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# BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Chiefs Assembly

March 8 & 9, 2018

Ramada Inn, 444 George Street, Prince George, BC

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## FINAL NOTICE

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To:	All BC Chiefs and Delegates	Date:	March 3, 2018
From:	Regional Chief Terry Teegee	Pages:	<b>10</b>
RE:	<b>BCAFN 14<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY</b>		

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The BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) will be hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> Special Chiefs Assembly on March 8 -9, 2018 on the Territory of Lheidli-T'enneh in Prince George, BC at the Ramada Inn, 444 George Street. The Special Chiefs Assembly is a duly convened political meeting where BCAFN membership may determine the mandate and direction of the BCAFN. Please see draft agenda of the meeting.

**Date:** Thursday March 8th and Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**Location:** Ramada Inn, Prince George, BC  
**Meeting Time:** 8:30 – 4:30 each day (breakfast and lunch provided)

All inquiries, letters of proxy and registrations can be forwarded to the BCAFN Staff, Curtis Bedwell at [Curtis.bedwell@bcafn.ca](mailto:Curtis.bedwell@bcafn.ca)

### **NOTICE ATTACHMENTS:**

**Registration form:** To register, please complete and submit the attached registration form to BCAFN Policy Analyst Curtis Bedwell.

**Proxy letter:** We have attached our proxy template should you not be able to attend this meeting. If you have not completed a proxy form, please bring the completed proxy form to the Special Chiefs Assembly.

**Travel and Accommodation Notice:** Travel and accommodation expenses will be provided for BC Chiefs or Chiefs' proxy to attend this Special Chiefs Assembly. A block of rooms are reserved at Ramada Inn.

Please book early to ensure availability and to access the conference rate. Guests are encouraged to book directly by calling 1-250-563-0055, toll free at 1-800-830-8833 or by email [reservations@ramadaprincedgeorge.com](mailto:reservations@ramadaprincedgeorge.com). Please mention the group name BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS or group code CGPG\_0238 to receive the special rate. You will need to provide credit card information to reserve the room.

Additional rooms are allocated at:

- Coast Inn of the North, 1-250-563-0121
- Four Points by Sheraton, 1-250-564-7100
- Treasure Cove, 1-250-561-2421

When calling, please be sure to identify the group name BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS to secure the special rate.

***Notice of Resolutions:*** Please use the included resolution template and **submit to our Senior Policy Advisor, Maureen Buchan, via email: [maureen.buchan@bcfn.ca](mailto:maureen.buchan@bcfn.ca)** Emergency Resolutions will only be accepted until noon of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

***First Nations Energy and Mining Council – Environmental Assessment Revitalization Regional Workshop:*** will be held in Prince George on March 7, 2018 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., \$500 travel costs for up to 2 participants. See attached for more information or at <http://fnemc.ca/2018/02/07/environmental-assessment-revitalization-regional-workshops-2018/>

Sincerely,



BCAFN Regional Chief Terry Teegee



**BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS**  
**14<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY**  
**March 8-9, 2018**

Ramada Inn, 444 George Street, Lheidli-T'enneh Territory, Prince George, BC

WIFI Network and Password: bcafnsca2018

– DRAFT AGENDA –

<b>DAY ONE – March 8</b>		<i>Chairperson: David Luggi</i>
<b>8:00 – 9:00</b>	<b>BREAKFAST &amp; REGISTRATION</b>	
<b>9:00 – 9:20</b>	<b>OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative from Lheidli-T'enneh</li> <li>• BCAFN Elders Gwen Point &amp; Robert Joseph</li> </ul>	
<b>9:20 – 9:30</b>	<b>OVERVIEW OF SCA OBJECTIVES AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</b>	
<b>9:30 – 9:45</b>	<b>ADDRESS FROM BCAFN REGIONAL CHIEF TERRY TEEGEE</b>	
<b>9:45 – 10:30</b>	<b>BCAFN GOVERNANCE OPTIONS LEGAL REVIEW: BCAFN CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Susan Miller, Chair of BCAFN Governance Committee</li> <li>• Darren Haines, Associate, Ratcliff &amp; Co. LLP</li> </ul>	
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	
<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>	<b>REPORT FROM BCAFN BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Councillor Charles Morven, Nisga'a Lisims</li> <li>• Chief Susan Miller, Katzie First Nation</li> <li>• Chief Harvey McLeod, Upper Nicola Indian Band</li> </ul>	
<b>11:15 - 11:30</b>	<b>UPDATE ON BCAFN SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND BCAFN-BCBC CHAMPIONS TABLE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Chief Terry Teegee</li> <li>• Greg D'Avignon, BC Business Council President</li> </ul>	
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>ADDRESS FROM MINISTER CAROLYN BENNETT, DEPARTMENT OF CROWN-INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA</b>	
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>1:00 – 1:45</b>	<b>ADDRESS FROM AFN NATIONAL CHIEF PERRY BELLEGARDE</b>	
<b>1:45 – 2:15</b>	<b>REPORT FROM BCAFN YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angela Charlie, BCAFN Female Youth Representative</li> </ul>	
<b>2:15 – 3:00</b>	<b>REPORT ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Bob Chamberlin, UBCIC Representative on the Tripartite Working Group on Children and Families</li> <li>• Regional Chief Terry Teegee, BCAFN Representative on the Tripartite Working Group on Children and Families</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allison Bond, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Children and Family Development</li> </ul>
<b>3:00 – 3:30</b>	<b>INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Peoples Cultural Council Representative</li> <li>Kukp7i Ron Ignace, BC Representative on AFN Chiefs Committee on Indigenous Languages</li> </ul>
<b>3:30 – 4:00</b>	<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>
<b>4:00</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
<b>6:00 – 9:00</b>	<b>DINNER AND HONOURING – HOSTED/SPONSORED BY Carrier Sekani Family Services, Carrier Sekani Tribal Council and Takla Lake First Nation. Location: Ramada Hotel, Prince George.</b>

