy work with AANDC HQ, AANDC Regions and the Assembly of First Nations</li> <li>» First Nations and AANDC Regional staff should work together to support a better understanding by First Nations of the ATR process so they can provide information earlier and identify intentions and potential issues</li> <li>» National Aboriginal Land Managers Association (NALMA) ATR Toolkit training is available to First Nations</li> <li>» Need to work together to resolve issues respecting the Agricultural Land Reserve, Aboriginal engagement, and Municipal concerns (including Servicing Agreements)</li> <li>» The land designation process takes too long</li> <li>» NALMA should continue to work with First Nations to develop a Designation Toolkit</li> <li>» First Nations should consider the First Nations Land Management Act (FNLMA) as a means to modernize land management</li> </ul>
Legislative Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» First Nations need more information on legislative initiatives including timing, next steps, impacts and options, throughout the legislative process (before introduction and once passed)</li> <li>» Examples of current pertinent legislation include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› <i>Family Homes on Reserve and Matrimonial Interests (Bill S-2)</i></li> <li>› <i>First Nations Financial Transparency Act (Bill C-27)</i></li> <li>› <i>First Nations Election Act (Bill S-6)</i></li> <li>› <i>Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act (Bill C-3)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Emergency Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Continue to engage and promote training provided by Emergency Management BC and/or First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS)</li> <li>» Continue to make training and seasonal preparedness and emergency management awareness sessions available to First Nation communities</li> <li>» Continued dialogue and collaboration with First Nation communities on Emergency Management planning/preparedness activities (training, plans, projects, exercising, etc.)</li> <li>» Tsunami preparedness projects needed for coastal First Nations</li> <li>» Encourage partnerships between First Nations and neighbouring municipalities and local authorities</li> <li>» Continue support for Webinar/video conference technology</li> <li>» Training for remote communities in communications technologies like amateur radio is important</li> </ul>

DIALOGUE SESSION	WHAT WAS HEARD
<b>Educational Framework</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» This was an information session hosted by AANDC, First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and the BC Ministry of Education to provide participants with an overview of the Tripartite Education Framework Agreement (TEFA) initiative</li> <li>» AANDC, FNESC and BC Ministry of Education should continue to share information as implementation of TEFA continues</li> <li>» For more information on TEFA visit: <a href="http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1327671439967">www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1327671439967</a></li> </ul>
<b>Water Strategy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Jurisdictional coordination should be improved</li> <li>» AANDC should work more closely with regulatory agencies</li> <li>» AANDC should follow the 2006 <i>Report of the Expert Panel on Safe Drinking Water for First Nations</i> recommendations</li> <li>» First Nations need adequate resources to comply with any new water legislation</li> <li>» Water strategies cannot take a one size fits all approach</li> <li>» AANDC should continue to advise First Nations of the various AANDC water strategy support programs</li> <li>» Review program delivery to ensure resource use is maximized and appropriate</li> <li>» Continue to focus on reducing the number of high risk systems and capacity building</li> <li>» AANDC should to continue to consider economic development opportunities when reviewing and funding water systems as they are core to developing community economies</li> <li>» AANDC and First Nation Leadership Council should establish a committee that will work together on multi-jurisdictional issues</li> </ul>





DIALOGUE SESSION	WHAT WAS HEARD
<b>Building AANDC BC Region Service Standards from First Nations' Perspectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» A new BC Region Service Model with clear service standards is needed</li> <li>» Training is needed for First Nations on how to fill in reports, especially where funding is impacted by reporting (e.g. Capital)</li> <li>» First Nations need easy access to electronic forms and report due dates</li> <li>» Community visits to support training needs to be more responsive to First Nation needs</li> <li>» First Nations need up-to-date lists of AANDC front-line staff, their role and contact information</li> <li>» First Nations need time frames for community visits from AANDC so they can plan</li> </ul>
<b>BC Treaties: Opportunities and Challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Land needs to be protected for negotiation</li> <li>» Early engagement of local governments is required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Continue to fund intergovernmental Treaty Related Measures involving local government</li> </ul> </li> <li>» Constant engagement of community members is required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Continue to fund Treaty Related Measures projects for this purpose</li> </ul> </li> <li>» Treaties and Aboriginal Government-Negotiations West (TAG-NW) is working with the Province of BC in three areas of incremental treaty stewardship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Ownership</li> <li>› Strategic Engagement Agreements and Interim Treaty Agreements</li> <li>› Land for negotiation</li> </ul> </li> <li>» Capacity building is needed and can be done through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› comprehensive community planning (CCP) over all territory, not just reserves</li> <li>› building components of governance through funding Treaty Related Measures projects such as governance models, constitutions and institutions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>





