

Draft Agenda

Revising CEAA Act: Strategy Session for First Nations Leadership in BC
October 27, 2016
Songhees Wellness Centre: 1100 Admirals Road, Victoria, BC

Facilitator: Racelle Kooy

- 8:00 a.m. Registration opens**
- **Continental breakfast**
- 8:45 Opening prayer and goals for session from FNEMC and FNLC
- Host First Nation Chief or Elder (TBC)
 - FNLC rep (TBC)
 - Goal: Welcome participants and identify goals of strategy session: to help prepare First Nations leadership in BC to make their own submissions or presentations regarding revising CEAA Act.
- 9:00 Environmental Assessment Technical Plenary Session:
CEAA Act
- Aaron Bruce, Legal Counsel
 - FNLC representative (TBC)
 - Dave Porter
 - Jessica Clogg, WCEL
 - Goal: Introduce session participants to CEAA Act history, First Nations critiques to date, and overview of current CEAA process including CEAA-BCEAO Harmonization Agreement. Provide overview of options identified to date to revise CEAA Act.
- 10:30 Refreshment Break**
- 10:45 Breakout Session 1: Principles to Advance re. Revising CEAA Act
- Goal: Work in small groups to identify key principles to revise the CEAA Act. May include overarching Indigenous considerations, planning EA, conduct of EA, decision and follow-up, public involvement, and coordination.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)**
- Speaker: Formalizing First Nations' Consent in the EA Process
- Val Napoleon

- 1:00 Breakout Session 2: Principles to Advance re. Revising CEAA Act
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- 2:00 Dialogue Panel: First Nations EA perspectives
- Aaron Bruce, Squamish
 - Roshan Danesh, Mandell Pinder
 - Sunny Lebourdais, Stk'emplupsemc te Secwepemc
 - - Goal: Hear examples from First Nations who have developed their own EA processes in order to begin dialogue among all session participants about principles and legislative framework to recommend in revised CEAA Act that would support First Nations developing their own EA processes
- 2:45 Plenary Dialogue: Principles to Advance re. Revising CEAA Act
- Goal: Report on principles from breakout groups and collectively refine. Identify options on how to embody within a revised CEAA Act (e.g. consider legislative framework, funding options, dispute resolution mechanism)
- 3:35 Refreshment break
- 3:45 Next steps and upcoming CEAA panel sessions
- Goal: Identify key dates and confirm materials that will be made available to First Nations by FNEMC and FNLC to assist in submissions/presentations to CEAA
- 4:00 Closing prayer