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*A BC Treaty Commission
Conference for First Nations*

October 29–31, 2008
Hyatt Regency, Vancouver
British Columbia



BC TREATY COMMISSION

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Tuesday, October 28

5:00pm–8:00pm	Registration/Information Desk Open	
5:00pm–8:00pm	Conference Kick-off Reception Complimentary appetizers and cash bar	<i>English Bay Room</i>

Wednesday, October 29

7:30am–4:00pm	Registration/Information Desk Open	<i>Georgia Foyer</i>
8:00am–9:00am	Breakfast Buffet	<i>Georgia Room</i>
8:30am–9:45am	Conference Welcome and Overview BC Treaty Commission Introduction of Commissioners and Workshop Facilitators Workshop Facilitator Presentations Governance: Chief Robert Louie, Westbank First Nation Economic Development: Chief Sophie Pierre, St. Mary's Indian Band Capacity Building: Sheldon Tetreault, Director, Governance Advisory Services, National Centre for First Nations Governance	
9:45am–10:15am	Coffee Break	
10:15am–12:00pm	Workshop Sessions Governance Councillor Larry Derrickson, Westbank First Nation Dr. Tim Raybould, Chief Negotiator, Westbank First Nation Economic Development Chief Sophie Pierre, St. Mary's Indian Band Capacity Building Sheldon Tetreault, Director, Governance Advisory Services, National Centre for First Nations Governance	<i>Plaza A Room</i> <i>Plaza B Room</i> <i>Plaza C Room</i>
12:00pm–1:00pm	Lunch Buffet	<i>Georgia Room</i>
12:30pm–1:15pm	Keynote Presentation Chief Kim Baird Tsawwassen First Nation	

Wednesday, October 29 CONTINUED

- 1:15pm–3:00pm **Workshop Sessions**
- Governance** *Plaza A Room*
Economic Development *Plaza B Room*
Capacity Building *Plaza C Room*
- 3:00pm–3:30pm Coffee Break
- 3:30pm–4:30pm **Keynote Presentation**
The Hon. Michael de Jong
Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
- 6:00pm–9:00pm Dinner Reception *Georgia Room*
- 6:15pm–6:30pm **Welcoming Remarks**
BC Treaty Commission
- 6:30pm–7:30pm Plated Dinner Service
- 7:30pm–8:15pm **Keynote Presentation**
Grand Council Chief John Beaucage
Union of Ontario Indians
- 8:15pm–8:45pm Entertainment: Children of Takaya Dance Group

Thursday, October 30

- 8:00am–11:00am Information Desk Open *Georgia Foyer*
- 8:00am–9:00am Breakfast Buffet *Georgia Room*
- 8:30am–9:15am **Keynote Presentation**
Grand Chief Andy Carvill
Council of Yukon First Nations
- 9:45am–10:15am Coffee Break
- 10:15am–12:00pm **Workshop Sessions**
- Governance** *Plaza A Room*
Economic Development *Plaza B Room*
Capacity Building *Plaza C Room*

Thursday, October 30 CONTINUED

12:00pm–1:00pm	Lunch Buffet	<i>Georgia Room</i>
12:30pm–1:15pm	Keynote Presentation Stephen Cornell University of Arizona, Native Nations Institute, Harvard Project	
1:15pm–2:15pm	Community Engagement Session Chris Corrigan Process Artist and Community Facilitator	
2:15pm–2:45pm	Coffee Break	
2:45pm–4:30pm	Workshop Sessions Groups meet to discuss workshop content and prepare a summary to present to the general session on Friday	
	Group A	<i>Plaza A Room</i>
	Group B	<i>Plaza B Room</i>
	Group C	<i>Plaza C Room</i>

Friday, October 31

8:00am–11:00am	Information Desk Open	<i>Georgia Foyer</i>
8:00am–9:00am	Breakfast Buffet	
8:30am–10:00am	BC First Nations Political Panel Grand Chief Edward John, First Nations Summit Task Group BC Regional Chief Shawn Atleo, BC Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President, Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs	<i>Georgia Room</i>
10:00am–10:30am	Coffee Break	
10:30am–11:30pm	Workshop Presentations Presentations on summary of workshop sessions, outcomes/best practices	<i>Georgia Room</i>
11:30pm–12:00pm	Closing Remarks BC Treaty Commission	

Treaty Commission Hosts



JODY WILSON

Jody Wilson, Acting/Chief Commissioner since February 6, 2008, was re-elected commissioner in March 2007 to a third, two-year term by the First Nations Summit. Raised in the Comox Valley, Wilson is a member of the We Wai Kai First Nation of the Laich-Kwil-Tach Council of Chiefs. Prior to this post, Wilson worked for nine months as an advisor at the BC Treaty Commission and two years as a provincial Crown prosecutor. She holds a bachelor of laws from the University of British Columbia (1999) and a bachelor of arts in political science and history from the University of Victoria (1996). Wilson has been an active member of the BC Bar since 2000.