DIALOGUE SESSION	WHAT WAS HEARD
<b>Environmental Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» AANDC should establish a working group across program areas (lands, economic development, infrastructure) to support community-based environmental management</li> <li>» Develop best practices to address waste management</li> <li>» Develop a strategy to address environmental protection and prevention of unauthorized waste disposal including enforcement, monitoring, education, funding for planning, implementation and capacity</li> <li>» Use the Aboriginal Environmental Compliance Fund (AECF) for community-led environmental management initiatives</li> <li>» Complete interim implementation strategy and an engagement process for the Indian Reserve Waste Disposal Strategy</li> <li>» Deliver Environmental Learning Regime (ELR) sessions focussing on waste management</li> <li>» Determine capacity needs and develop training strategies using an integrated approach</li> <li>» AANDC and First Nations should work together to address waste management including holding contractors accountable and funding/ implementing land use planning</li> </ul>
<b>BC Housing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Need to reinvigorate implementation of MOU and raise First Nations' awareness of the MOU</li> <li>» First Nations need to be able to access skills training by BC Housing and considered for demonstration projects</li> <li>» Temporary off-reserve housing and student accommodation issues should be addressed in the longer term strategy for on-off-reserve transition</li> <li>» Need reliable and accurate housing data to measure progress</li> <li>» AANDC should continue to review the housing program and looking at other models to support First Nations housing needs</li> <li>» AANDC Shelter Allowance (SA) policy review should be finalized before SA program reviews occur</li> <li>» SA Working Group (AANDC BC Region/Union of BC Indian Chiefs) should continue discussions</li> </ul>

DIALOGUE SESSION	WHAT WAS HEARD
Land Management Continuum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» First Nations want more information on AANDC land use planning initiatives and funding</li> <li>» First Nations are interested in utilizing the <i>First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act</i> (FNCIDA) for smaller scale projects</li> <li>» First Nations need clarity about land status so they can communicate effectively with their members</li> <li>» First Nations want to know more about the <i>First Nation Lands Management Act</i> (FNLMA) and how to improve their chances of entering the program</li> </ul>
Economic Development Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Should link land use plans with economic development</li> <li>» First Nation communities need resources to develop comprehensive land use plans</li> <li>» Need to build capacity within First Nation communities so they are able to engage in economic development</li> <li>» First Nation economic development officers need to be able to access training</li> </ul>
BC Fire Protection Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Should establish community fire protection by-laws</li> <li>» Barriers to obtaining home insurance include: the use of non-standard (CSA-approved) wood stoves; the aging housing stock on-reserve; inadequate maintenance of homes; and poor maintenance of fire hydrants</li> <li>» Poor home construction practices create fire hazards</li> <li>» Should increase energy efficiency in homes</li> <li>» Regular home fire inspections should be conducted by community fire departments, operation and maintenance workers or community volunteers</li> <li>» Enforcing fire safety inspections on Certificate of Possession holders is an issue</li> <li>» Should establish community-based fire prevention working groups to keep fire safety at the forefront</li> <li>» Encourage fire prevention programs in schools and promote fire safety with "Kids Day"</li> <li>» Encourage community exchanges and sharing of best practices</li> <li>» Difficult to recruit and maintain volunteers – should recognize volunteer firefighters</li> <li>» Improving fire suppression infrastructure is critical especially in remote communities</li> <li>» Small communities do not have enough capacity to deal with broad and complex issues relating to fire protection</li> <li>» Establish safe refuge sites for remote communities</li> </ul>

