

2022 PREPARING OUR HOME GATHERING

EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS YOUTH IN BECOMING
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS LEADERS



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This program is led by the youth, for the youth and their communities. The program has been developed in collaboration with community partners, organizational partners and our Circle of Advisors.

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Location:

Spirit Ridge Resort on the beautiful territory of the
Osoyoos Indian Band

Monday October 17th, 2022

Arrivals, check-in and rest

5:30pm

Welcome to the territory and dinner

Talk and Rez Rules book signing with

Chief Clarence Louie (*yilmix'm ki law na*),
Osoyoos Indian Band

Introduction

by **Devin Naveau**, Elected councillor,
Mattagami First Nation

Tuesday October 18th

7:30am-8:45am

Breakfast

8:45am-9:45am

Welcome to the gathering, introductions and icebreaker

Lily Yumagulova (*Preparing Our Home*),
Dennis Chartrand (*Pine Creek First Nation*),
Stephanie Papik (*Moose Hide Campaign*)

9:45am-10:15am

First Nations Emergency Management

with **Tahawennon:tie David Diabo**,
*Kanien'kehá:ka from the Mohawk community
of Kahnawake;*
*Special Advisor-Emergency Services
at Assembly of First Nations*

10:15am-10:30am

Health Break

10:30am-11:00am

Lessons learned and lessons ignored:
Disaster mitigation and recovery in Navajo Nation and beyond

Rose Whitehair (*Dine' Nation*)

11:00am-12:00pm

Listening to the Youth

Rachel Stewart (*Montreal Lake Cree Nation*),
Devin Naveau (*Mattagami First Nation*),
Michaela Parenteau
(*Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation*),
Santana Dreaver (*Mistawasis*),
Brianna Red Gun (*Siksika Nation*),
Adam Bolton (*Haisla Nation*)

12:00pm-1:00pm

Lunch keynote – Building Back Better, Together

Tyrone McNeil, Tribal Chief, President, *Sto:lo
Tribal Council*.

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| 1:00pm-2:30pm | Engaging our youth and communities in emergency preparedness and land-based learning | Sheena Charles and John Mcleod (Stanley Mission, SK), Casey Gabriel (Lil'wat Nation), Darlene Yellow Old Woman-Munro (Siksika Nation) |
| 2:30pm-2:45pm | Health Break | |
| 3:00pm-4:00pm | Indigenous Parenting Circle: Centering on love, health and healing in our communities | Mary Maytwayashing (Lake Manitoba First Nation), Darlene Yellow Old Woman-Munro (Siksika), Michelle Vandevord (Muskoday First Nation), Sheri Lysons (Adams Lake Indian Band), Rose Whitehair (Dine' Nation), Alanna Syliboy (Sipekne'katik), (everyone is welcome to share). |
| 4:00pm-6:00pm | Paddle carving (three days) | Kellyann, Dennis, Alanna, Chris, Donovan, Gina, Serenna, Sedona, John, Amber, Gordon, Andrew |
| | Yoga Beading | with Rose, Michaela, Stephanie, Lily with Darlene, Jennifer, Tasha, Brianna, Michelle, Sheri, Santana |
| 6:00pm-8:00pm | Dinner and Awards ceremony Uplifting each other to keep our communities safe: Indigenous Women and Two Spirit Peoples in emergency management and fire safety Advice and stories from the Auntie and Youth: | Michelle Vandevord , Associate Director, Saskatchewan First Nations Emergency Management; President, Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada Sheri Lysons , Fire Chief, Adams Lake Indian Band Gina Nagano , House of Wolf Kellyann Meloche , Kahnawake Mohawk Territory (Canadian Red Cross) Rachel Stewart , Montreal Lake Cree Nation Stephanie Papik , Moose Hide Campaign Amber MacLean-Hawes (formerly with the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq). |

Wednesday October 19th

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| 7:30am-8:45am | Breakfast | |
| 8:45am | Opening our hearts | with Dennis |
| 9:00am-10:00am | A place for everyone: Career pathways in emergency management and community safety | Michelle, Emily, Kellyann, Rose, Garret, David , (everyone is welcome to share) |

