



AGENDA

DAY 1 – APRIL 8, 2024

TRACK ONE – Reform of the current criminal justice system so that it is less harmful to our people

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	FORMAT	LOCATION
8:00 – 9:00 am	Registration and Breakfast		
9:00 – 9:15 am	Territory Welcome and Opening Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Amanda Carling, CEO, BC First Nations Justice Council ■ Carleen Thomas, Elder / Knowledge Keeper, Tsleil-Waututh Nation ■ Councillor Wilson Williams, Squamish Nation 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
9:15 – 9:30 am	Welcome and Forum Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Amanda Carling ■ Introducing Michelle Buchholz, Visual Practitioner, Cassyex Consulting 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
9:30 – 10:30 am	Opening Remarks from the Justice Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Kory Wilson (Puglid), Chair of the BC First Nations Justice Council ■ Boyd Peters (Xoyet thet), Vice-Chair of the BC First Nations Justice Council ■ Dr. Judith Sayers (Cloy-e-iis), Director of the BC First Nations Justice Council ■ Lydia Hwitsum (Xtli'li'ye), Director and Secretary of the BC First Nations Justice Council ■ Andrea Hilland (Asits'amniyaak), K.C., Director of the BC First Nations Justice Council ■ Clifford White (Nees Ma'Outa), Director and Treasurer of the BC First Nations Justice Council Opening Remarks from the First Nations Leadership Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hugh Braker, K.C., Political Executive, First Nations Summit ■ Chief Terry Teegee, Regional Chief, BC Assembly of First Nations ■ Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President, Union of BC Indian Chiefs 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
10:30 – 10:45 am	Wellness Break		
SESSION ONE: INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S JUSTICE PLAN			
10:45 – 11:30 am	Celebrating the Indigenous Women's Justice Plan (IWJP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Darla Rasmussen, Justice Coordinator, Sts'ailes and BCFNJC Steering Committee Member ■ Kory Wilson ■ Lydia Hwitsum 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C



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TIME	AGENDA ITEM	FORMAT	LOCATION
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	BREAKOUT		
	Implementing the Indigenous Women's Justice Plan	Breakout	All Rooms
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch Break		
SESSION TWO: POLICING, DIVERSION & LEGAL SERVICES DELIVERY			
1:30 - 2:00 pm	Community Safety, Policing & Oversight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Judith Sayers 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Presumption of Diversion - Community Justice Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boyd Peters Alisia Adams, Director, Policy & Justice Issues, BC Prosecution Service Joanne Jefferson, Justice Manager, Qwi:qwelstóm - Stó:lō Nation Justice Program Corporal Jaden Courtney, Acting NCO, Indigenous Policing Services Team - Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment, RCMP 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
2:30 – 3:00 pm	BCFNJC's Journey to Service Delivery (Legal Services / IJCs / Gladue) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amanda Carling Cedar Dodd, Provincial Director of Indigenous Justice Centres, BCFNJC Courtney Daws, Provincial Director of Legal Aid Services, BCFNJC 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Wellness Break		
3:15 – 4:30 pm	BREAKOUTS (Choose One):		
	Paddling Together – Feedback on Service Delivery	Breakout	Bayshore Grand Ballroom F and Mackenzie Room
	Towards Self-Determination Over Safety – Coordinating a Provincial Approach to First Nations Policing in BC	Breakout	Bayshore Grand Ballroom E and Seymour Room
	BCFNJC's Diversion Workplan	Breakout	Bayshore Grand Ballroom D
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Summary of Day 1 Review of Agenda for Day 2 Giveaway! Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kory Wilson 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C



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DAY 2 – APRIL 9, 2024

TRACK TWO: Supporting First Nations to restore and reawaken Indigenous legal orders, traditions, and structures