DIALOGUE SESSION	WHAT WAS HEARD
<b>Redesigning the Way AANDC BC Region Supports Community-led Development: A Dialogue on New Directions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Identify governance and capacity development training opportunities</li> <li>» Low capacity communities need special and unique support for governance and capacity development</li> <li>» Develop a Community Development resource library for First Nations</li> <li>» AANDC should review existing program authorities and structure for flexibility</li> <li>» Support First Nation to First Nation mentorship and sharing of best practices between communities</li> <li>» First Nations should develop their own performance indicators and define a "successful community"</li> <li>» Work with Health Canada to explore ways to support community healing</li> <li>» Identify leadership development opportunities for First Nations with Aboriginal Financial Officers Association, the Assembly of First Nations and other associations</li> <li>» Encourage cross-departmental collaboration to support community development partnerships, team and pilot projects</li> <li>» Continue to support comprehensive community planning (CCP) activities (workshops and First Nation-to-First Nation learning)</li> </ul>



# Next Steps

- AANDC BC Region and the First Nations Leadership Council have committed to developing an Action Plan that will outline mutually agreed upon actions and next steps based on what was heard during the *Joint Gathering 2012*'s panel and dialogue sessions.
- Based on feedback from *Joint Gathering 2012*, AANDC BC Region and the First Nations Leadership Council will plan for future dialogue between BC First Nations, the First Nations Leadership Council, AANDC, and other government organizations.



# Annex: Joint Gathering 2012 Agenda

## Joint Gathering 2012

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### Agenda

#### Goal

This gathering is designed to build on the quality work already being done by First Nations communities, organizations, government; and to increase awareness and enthusiasm for opportunities in the coming years. To achieve this, we continue to share a joint commitment to mutual respect and to real progress for communities.

#### What will success look like?

- ▶ First Nations participants will have taken advantage of the opportunities to meet and network with government officials.
- ▶ New relationships will have been built between government and First Nation participants through the sharing of pertinent information.
- ▶ There will be increased knowledge and awareness of topics of interest through workshops and plenary sessions.
- ▶ First Nation participants will have provided recommendations to government for improved ways forward.

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### Day 1 – Tuesday, February 7, 2012

#### 5:30 – 8:00 Evening Reception and Registration

Celebrate First Nation culture, network, meet people informally and prepare for tomorrow's learning and discussions. Dinner and beverages will be available throughout the evening.

- ▶ **Cultural Celebration and Welcome** - Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations - Elders and Chiefs/Councillors/Representatives
- ▶ **Welcome** - Eric Magnuson, RDG, AANDC

#### Trade Show Exhibitors – February 9-10, 2012

- ▶ Caring for First Nations Children's Society
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\*Agenda subject to change

# Day 2 – Wednesday, February 8, 2012

## Open Plenary - Leadership

**7:30 – 8:30 Registration and Hot Buffet Breakfast**

**8:30 – 9:00 Opening Prayer and Welcome**

The session is an opportunity to meet leaders within government and the First Nation communities and to:

- ▶ discuss issues of mutual interest; and
- ▶ provide ideas on how governments and all of us can work together better and grasp the opportunities that will improve the lives of First Nations in BC.

PRESENTERS: Dan George, Emcee  
Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations - Elders and Chiefs/Councillors/Representatives

### Plan for the Day

The Facilitator introduces the day and explains how the day will unfold. Each panel sets the stage for discussion and then opportunity for First Nation leaders to dialogue, ask questions and talk about their issues and their solutions (*as related to their topic*).

**9:00 – 10:30 Moderated Panel and Audience Questions #1**

### Big Picture Overview of the Global Economic and Social Environment

- ▶ What trends and opportunities will impact Canada and British Columbia over the next 4-5 years, and how can BC First Nations be positioned to capture those benefits and opportunities?
- ▶ What conditions need to be in place for First Nations and Government to work effectively and efficiently together?
- ▶ In your experience, what has worked 'on-the-ground'?
- ▶ What do successful collaborations look like?
- ▶ What special considerations, if any, do First Nation communities in remote or special access areas need to be successful?