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| 10:00am-10:30am | Keeping up with the ever-evolving field of emergency management: Implementing Everbridge Alert System for 13 First Nation Communities in Nova Scotia | Jennifer Jesty and Tasha Francis (Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq) |
| 10:45am-11:00am | Health Break | |
| 11:00am-12:00p | The Indigenous Community Safety Partnership Program | Gina Nagano , Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation with Community Safety Officers Sarah-Jean Graham and Darcy Marcotte |
| 12:00pm-1:00pm | Lunch and continued conversations | |
| 1:00pm-2:30pm | Tour and walk at the Nk'Mip Desert Culture Centre | |
| 2:30pm-2:45pm | Health Break | |
| 2:45pm-4:00pm | A place to call home: Preparing our people and communities for a long journey of disaster recovery and beyond | |
| | Living experience of displacement and intergenerational disaster recovery Dancing Deer Disaster Recovery Centre | Darlene Yellow Old Woman-Munro (Siksika Nation) |
| | Building fire safety capacity within our communities | Michelle Vandevord , Associate Director, Saskatchewan First Nations Emergency Management |
| 4:00-6:00pm | Paddle carving (continued) Beading Cedar rose | with Darlene, Michaela, Sarah Jean, Stephanie with Casey, Jennifer, Tasha, Brianna, Michelle, Sheri, Santana, Maggie |
| 6:00pm-8:00pm | Dinner: Self-sufficiency and resilience: | An evening with Kúkpi7 Patrick Michell , Former Chief, Kanaka Bar Indian Band |

Located 18 km south of Lytton, BC (Canada's hotspot), Patrick Michell of the Kanaka Bar Indian Band (one of 15 indigenous communities that make up the Nlaka'pamux Nation) has lived in the Fraser Canyon all his life. Since 1978, with awareness of the growing changes within and upon his traditional territory caused by climate change, Patrick and his community have worked to design and complete site specific programs and projects that re-establish sustainable community foundations in water, food, and shelter with supporting resilient systems like storage, energy, communications, transportation and waste; preparing Kanaka Bar and its residents for the environment and economy of today and more importantly – for tomorrow.

In 2018, Patrick was honored with a Clean Energy BC lifetime achievement award for his work in renewable energy project design, permitting, development and operations, and in 2021 was honored with a Clean50 Lifetime Achievement Award for his work on climate change awareness and action. Kanaka's 2021 Community Resilience Plan (or CRP) was also recognized as the Clean50 2022 Top national project.

On June 30, 2021 Patrick and his family lost their intergenerational home in the Lytton fire and have lived in response mode since and then had to manage the Atmospheric River in November that «wiped out» all but one regional road and in late December the region lived through minus 32 degree temperature along with a snow-fall event in excess of 4 feet. After 13 months of regional emergency response mode and «recovery», Patrick, his family and the region are now currently dealing with the impacts of the Nohimin fire that started on July 14, 2022.

While the timeline to actually start rebuilding the regional hub (the town of Lytton) homes, businesses and essential support services and basic supporting infrastructure remains uncertain - the people remain and are working together to look after each other and gather to plan, design and ultimately rebuild an entire region.

Thursday October 20th

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| 7:30am-8:45am | Breakfast | |
| 8:45am | Opening our hearts | with Dennis |
| 9:00am-10:00am | First Nations Jurisdiction in Emergency Management | David Diabo (AFN), Serenna Besserer (Anishinabek Nation), Devin Naveau Councillor (Mattagami First Nation), Former Chief Patrick Michell (Kanaka Bar Band), Former Chief Darlene Yellow Old Woman-Munro (Siksika Nation), Donovan Parenteau (Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation) Andrew Bolton (Haisla Nation) |
| 10:00am-10:30am | Health Break | |
| 10:30am-12:30pm | Eagle Eye View: Disasters and Resilience and Emergency management across Turtle Island | with Stephanie Papik and Lily Yumagulova |
| 12:00pm-1:00pm | Working lunch | |
| 1:00pm-2:00pm | Tea harvesting | with Chef Murray McDonald |
| 2:30-4:00pm | Preparing Our Home: Envisioning our futures (over tea) | |
| 4:00-6:00pm | Paddle carving (continued) Yoga Cedar rose | with Rose, Santana, Sheri, Maggie, Lily with Casey, Michaela, Sarah Jean, Stephanie |
| 6:00pm-8:00pm | Bison Dinner and Starlight Storytelling by the Fire Bringing Plains Bison Back to our community: Addressing food security, culture revitalization, and Indigenomics | Chris Gareau , the Key First Nation |
| | Teachings of the Fire | John Leonard , Adams Lake Indian Band |
| | Sharing Stories | everyone is welcome to share |

Friday October 21st

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| 7:30am-8:45am | Breakfast | |
| | Languages and community resilience | Mary, Robert, Rose, Darlene, Dennis, Rose |
| | Preparing Our Home Board meeting | (everyone is welcome to attend and join) Current board members: Darlene, Alanna. Casey, Devin, Emily |
| 11:30am | Light lunch | |
| 12:00pm | Departures | |



*Land Based Learning at the national gathering, Nk Mip Desert Cultural Centre, Osoyoos Indian Band
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