ROBERT PHILLIPS

Robert Phillips' was elected by the First Nations Summit to his first term as commissioner in March 2007. Robert is a member of the Northern Secwepemc te Qelmukw (Shuswap) of the Canim Lake First Nation. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University College of the Fraser Valley. Robert served as chief negotiator and prior to that as self-government director at the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council since 1998. Phillips also has an extensive background in aboriginal justice and economic development.



JERRY LAMPERT

Jerry Lampert was appointed in December 2007 by the Government of Canada. Lampert served for 15 years as president and chief executive officer of the Business Council of British Columbia, where he was a vocal advocate for developing better business relationships with First Nations in British Columbia. Prior to joining the Business Council, Lampert was a principal in a government relations/public affairs consulting firm offering strategic and tactical advice to private sector corporations in their dealings with governments. He served as chief of staff to two premiers of British Columbia and managed two successful provincial election campaigns in British Columbia. He has held many key political organization and advisory positions.



DAVE HAGGARD

Dave Haggard was appointed to a two-year term in February 2008 by the Government of British Columbia. A long-time labour leader and forestry advocate, Haggard has extensive experience facilitating negotiations with industry, labour, government and First Nations. Haggard has worked with a number of Vancouver Island First Nations, including the Maa-nulth. He was first elected in 1996 as national president of the Industrial, Wood and Allied Workers of Canada and has served as vice-president of the Canadian Labour Congress and the B.C. Federation of Labour. Born in Kamloops and raised in Barriere, Haggard's grandmother was a member of Simpcw First Nation (Chu Chua) located by the North Thompson River. He is married to Eileen, a member of the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation.

Keynote Speakers



CHIEF KIM BAIRD

Chief Kim has been the elected Chief of Tsawwassen First Nation for five terms, since 1999. Her ancestral name is Kwuntiltunaat. Chief Baird successfully negotiated British Columbia's first urban treaty and the first successful treaty under the BC treaty process, an achievement she saw through from beginning to end since she started work for TFN as a land claims researcher in 1990. On June 26, 2008, Tsawwassen First Nation made history when their treaty received royal assent in the House of Commons. Chief Baird was the first aboriginal woman to address the BC legislature on October 15, 2007, when the treaty was introduced for provincial ratification. Chief Baird sits on the board of BC Hydro. She was appointed as a director in April 2008. Chief Baird also sits on the board of directors for the First Nations Employment Society, the Vancouver Aboriginal Skills and Employment Program, the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council and the Joe Mathias Scholarship Foundation.



GRAND COUNCIL CHIEF JOHN BEAUCAGE

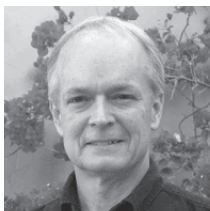
Grand Council Chief John Beaucage was elected to serve the 42-member First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation in October 2004. Previously he was the elected chief of Wasauksing First Nation for eight years. An economist by education, he worked for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for over 25 years. Grand Council Chief Beaucage played an instrumental role in the First Ministers' Meeting, held in November 2005 in Kelowna and served as the co-chair for First Ministers' Working Groups for both housing and relationships. He currently holds the Ontario portfolio for housing and infrastructure, serves as chairperson of the Ontario First Nations steering committee on housing, co-chairs the national portfolio for housing for the Assembly of First Nations' chiefs committee on housing and is chairperson of the First Nations Market Housing Fund. The grand council chief is also president of the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. and the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities, and sits on the chief's committee of the Union of Ontario Indians which provides advice and direction to the Anishinabek Nation self-government negotiations with Canada. Eyaabay (his traditional name) is a Pipe Carrier from the Bear Clan and a band member of Wasauksing First Nation.



