

B.C. Cabinet & First Nations Leaders' Gathering Nov 2025 – Agenda

Monday, November 3, 2025

Time	Session	Room
2:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Delegate Registration	Level 1 Foyer
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	B.C. Chiefs Caucus	Room 109 - 110
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Welcome Reception Hosted by the Business Council of British Columbia and the BC Federation of Labour Welcome: Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish)	Level 3 Summit Foyer

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Time	Session	Room
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open	Level 1 Foyer
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Exhibit Booths Open	Ballroom A
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST	West Ballroom Foyer
8:30 AM – 8:40 AM	Welcome Remarks MCs: Leah George-Wilson and Harold Tarbell Welcome: x̓ʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nation	Ballroom B
8:40 AM – 9:00 AM	Opening Remarks - Huy'wu'qw Shana Thomas (Laxele'wuts'aat), <i>First Nations Summit Political Executive</i> - Regional Chief Terry Teegee, <i>British Columbia Assembly of First Nations</i> - Hon. David Eby, K.C., <i>Premier, Province of British Columbia</i> - Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, ɁaʔsiwɁ, <i>President, Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs</i>	Ballroom B
9:00 AM – 10:50 AM	PLENARY SESSION 1 – Major Project Update	Ballroom B
	- Hon. Bowinn Ma, <i>Minister of Infrastructure</i> - Hon. Ravi Kahlon, <i>Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth</i>	

	- Hon. Tamara Davidson, <i>Minister of Environment and Parks</i> - Hon. Adrian Dix, <i>Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions</i> - Hon. Jagrup Brar, <i>Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals</i>	
10:50 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK – Transition to One-on-One Meetings (<i>refreshments served in Ballroom A</i>)	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS	Multiple Rooms
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	DISCUSSION SESSION 1 – BC Economic and Fiscal Update - Douglas S. Scott, <i>Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance and Secretary to Treasury Board</i>	Ballroom B
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH	Ballroom B
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Please take care: This session will contain information and updates on Residential Schools and Indian Hospitals and may be triggering or distressing. Supports are available. DISCUSSION SESSION 2 – Honouring Ceremony and B.C. First Nations Community-led Indian Residential School Investigations Update - Led by Charlene Belleau, <i>First Nations Liaison, Residential School Investigations Lead</i> - Honourees - Technical Leads, <i>B.C. First Nations Community-led Indian Residential School Investigations Working Group</i>	Ballroom B
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS	Multiple Rooms
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	YOUTH CAUCUS	Room 121/122
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	BREAK (<i>refreshments served in West Ballroom Foyer</i>)	
2:45 PM – 3:30 PM	DISCUSSION SESSION 3 – Declaration Act Action Plan Review	Ballroom B
	- Priscilla Sabbas-Watts, <i>Assistant Deputy Minister, Declaration Act Implementation, Declaration Act Secretariat</i> - Heather Mitchell, <i>Director, Cross-Government Alignment, Declaration Act Secretariat</i>	
3:30 PM – 4:15 PM	DISCUSSION SESSION 4 – B.C. First Nations Data Governance Initiative	Ballroom B
	- Harmony Johnson, <i>B.C. First Nations Regional Information Governance Centre</i>	

	- Pamela Garner, <i>Ulkatcho First Nation</i> - Jehan Casey, <i>First Nations Public Service Secretariat</i> - Nuchahtlaht First Nation	
5:00 PM	END OF DAY	
Wednesday, November 5, 2025		
Time	Session	Room
7:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Registration Open	Level 1 Foyer
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Exhibit Booths Open	Ballroom A
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST	West Ballroom Foyer
8:30 AM – 8:40 AM	Welcome Remarks MCs: Leah George-Wilson and Harold Tarbell Welcome: səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh)	Ballroom B
8:40 AM – 10:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION 2 – A Shared Commitment: Confronting Indigenous-specific racism in our Province	Ballroom B
	- Hon. Niki Sharma, K.C., <i>Attorney General of British Columbia and Deputy Premier</i> - Hon. Spencer Chandra Herbert, <i>Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation</i> - Káwáził Chief Marilyn Slett, <i>Heiltsuk Tribal Council, Secretary-Treasurer, Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs</i> - Hegus John Hackett, <i>Tla'amin Nation</i> - Ihe hiwus yalxwemult Chief Lenora Joe, <i>shíshálh Nation</i> - Regional Chief Terry Teegee, <i>British Columbia Assembly of First Nations</i>	
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	BREAK - Transition to One-on-One Meetings (refreshments served in Ballroom A)	
10:10 AM – 12:30 PM	ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS	Multiple Rooms
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM	DISCUSSION SESSION 5 – Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project – Project Overview and Phase 3 Update	Ballroom B

	- Cloy-e-iis, Dr. Judith Sayers, <i>President, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, Joint Working Group on First Nations Heritage Conservation (JWGFNHC) Co-Chair</i> - Robert Phillips, <i>First Nations Summit Political Executive, JWGFNHC representative</i> - Jillian Rousselle, <i>Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests, Timber and Economics Division, JWGFNHC Co-Chair</i> - Jessica Ruskin, <i>Executive Director, Ministry of Forests, HCA Transformation Project and Forest Landscape Planning Branch, JWGFNHC representative</i> - Elizabeth Scambler, <i>Ministry of Forests, Director of Policy and Legislation, HCA Transformation Project, JWGFNHC representative</i>	
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	LUNCH - Report out from Youth Caucus	Ballroom B
	Closing Remarks - Hon. Spencer Chandra Herbert, <i>Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation</i> - Hugh Braker, <i>First Nations Summit Political Executive</i> - Regional Chief Terry Teegee, <i>British Columbia Assembly of First Nations</i> - Káwáził Chief Marilyn Slett, <i>Secretary-Treasurer, Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs</i>	
1:30 PM – 1:40 PM	Transition to One-on-One Meetings	
1:40 PM – 4:00 PM	ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS	Multiple Rooms
4:00 PM	GATHERING ENDS	