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 NIALL 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 PIÉTACHO, 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.ilinationhood.ca
www.NationTalk.ca/guardians

For information on the Indigenous Guardians Pilot Program:
canada.ca/indigenous-guardians