GRAND CHIEF ANDY CARVILL

Grand Chief Andy Carvill was re-elected grand chief of the Council of Yukon First Nations for a second, three-year term in June 2008. He is of Tlingit and Northern Tutchone ancestry, a member of the Carcross/Tagish First Nations and a Selkirk First Nation descendant. Previously, he was chief (or Kha Shade Heni) of the Dakh Ka Tlingit Nation from 2004 to 2005. From 1996 to 2003, Carvill was the Kha Shade Heni of the Carcross/Tagish First Nations (CTFN) for two consecutive, four-year terms and was chief when it signed its land claims and self-government agreements with the federal and territorial governments. He was also instrumental in the development and ratification of the CTFN's Traditional Clan System and sat on the chiefs' committee for oil and gas and education and worked for the CTFN's health department. He continues to be a strong voice for aboriginal rights and sits on the board of the Yukon Indian Development Corporation.

Keynote Speakers CONTINUED



STEPHEN CORNELL

Stephen Cornell is professor of sociology and of public administration and policy at the University of Arizona, where he also directs the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy. His Ph.D. is from the University of Chicago. He taught at Harvard University for nine years and at the University of California, San Diego for nine more before joining the Arizona faculty in 1998. While at Harvard, Professor Cornell co-founded the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development with economist Joseph Kalt; he continues to co-direct that project today. At the University of Arizona, building on Harvard Project work, he led the development of the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management and Policy. He has written widely on indigenous affairs and has spent much of the last 20 years working with indigenous nations in the United States and Canada on governance and development issues, and more recently with indigenous organizations in Australia and Aotearoa/New Zealand.



THE HONOURABLE MICHAEL DE JONG

Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Michael de Jong was appointed minister in August 2006. He is also Government House Leader. de Jong has previously served as minister of labour and citizens' services and minister of forests. Prior to that, he was deputy house leader for the Official Opposition and served as a critic for a variety of portfolios. He was first elected to the legislative assembly in a 1994 by-election to represent the electoral district of Matsqui. He was re-elected in 1996 and again in 2001 to the new riding of Abbotsford-Mount Lehman, where he was again re-elected in 2005. Before his election, he practiced as a lawyer in his Abbotsford firm.

Community Engagement Session



CHRIS CORRIGAN

Chris Corrigan is an internationally-recognized facilitator, trainer and writer, focusing on leading edge consultation and conversation methodologies to gather information, build relationships and create emergent results. He has worked as a senior policy advisor to both the national and BC Associations of Aboriginal Friendship Centres and as a public information and consultation advisor for the federal treaty negotiation office. In his work as an independent consultant and principal of Harvest Moon Consultants, Corrigan has worked for more than 15 years with urban aboriginal organizations, First Nations across North America and New Zealand, non profits, corporations and with all levels of government with a focus on process design and facilitation to build collaborative relationships, engaging community leadership and helping communities and organizations find new possibilities in times of change.

BC First Nations Political Panel



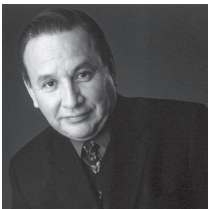
REGIONAL CHIEF SHAWN A-IN-CHUT ATLEO

Shawn A-in-chut Atleo is a hereditary chief from the Ahousaht First Nation and is currently serving his second three-year term as BC representative for the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations. Atleo has served First Nations for 20 years as a leader, negotiator, facilitator, mediator, strategic planner, and president of Umeek Human Resource Development. He is also chairman of the standing committee on asserting rights and vice-chair of the national fisheries portfolio within the national Assembly of First Nations. In September of 2008 Atleo was appointed the first chancellor of Vancouver Island University. As the BC regional chief, Atleo is also a founding member of the BC First Nations Leadership Council.



GRAND CHIEF EDWARD JOHN (AKILE CH'OH)

Grand Chief Edward John, a lawyer, is a hereditary chief (Akile Ch'oh) and grand chief of the Tl'azt'en Nation. He served as an elected councillor of Tl'azt'en Nation from 1974 to 1992, and served as an elected chief from 1990 to 1992. Chief John was elected in eight straight terms as a member of the three-member political executive (Task Group) of the First Nations Summit. He was a member of the tripartite British Columbia Claims Task Force which recommended the establishment of the independent BC Treaty Commission. Previously he has served as tribal chief of the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council, minister of Child and Family Services for the Province of BC and a member of the National Aboriginal Economic Development Board of Canada. He holds a bachelors degree from the University of Victoria and a bachelor of laws degree from the University of British Columbia.



