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## **BC First Nations Justice Council to host first Regional Justice Forum**

LHEIDL T'ENNEH TERRITORY (PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.): The BC First Nations Justice Council (BCFNJC) will host the first Regional Justice Forum on March 10–11, 2026, in northern B.C.

Indigenous leadership, community members, justice partners, and service providers will gather to share knowledge, elevate community-based solutions, and advance the BC First Nations Justice Strategy and the National Indigenous Justice Strategy, through dialogue and collaboration.

This marks the start of a new series of annual forums that will: increase opportunities for First Nations across B.C. to inform justice-related decisions; and foster relationships rooted in respect and reciprocity.

*“We have spent the first five years as an organization establishing a network of Indigenous Justice Centres, launching a first-of-its kind diversion program, and laying the groundwork for our front-line services. BCFNJC is honoured to continue serving all Indigenous people in B.C. and to deepen our relationships with the people and communities that we exist to serve.”*

—Hemas Kla-Lee-Lee-Kla (Kory Wilson), Chair of BCFNJC.

The agenda will encourage conversation around community-led justice approaches and pathways to reduce the harm of incarceration while strengthening wellness, accountability, and self-determination.

Each spring the regional forum will be held in a different area of the province, rotating between the Northern, Interior, and Island regions, to complement BCFNJC's Provincial Justice Forum, hosted in Vancouver each fall.

### **Fulfillment of Strategy 16**

In fulfillment of [Strategy 16](#) (ensuring proper reporting, evaluation, and knowledge-sharing related to the progress of the Strategy), the new regional forum and the Provincial Justice Forum will ensure the 204 First Nations in B.C. have opportunities to engage on topics pertinent to their communities to inform critical decisions at the provincial and federal government levels.

### **About BCFNJC**

BCFNJC represents the 204 First Nations in B.C. on justice-related issues and has been entrusted with the mandate to transform the justice system and create better outcomes for Indigenous people. Through the implementation of the [BC First Nations Justice Strategy](#), BCFNJC is working to reform the current justice system and to support the rebuilding of Indigenous legal structures.

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