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	FORMAT	LOCATION
8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast		
9:00 – 9:15 am	Opening and Overview of Day 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Amanda Carling ■ Lydia Hwitsum 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
SESSION THREE: FIRST NATIONS LAW IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY			
9:15 – 10:30 am	Revitalizing Indigenous Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Andrea Hilland, K.C., Assistant Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law ■ Johnny Mack, Assistant Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law ■ Sarah Morales, Associate Professor, University of Victoria Faculty of Law ■ Michelle Joy Carmichael, RELAW Coordinator, West Coast Environmental Law ■ Navjot Jassar, Lawyer, West Coast Environmental Law 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
10:30 – 10:45 am	Wellness Break		
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	BREAKOUTS		
	Strategy 2 Guidebook	Breakout	All Rooms
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break		
SESSION FOUR: FIRST NATIONS LAWS IN CHILD PROTECTION			
1:00 – 2:30 pm	First Nations Law: Child Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lydia Hwitsum ■ Boyd Peters ■ Robert Morales, Chief Negotiator, Cowichan Tribes Child Welfare ■ Grand Chief Willie Charlie, Sts'ailes ■ Kirsten Barnes, Policy Lawyer, BCFNJC 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Wellness Break		
2:45 – 3:30 pm	BREAKOUTS		
	Child Protection	Breakout	All Rooms



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DAY 2 – APRIL 9, 2024 (continued)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	FORMAT	LOCATION
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Summary of Day 2 Review of Agenda for Day 3 Giveaway! Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Clifford White■ Dr. Judith Sayers	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
4:00 – 5:30 pm	Free Time		
Honouring Our Accomplices: Ceremony & Feast			
5:30 pm	Arrival and Seating <i>(Please arrive no later than 5:45pm as the ceremony will begin promptly at 6pm)</i>	Dinner	
6:00 pm	Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Speaker: Elder Ray Harris■ Floor Manager: Kalila George-Wilson	Dinner	



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DAY 3 – APRIL 10, 2024

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	FORMAT	LOCATION
8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast		
8:30 – 9:00 am	Strategy 16B: Tracking Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Amanda Carling ■ Natalie Martin, Director of Communications, BCFNJC 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
SESSION FIVE: TRIPARTITE COLLABORATION			
9:00 – 9:45 am	Ministers Panel – BCFNJC’s Tripartite Relationship and Commitment to Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hon. Niki Sharma, K.C., Attorney General ■ Hon. Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada (by video) ■ Hon. Dominique Leblanc, Minister of Public Safety Canada (by video) ■ Curtis Bedwell, Director of Policy, BCFNJC ■ Colleen Spier, K.C., Assistant Deputy Minister – Indigenous Justice Secretariat, Attorney General 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
9:45 – 10:00 am	Overview of the workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Amanda Carling 	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
10:00 – 11:30 am	Workshops		
	Corrections: Moving forward on Strategies 13 & 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jennifer Metcalfe, Executive Director, Prisoners Legal Services ■ Boyd Peters ■ Marty Maltby, Director General of the Indigenous Initiatives Sector, Correctional Service Canada ■ Lori Pruce, Director of Indigenous Programs and Relationships, BC Corrections <p>Join us for a two-part panel on how to advance Strategies 13 and 14 of the BC First Nations Justice Strategy within Provincial and Federal Corrections.</p> <p>For the first panel, Boyd Peters (BCFNJC Council Member and long-time leader involved in Correctional Services Canada (CSC)’s Kwikwëxwelhp Healing Village) and Lori Pruce (BC Corrections, Director of Indigenous Programs and Relationships) will discuss the current status and challenges of implementing Strategy 13, which calls for a standard and accessible process for First Nations to know where their members are being held in the corrections system, so that they can support and contact them.</p> <p>For the second panel, Boyd Peters, Jennifer Metcalfe (Prisoners Legal Services, Executive Director), and Marty Maltby (CSC, Director General of the Indigenous Initiatives Sector) will encourage us to think outside the box of prison to fully realize Strategy 14, which calls on the Federal and Provincial Governments to expand culturally based programs throughout Corrections and supports for use of alternatives within First Nations. Panelists will discuss alternatives to prison, along with a thorough discussion on Section 81 and the necessary steps to bring Section 81 to reality.</p> <p>We invite you to participate in this dynamic, interactive session with these esteemed experts on creating alternatives to prison that are Nation-led and governed.</p>	Workshop	Bayshore Grand Ballroom D