PRESENTERS: Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould, BCAFN  
Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, UBCIC  
Grand Chief Ed John, FNS  
Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister, AANDC  
Steve Munro Deputy Minister, MARR, BC

**10:30 – 11:00 Networking Break**

**11:00 – 12:30 Moderated Panel and Audience Questions #2**

### Unlocking Potential of First Nation Economies

- ▶ In terms of economic development where do the greatest opportunities exist?
- ▶ What are key elements of healthy relationships?
- ▶ What are the greatest hurdles we need to overcome? What are suggestions to overcome noted improvement areas?

- ▶ From a First Nation perspective, what do you need to be successful? What do your people expect from economic development on their lands?
- ▶ From a Government perspective, how can you improve collaboration with First Nations?
- ▶ What are the keys to respectful participation in major projects and resource development partnerships?

PRESENTERS: Chief Kim Baird, Tsawwassen First Nation  
Chief Ellis Ross, Haisla First Nation  
Andrew Beynon, DG, AANDC  
Gerry Salembier, ADM, Western Economic Diversification  
Deanna Hamilton, President/CEO, First Nations Finance Authority

**12:30 – 1:30 Lunch and Networking**

**1:30 – 3:00 Moderated Panel and Audience Questions #3**

### First Nations Quality of Life

- ▶ Traditionally, how did First Nations ensure the whole community was taken care of, that no one was left behind?
- ▶ What conditions need to exist for a community to be deemed 'healthy and prosperous'?
- ▶ In what ways could we create multiple entry points for First Nations to access employment? Education? Skills and training?
- ▶ If we were successful in our shared work, what would success look like?
- ▶ What needs to change to improve governance and community development?
- ▶ How can communities develop strong capacities to prepare for and respond to emergencies?

PRESENTERS: Chief Willie Charlie, Sts'ailes Nation  
Gwen Phillips, Ktunaxa Nation Council  
Erralyn Thomas, Youth Representative  
Sheilagh Murphy, DG, AANDC  
Ron Hallman, Senior ADM, AANDC

**3:00 – 3:30 Networking Break**

**3:30 – 4:30 Closing**

### Summary – Next Steps & Closing

PRESENTER: Dan George, Emcee

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## Day 3 – Thursday, February 9, 2012

### Administrators & Portfolio Holders

**7:30 – 8:30 Registration and Hot Buffet Breakfast**

**8:30 – 8:45 Opening in Plenary**

#### Introduction, Summary from the Panels and Process Explanation

There will be four Dialogue Sessions occurring concurrently, some are 1.5 hours and others are 1.25 hours. There will be two session blocks in the morning and two in the afternoon.

PRESENTER: Dan George, Emcee

**8:45 – 9:20 Keynote Address**

National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo, AFN

► Questions and Answers

**9:30 – 10:45 Dialogue Sessions**

#### Changes to the Regulatory Regime ..... Pinnacle I

Review of the Additions to Reserve process and policy currently underway.

PRESENTER: Sheila Craig, AANDC

#### Legislative Initiatives ..... Pinnacle II

Information on current legislative initiatives: Matrimonial Real Property, Electoral Reform, the Financial Transparency Acts and the Exploratory Process on Membership.

PRESENTERS: Line Paré, DG, AANDC  
Brenda Kustra, DG, AANDC

#### Emergency Management ..... Pinnacle III

- "Working Together to Prepare for Emergencies"
- Agency roles and responsibilities
- Personal and family preparedness
- Community preparedness
- What to do when a disaster occurs

PRESENTERS: Heli Aatelma, AANDC  
David Tomaz, EMBC, BC  
Marc D'Aquino, FNESS

#### Moving Towards Employment ..... Shaughnessy

- "Active Measures" to increase education, health, training and employability
- Review of Active Measures successes to date and an overview of the goals for the future

PRESENTERS: Nene Kraneveldt, First Nations Social Dev. Society  
Sheilagh Murphy, DG, AANDC  
Andy Butler, AANDC

**10:45 – 11:15 Break and Networking**

**11:15 – 12:30 Dialogue Sessions**

#### Educational Framework ..... Pinnacle I

Presentation on the BC Tri-partite Education Framework Agreement

PRESENTERS: Heather Lawrence, AANDC  
Deborah Jeffrey, First Nation Education Steering Committee  
Trish Rosborough, Director MoE, BC

#### Legislative Initiatives ..... Pinnacle II

*\*Repeat session*

#### Water Strategies ..... Pinnacle III

This session will engage participants in a dialogue on using Operational Excellence to support safe drinking water and the protection of public health in First Nations communities. A short summary of National Assessment results will be followed by an interactive discussion and question/answer session.