<b>DAY TWO – March 9</b>		<i>Chairperson: David Luggi</i>
<b>8:00 – 9:00</b>	<b>BREAKFAST &amp; REGISTRATION</b>	
<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	<b>OPENING PRAYER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BCAFN Elders Gwen Point &amp; Robert Joseph</li> </ul>	
<b>9:15 – 10:00</b>	<b>UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL JUSTICE PORTFOLIO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Chief Terry Teegee</li> </ul>	
<b>10:00– 10:30</b>	<b>NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Marion Buller</li> </ul>	
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	
<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BC Minister George Heyman, Environment and Climate Change</li> <li>Regional Chief Terry Teegee</li> </ul>	
<b>11:15 – 11:30</b>	<b>FORESTRY POLICY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BC Minister Doug Donaldson, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Resource Operations and Rural Development</li> <li>Regional Chief Terry Teegee</li> <li>Keith Atkinson, CEO, First Nations Forestry Council</li> </ul>	
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIGENOUS WOMEN’S DRAFT DECLARATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deb Hanuse</li> <li>Angela Charlie</li> </ul>	
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>1:00 – 2:00</b>	<b>LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF CANNABIS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BC Minister Mike Farnworth, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General</li> <li>Federal Government representative (<i>tbc</i>)</li> </ul>	
<b>2:00 – 2:15</b>	<b>NATIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSION</b>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional Chief Terry Teegee and Chief Dalton Silver</li></ul>
<b>2:15 – 2:30</b>	<b>FIRST NATIONS FISHERIES COUNCIL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jordan Point, CEO, First Nations Fisheries Council</li></ul>
<b>2:30 – 3:00</b>	<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>
<b>3:00 – 3:15</b>	<b>CLOSING COMMENTS FROM BCAFN REGIONAL CHIEF TERRY TEEGEE</b>
<b>3:15</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>



## REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name:		First Name:	
Title/Job Title:			
First Nation/Organization:			
Street Address:			
City:		Postal Code:	
Phone:	Fax:	Cell:	
Email:			

<b>Registration Type:</b>	Chief	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	Elder Observer	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0
	Proxy Holder	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	Student Observer (ID Req'd)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0
	Participatory Representative*	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	Observer**	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150

\* Participatory Representatives include those who

- a. Holds office either as a hereditary Chief, traditional leader of a member First Nation, Grand Chief, head of a First Nation provincial/territorial political organization, or head of a tribal council and as such may speak on any Agenda item;
- b. Is the head of a Treaty group or a First Nation organization or association with which the BC Assembly of First Nations has entered into a written protocol that allows for invitations to be extended to such persons to attend and be permitted to speak at Assemblies on specific issues, as authorized by the protocol;
- c. Is a member of the BCAFN Board of Directors pursuant to the Society's Constitution and Bylaws and Policy and Procedures Manual; or
- d. Is a Committee Representative pursuant to the Society's Constitution and Bylaws and Policy and Procedures Manual.

\*\*Any person who is ineligible to register as a Chief, Proxy Holder, Participatory Representative, Elder or Student Observer may apply to register as an Observer.

**Registration Deadline: Friday, February 23rd, 2018.**



**SAMPLE LETTER OF PROXY**

*TO COMPLETE PROXY LETTER  
INSERT ORIGINAL LETTERHEAD OF COMMUNITY HERE*

(Please advise Proxy holders to keep a photocopy of their proxy letter)

Date:

[Your Address]

ATTENTION: REGISTRATION

**RE: BCAFN 14<sup>th</sup> Special Chiefs Assembly – March 8 & 9, 2018**  
Prince George, BC

I, Chief \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ First  
Nation, do hereby delegate \_\_\_\_\_ to act as a proxy  
and vote on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ First Nation at the BCAFN 14<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Special Chiefs Assembly in Prince George BC on March 8 & 9, 2018.

Regards,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Chief's Signature)

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(Printed Chief's name)



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## CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

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TO: All BC Chiefs  
FROM: BCAFN Office  
DATE: March 8 & 9, 2018– FINAL NOTICE

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**RESOLUTIONS** are the essential mechanism by which First Nations provide mandates and directives to the BC Regional Chief.

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS** will only be accepted until 12:00pm, Thursday March 8, 2018,

**SUBMITTING A RESOLUTION:** Please complete the attached draft resolution template and send by email to Maureen Buchan, Senior Policy Advisor at [maureen.buchan@bcfn.ca](mailto:maureen.buchan@bcfn.ca)







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**BCAFN SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY**  
**Prince George, BC**  
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**Resolution DRAFT/2018**

**SUBJECT:**

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**MOVED BY:**

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**SECONDED BY:**

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**DECISION:**

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**WHEREAS:**

- A.
- B.
- C.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



# ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REVITALIZATION

# Regional Workshops 2018

*Make your voice heard and impact the future of  
environmental assessments in B.C.*

- Terrace February 23rd
- Nanaimo February 27th
- Kamloops March 1st
- Prince George March 7th

- To register & for more info, please email: [Mark.Blom@FNEMC.ca](mailto:Mark.Blom@FNEMC.ca)
- For more info, visit: [FNEMC.ca](http://FNEMC.ca)

**Important Note:**

*We encourage leadership & technicians to participate. A travel subsidy for 1 person to attend 1 workshop is available. Due to year end funding constraints, receipts must be received within 7 days of the event. Travel claim forms will be distributed at the event.*



BC First Nations Energy  
and Mining Council



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