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	<p>First Nations Courts: Moving forward on Strategy 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clifford White Chief Judge Melissa Gillespie, Provincial Court of British Columbia Judge Tina Dion, Provincial Court of British Columbia Judge Linda Thomas, Provincial Court of British Columbia <p>Join us for a presentation on First Nations Courts in British Columbia. In this session you will hear from three Provincial Court Judges, a First Nations Court Elder and a First Nations Court Graduate. You will hear about the current state of First Nations Courts in British Columbia and where these presenters would like to see First Nations Courts go in the future.</p> <p>After this panel presentation all attendees will participate in a discussion of BC First Nations Justice Council's Strategy 12. Strategy 12 includes the following:</p> <p>Strategy 12: BCFNJC and BC will establish a joint policy on expansion of First Nations Provincial Courts; this policy will consider ways in which First Nations Courts may support and form a bridge towards roles and responsibilities for Indigenous courts, as well as the role and function of Indigenous Justice Centres. The policy will include a plan for how and when First Nations Courts may expand. The policy will consider where First Nations legal order courts are emerging and how to support the development of these decision-making and dispute resolution practices and entities based on self-determination and the priorities of First Nations.</p> <p>In this interactive discuss we are asking our community members for feedback and direction on how you want to see BCFNJC prioritize and implement Strategy 12. We hope you will join us for this informative and interactive workshop.</p>	Workshop	Bayshore Grand Ballroom E
	<p>Public Legal Education: Exploring First Nations Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kory Wilson Rachel Barsky, Policy Lawyer, BCFNJC Miranda Seymour, Policy Analyst, BCFNJC Catherine Dauvergne, K.C., Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law <p>The workshop will present information and support discussion on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do we mean by Public Legal Education (PLE)? What are some PLE initiatives that have already been created for First Nations people in BC? What have we heard from First Nations recently about PLE initiatives through our fall 2023 engagement sessions? What would you like the BCFNJC to focus on in developing future PLE initiatives? Tell us about the subjects you would like to learn about and what medium you would like PLE delivered in. <p>We hope you will join this session and be prepared to share your perspectives on Public Legal Education for First Nations in BC. Your participation is integral to ensure that the BCFNJC develops PLE projects which prioritize First Nations' needs.</p>	Workshop	Seymour Room



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	<p>Data for Sustainability: Moving forward on Strategy 16B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony Johnson, Principal, Harmony Johnson Consulting Hannes Edinger, Founder & Managing Director, Big River Analytics Amanda Carling <p>BC, Canada and BCFNJC are collaborating in the implementation of the BC First Nations Justice Strategy. This includes the following:</p> <p>Strategy 16: A. Establish formal mechanisms to track progress on the Strategy, and ensure that it is progressing and having an impact on both track 1 and track 2. B. Establish a joint process and standards for data collection and reporting on measurable outcomes, including the evaluation of the effectiveness of this Strategy.</p> <p>As part of Strategy 16, we are seeking to undertake a research project to identify measures of fiscal responsibility and financial efficiency and effectiveness, and more broadly to comprehensively understand the fiscal implications and benefits of implementation of the BC First Nations Justice Strategy.</p> <p>This workshop will be held on April 10, 2024, 10:00am-11:30am as part of the annual BC First Nations Justice Council Forum. The workshop will present information and support discussion on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The “Why”: Mandate and origins of this project and the project’s purpose. The “What”: The proposed approach to the project (method and supportive evidence for that method). The “How”: Aspects of the project workplan (timelines, risks and constraints, engagement requirements, data requirements). <p>We hope you will join this session and be prepared to share input about the project method, opportunities to align this work with other similar projects, any risks which should be considered, and advice on accessing data and engaging with key informants. Your participation is vital to help shape the research plan for this important project.</p>	Workshop	Mackenzie Room
	<p>Indigenous Law Revitalization: Keeping Women, Girls & 2S+ Safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lydia Hwitsum Norma-Jean Stump, MMIWG Interior Coordinator, Indian Residential School Survivors Society Tristen Wybou, Two-Spirit advocate Janine Benedet, K.C., Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law Lorelei Williams, Founder, Butterflies in Spirit, Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre Society Kirsten Barnes Cassandra Gouschuk, Provincial Manager, Women & Child Protection, BCFNJC <p>The purpose of this workshop is to bring together Indigenous women, girls, 2S+ and their allies, to discuss how the BCFNJC can support communities to end violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2S+. The objectives of this session are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gain insights from grassroots and frontline workers, as well as allies, who are actively engaged in combating violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2S+ individuals. Gather participant feedback regarding ways the BCFNJC through Track 2 work can support the restoration and implementation of First Nations justice systems and structures to combat violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2S+. 	Workshop	Bayshore Grand Ballroom F



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11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Closing Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ First Nations Leadership Council■ BC First Nations Justice Council Giveaway!	Plenary	Bayshore Grand Ballroom A/B/C
12:00 pm	Adjournment		