GRAND CHIEF STEWART PHILLIP

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip is currently serving a fourth consecutive, four-year term as chief of the Penticton Indian Band, totalling 14 years, and served as an elected band councillor for 10 years. In 2006, the Okanagan Nation, led by the elders of the Penticton Indian Band, acknowledged his lifetime commitment to the defence of indigenous peoples' title and rights, bestowing on him and his family the rare honour of the name Grand Chief Stewart Phillip. Over the last 34 years, he has worked within the Penticton Indian Band administration, holding such positions as band administrator, director of land management, education counsellor, economic development officer and band planner. He has been a member of the band council for 24 years and is currently serving in his fourth three-year term as president of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs. Grand Chief Phillip is also a member of the BC First Nations Leadership Council.



MODERATOR: MARIA MORELLATO, QC

Maria Morellato leads the First Nations & Aboriginal Law Group in the Vancouver office of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP. She is a civil litigator experienced in aboriginal law, as well as regulatory law matters relating to marketing boards and international trade. She has been counsel on many leading aboriginal rights matters, related proceedings and negotiations for almost 20 years. Maria has acted as legal counsel at all levels of the court system, including the Supreme Court of Canada and the Federal Court and also regularly appears before administrative tribunals and regulatory commissions. She has written articles for various academic and professional publications on First Nations and administrative law issues, and has chaired and delivered papers at numerous conferences on these topics.

Workshop Sessions

Interactive workshops on governance, economic development and capacity building will focus on information sharing and generating ideas that will assist First Nations working to develop vibrant communities. Each workshop will be facilitated by subject matter experts knowledgeable in the topic, sharing examples from their experiences and encouraging discussion among workshop participants.

Governance

From negotiating treaties to developing a constitution to implementing a land or custom election code, leaders in First Nation communities have many governance issues to tackle. Discussion will focus on the challenges faced by First Nation communities addressing issues of governance and will explore solutions and tools communities have developed to move forward.

FACILITATORS



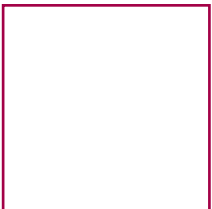
LARRY DERRICKSON

Larry Derrickson has served as an elected councillor of the Westbank First Nation for six terms (12 years). Over the years, he has participated in all aspects of the development of the Westbank First Nation as a political leader, and manager and director of various corporate entities. After a decade of negotiations and community consultation, Westbank First Nation negotiated a self-government agreement (which was ratified in 2003), along with the Westbank First Nation Constitution and the Westbank First Nation Land Code, all of which are now being implemented. Derrickson has been facilitator of community-based development projects in all areas of Westbank First Nation Government, including self-government, treaty, social programs, lands and taxation.



CHIEF ROBERT LOUIE

Robert Louie is the chief of the Westbank First Nation and a former lawyer practicing in the area of native law. He is a long time advocate for aboriginal rights and title in the province of BC, and a driver of aboriginal economic development in the Westbank/Kelowna region. Louie was chief of the Westbank First Nation council from 1986 through 1996 returning to office in 2002 and re-elected in 2004. Chief Louie is an Okanagan business owner/operator with several successful enterprises. After passing the bar in 1984, Louie entered the private practice of law until becoming involved in aboriginal governance. He was subsequently appointed as the chairman of the First Nations lands advisory board and was elected as a Task Group member of the First Nations Summit.



DR. TIM RAYBOULD

Tim Raybould was educated at the University of Cambridge, receiving his Ph.D. in 1993. His research has centred on aboriginal land rights and self-government. He was the chief negotiator on the Westbank First Nation Self-Government Agreement and is the chief negotiator for Westbank Treaty negotiations. Raybould is a senior policy advisor to the First Nations Finance Authority and was involved in the development of Bill C-20, *The First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act*. He has provided advice to, and conducted research for, numerous First Nation communities and organizations including the Indian Taxation Advisory Board, the First Nations Land Management Board and the National Centre for First Nations Governance.

Workshop Sessions CONTINUED

Economic Development

First Nation communities in BC are diverse. Varied geography, territory resources, populations and community capacities mean First Nations need to be innovative in identifying ways to create economic prosperity for their communities. There are many existing and new economic opportunities for First Nations to consider. The workshop will encourage conversation among participants about the economic development opportunities in their communities and identify available resources to help advance development.

