



DRAFT AGENDA
Anishinabek Nation
Governance Summit Series – Event 1 of 4
Thursday, April 29, 2021
3:00 - 5:00 PM & 6:30 - 8:30 PM

The Anishinabek Nation Governance Summit Series 2021 continues the dialogue on Governance past, present and future. Our main goal is to provide a space for E'Dbendaagzijig (citizens) to discuss the main topics that are so important to governing our First Nation communities and the Anishinabek Nation.

Over the next four months we will share knowledge about language and culture, governing structures and relationships, determination of citizenship, leadership selection, and management and operations.

FOUNDATIONS OF ANISHINAABE GOVERNANCE The Role of Traditional Governance and Language		
3:00 pm	Introduction by Conference Facilitator	Facilitator BOB GOULAIS
3:05 pm	Opening Drum	TASHEENA SARAZIN Youth Drummers NIIBIN NAKOGEE (13) LANCE SARAZIN (10)
3:10 pm	Thanksgiving - Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe	Anishinabek Nation Head Getzit GORDON WAINDUBENCE
3:30 pm	Welcoming Addresses	
	Identity, Governance and World View	Grand Council Chief GLEN HARE
	Role of the Chiefs Committee on Governance (CCOG)	Southeast Region Deputy Grand Council Chief JAMES MARSDEN
	Governance on Our Terms: The Benefits to Citizens, First Nations and the Anishinabek Nation	Commissioner on Governance PATRICK MADAHBEE
3:45 pm	Traditional Dodemaag System - How It Can Work Today	Anishinabek Nation Head Getzit GORDON WAINDUBENCE
4:45 pm	Housekeeping & Review of Evening Session	Facilitator BOB GOULAIS
5:00 pm	SUPPER BREAK	



6:30 pm	Introduction of Presenters	Facilitator BOB GOULAIS
6:35 pm	Language Acquisition	Commissioner on Language BARBARA NOLAN
7:20 pm	The Nipissing First Nation Experience in Anishinaabemowin Acquisition	Nipissing First Nation Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELDER EVELYN MCLEOD • ELDER LORRAINE COMMANDA • BLAIR BEAUCAGE • TORY FISHER • COUNCILLOR JANE COMMANDA
8:00 pm	Your Turn: Dialogue and Q & A Period	Facilitator BOB GOULAIS
8:25 pm	Draws for Prizes	Facilitator BOB GOULAIS
8:30 pm	Closing Thanksgiving and Acknowledgements	Kokomis DONNA DEBASSIGE
	Closing Drum	TASHEENA SARAZIN Youth Drummers NIIBIN NAKOGEE (13) LANCE SARAZIN (10)

Coming Up!

Event #2 - Thursday, May 27, 2021

Anishinabek Nation Relationships: Structures, Roles and Responsibilities

Event #3 Thursday, June 24, 2021

E'Dbendaagzijig (Those Who Belong): Determining Citizenship

Event #4 Thursday, July 22, 2021

Leadership, Decision-Making and Accountability (Management and Operations)