PRESENTERS: Gail Mitchell, DG, AANDC  
Ted Molyneux, AANDC

#### Building AANDC BC Region Service Standards from First Nations' Perspectives ..... Shaughnessy

This session will seek First Nations input on: supports needed to implement programs and policies locally; desired service standards; ways to improve service; and experiences in receiving and delivering service.

PRESENTER: Vickie Whitehead, AANDC

**12:30 – 1:30 Lunch**

**1:30 – 2:45 Dialogue Sessions**

#### Educational Framework ..... Pinnacle I

*\*Repeat session*

#### BC Treaties: Opportunities and Challenges ..... Pinnacle II

This dialogue session covers the opportunities and challenges of negotiating treaties in BC, in the overall context of promoting First Nation community development and economic prosperity.

PRESENTERS: Frank Osendarp, CFN, AANDC  
Stuart Gale, Sr. Negotiator, MARR, BC  
First Nations Summit Representative (tbc)

#### Environmental Management ..... Pinnacle III

- Engagement with First Nations on how to improve environmental stewardship on reserve.
- Recommendations for the improvement of natural resources.

PRESENTERS: Lisa Webster-Gibson, AANDC  
John Alexis, AANDC

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**BC Housing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)..... Shaugnessy**

Overview of the Tripartite First Nations Housing MoU, including work achieved to date by the Housing MoU Technical Committee.

PRESENTERS: Juanita Berkhout, MARR, BC  
Karen Ramsey Kline, MARR, BC  
Line Gullison, CMHC  
Heather Leong, AANDC

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**2:45 – 3:15 Break and Networking**

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**3:15 – 4:30 Dialogue Sessions**

**Land Management Continuum..... Pinnacle I**

- ▶ First Nations Land Management (FNLN) and Reserve Land and Environment Management Program (RLEMP)

PRESENTERS: Sheryl Yoner, AANDC  
Lise Steele, We Wai Kai Nation/Cape Mudge Band

**Economic Development Update..... Pinnacle II**

Update on program re-design, focus on Land Use Planning, and information out on Strategic Partnership Initiative.

PRESENTER: Ken McDonald, AANDC

**BC Region Fire Protection Strategies ..... Pinnacle III**

This dialogue session will engage participants on fire protection awareness in their communities and seek suggestions and direction on possible strategies to address fire protection issues. This session will use draft fire protection strategies as a reference to engage in interactive discussion.

PRESENTER: Gerry Grunau, AANDC

**Redesigning the Way AANDC BC Region Supports Community-led Development: A Dialogue on New Directions ..... Shaugnessy**

- ▶ A discussion on how AANDC BC Region can most effectively support Community-led Development (social, economic, environmental, and cultural development).
- ▶ Seeking First Nations' insights and experience to guide the role of AANDC in supporting communities at different stages of development and capacity.

PRESENTER: Bill Guerin, AANDC

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**4:30 Session Ends**

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## Day 4 – Friday, February 10, 2012

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**7:30 – 8:30 Registration and Hot Buffet Breakfast**

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**8:30 – 9:00 Opening in Plenary**

Introduction and Process for the morning

PRESENTER: Dan George, Emcee

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**9:00 – 10:15 Dialogue Sessions**

**Land Management Continuum..... Pinnacle I**

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**Moving Towards Employment..... Pinnacle II**

*\*Repeat session*

**Emergency Management ..... Pinnacle III**

*\*Repeat session*

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**New Directions ..... Shaugnessy**

*\*Repeat session*

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**10:15 - 10:45 Break**

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**10:45 - 11:45 Summary and Process Going Forward**

PRESENTERS: Dan George, Emcee  
First Nation Leader(s) (tbc)  
Eric Magnuson, RDG, AANDC

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**11:45 - 12:00 Wind Up and Farewell**

**Closing Prayer and Farewell**

PRESENTERS: Dan George, Emcee  
Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations - Elders and Chiefs/Councillors/Representatives