FACILITATOR



CHIEF SOPHIE PIERRE, OBC

Sophie Pierre is the elected chief of the St. Mary's Indian Band. She has served on the St. Mary's Indian Band council consistently since being first elected in 1978. Pierre currently serves as the tribal chair of the Ktunaxa Nation Council and was the administrator of the Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Tribal Council from 1978 to 2003. She is currently chairperson of the First Nations Finance Authority, president of St. Eugene Mission Holdings Ltd. and co-chair of the International Advisory Committee to the Indigenous Nations Institute for Leadership, Management and Policy for the University of Arizona. Previously, Pierre was chair of the BC Hydro & Power Authority board's environmental and aboriginal relations committee, an executive member of the First Nations Congress, and board member of the Native Courtworkers and Counselling Association, UNESCO – Decade for Culture, and College of the Rockies, for which she also served as chairperson. Chief Pierre was also involved in the work of the British Columbia Claims Task Force, a co-chair of the First Nations Summit and an associate instructor in the Administration of Aboriginal Governments Program at the University of Victoria.

Capacity Building

Treaty settlement land, cooperative management regimes, business opportunities and a solid governance structure mean little to a First Nation that doesn't have the people needed to make it all work. Identifying community members and supporting them to acquire the education and skills needed to be the community leaders of tomorrow is fundamental to building thriving communities. Participants will identify the resources their communities have now and those they will need in the future, including the processes to get there.

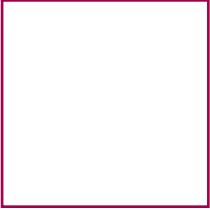
FACILITATOR



SHELDON TETREAUULT

Sheldon Tetreault has been the director, governance advisory services with the National Centre for First Nations Governance since 2006. Previously, he was the senior administrator for the Lil'wat Nation. Tetreault completed his undergraduate degree from Trent University in comparative development studies. He also has a masters in public administration from the University of Victoria. His academic focus was on organizational capacity for self-government implementation. Tetreault has worked for the Kluane First Nation and the Teslin Tlingit Council in the Yukon. In BC, Tetreault has been involved in provincial aboriginal youth programs, the BC treaty process, and the healthy communities movement. He is métis/franco-Manitoban.

Workshop Group Coordinators



BEVERLEY CLIFTON PERCIVAL (GWAANS)

Beverley Clifton Percival is a negotiator for the Gitksan First Nation. She has taught as a college instructor at NWCC for 11 years, as well as teaching sessionally for UBC and UNBC in education, First Nations studies, sociology and anthropology. Clifton Percival has developed curriculum and cultural awareness training for Gitksan and other First Nations of the Northwest Coast, and collaborated on various language and cultural projects. She has participated actively in the community on local boards and committees and is active in the Gitksan lilligit in Gitsegukla and surrounding communities to carry out her responsibilities as a Gitksan. She holds a B.A. in sociology and anthropology from Simon Fraser University, Provincial Adult Instructor Diploma VCC, has completed work for M.A. First Nations Studies UNBC and done anthropology research on the Northwest Coast.



DAN SMITH (HALIAKALAS)

Dan Smith is a member of the Campbell River Indian Band of the Laich-Kwil-Tach First Nation. He has an extensive history working with First Nations, aboriginal organizations and the federal government. His involvement has included serving as vice president of the Native Council of Canada, president of the United Native Nations, member of the BC Human Rights Commission, and on numerous other boards and committees. Smith has worked in senior positions with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Heritage Canada, and Canada Employment and Immigration. He was elected to the political executive of the First Nations Summit, the Summit Task Group, in June 2008. Previously he was the chief negotiator for the Hamatla Treaty Society.



GERALD D. WESLEY

Gerald Wesley is chief negotiator for five of the seven Tsimshian First Nations and has served on three occasions as a facilitator for Business at the Summit. He is one of the hereditary chieftains from the Kitsumkalum First Nation out of Terrace. Wesley served as an elected Task Group Member of the First Nations Summit, chairman of the First Nations Health Committee and as a board member for the BC Aboriginal Network on Disabilities Society and the North Coast Museum Society in Prince Rupert. He has also worked as executive director of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and managed the Kitimat Canada Employment Centre. Wesley also served as one of the original members of the University of Victoria Administration of Aboriginal Governments Program advisory committee. In 2007, Wesley was appointed to the Board of Governors for the Northwest Community College.

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