



"If we take care of the land, it will take care of us"

AGENDA

First Nations' National Guardians Gathering 2019

MARCH 12-13, 2019

**PINNACLE HARBOURFRONT HOTEL | BALLROOM
1133 W HASTINGS ST, VANCOUVER, BC**

Note: All times Pacific Time Zone

MONDAY, MARCH 11

16:00-21:00 *REGISTRATION AND GUARDIANS' NETWORKING CIRCLES (INFORMAL)*
LOCATION: PINNACLE HARBOURFRONT HOTEL, 1133 W HASTINGS ST | FLOOR 2 - FOYER

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 *REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST | FLOOR 2 - FOYER*

8:30 WELCOME, PRAYERS AND HONOURING CEREMONY
COAST SALISH & ELDER DAVE COURCHENE JR – NII GAANI AKI ININI (LEADING EARTH MAN)

10:00 INTRODUCTION OF GATHERING CHAIRPERSON, LEAH GEORGE-WILSON
REVIEW OF AGENDA

10:30 *BREAK*

10:45 PANEL: VISION FOR THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS GUARDIANS MOVEMENT
- TERRY TEEGEE, REGIONAL CHIEF, BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS
- DAVE PORTER, CHAIR, INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

11:15 PRESENTATION: COASTAL FIRST NATIONS – GREAT BEAR INITIATIVE (CFN-GBI)
- ROSS WILSON, STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR, METLAKATLA STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY
- JANA KOTASKA, PROGRAM MANAGER, CFN-GBI
- ELODIE BUTTON, TRAINING COORDINATOR, CFN-GBI
DISCUSSION

12:00 *LUNCH*

13:00 PRESENTATION of the WORK OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP (JWG)
- VALÉRIE COURTOIS, DIRECTOR, INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
- DR NIAL O'DEA, ASSOCIATE ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER, CANADIAN WILDLIFE SERVICE
ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CANADA (ECCC)
- MEMBERS OF THE FIRST NATIONS-FEDERAL PILOT JOINT WORKING GROUP FOR GUARDIANS
FUND STRUCTURE AND APPLICATION PROCESS
DISCUSSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 (Continued)

- 14:30 *BREAK*
- 14:45 PANEL: GUARDIANS AND NATIONHOOD
- MODERATOR: VALÉRIE COURTOIS
 - MILES RICHARDSON, SENIOR ADVISOR, INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
 - RÉAL MCKENZIE, POLITICAL ADVISOR, NATION INNUE WITH JEAN-CHARLES PIËTACHO, CHIEF, EKUANITSHIT AND ELDER ANNE-MARIE ANDRÉ
 - HERB NORWEGIAN, FORMER GRAND CHIEF, DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS
- DISCUSSION
- 15:45 PRESENTATION BY AUSTRALIAN RANGERS FROM “WORKING ON COUNTRY” INITIATIVE
- MODERATOR: OVIDE MERCREDI, SENIOR ADVISOR, INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
- DISCUSSION
- 16:30 *ADJOURN*
- 18:30 *EVENING TO CELEBRATE INDIGENOUS GUARDIANS*
- DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT, PINNACLE HARBOURFRONT HOTEL*
- MASTER OF CEREMONIES: TAMARA BELL, CEDAR ROOT TELEVISION FILM PRODUCTION INC.*
- GUEST ARTISTS:*
- *BITTERLY DIVINE*
 - *BUFFY SAINTE-MARIE*
 - *KASHTIN*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- 7:00 *BREAKFAST*
- 8:30 “BEYOND CLIMATE”: FILM BY IAN MAURO
- PANEL
- MODERATOR: IAN MAURO
- DAVID SUZUKI
 - FRANK BROWN, HEREDITARY CHIEF, HEILTSUK FIRST NATION AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE JWG
- 10:15 *BREAK*
- 10:30 “INDIGENOUS GUARDIANS’ VOICES FROM COAST TO COAST TO COAST”: VIDEO BY AMOS SCOTT
- PANEL: GUARDIANS AT WORK – MAKING A DIFFERENCE
- MODERATOR: AMOS SCOTT
- KRISTEN TANCHE, ACTING RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS, NWT
 - HEIDI COOK, COUNCILLOR, MISIPAWISTIK FIRST NATION, MANITOBA
 - BOBBY GOULD, FISHERY OPERATION MANAGER, WAYCOBAH FIRST NATION, UNAMA'KI
 - JARETT QUOCK, WILDLIFE GUARDIAN, TAHLTAN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, BC
 - BOB OVERVOLD, CHIEF NEGOTIATOR, FORT GOOD HOPE, NWT



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 (Continued)

- 12:00 LUNCH
- 13:00 PANEL: PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF INDIGENOUS GUARDIANS MOVEMENT (REPRESENTATIVES FROM ENGOs, INDUSTRY, FOUNDATIONS)
MODERATOR: SHAUNNA MORGAN SIEGERS, OPERATIONS MANAGER, ILI
- ALISON WOODLEY, STRATEGIC ADVISOR, CPAWS
 - CLAIRE HUTTON, COMMUNITY CONSERVATION AND LEADERSHIP ADVISOR, NATURE UNITED
 - TARA SHEA, SENIOR DIRECTOR, SUSTAINABILITY AND ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS, MINING ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
 - MICHAEL SCOTT, SENIOR ADVISOR, RESOURCES LEGACY FUND
 - STEVEN KALLICK, SENIOR STRATEGIST/DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL BOREAL CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN
- 14:00 RESOURCING AND GROWING THE GUARDIANS MOVEMENT (TRAINING AND EDUCATION)
- FRANK BROWN, HEREDITARY CHIEF, HEILTSUK FIRST NATION AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE JWG
 - KEITH CHRISTMAS, GUARDIAN PROGRAM LIAISON COORDINATOR, UNAMA'KI INSTITUTE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MEMBER OF THE JWG
- DISCUSSION
- 15:00 BREAK
- 15:15 THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS GUARDIANS NETWORK: THE WAY FORWARD
- VALÉRIE COURTOIS, DIRECTOR, INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
 - DR NIALL O'DEA, ASSOCIATE ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER, CANADIAN WILDLIFE SERVICE, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CANADA (ECCC)
- 16:00 CLOSING: ELDER DAVE COURCHENE JR – NII GAANI AKI ININI (LEADING EARTH MAN)
- 16:30 ADJOURN

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www.NationTalk.ca/guardians

For information on the Indigenous Guardians Pilot Program:

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