



FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE **ON SAFE DRINKING WATER**

MINUTES OF FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING FOR THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (the “Committee”)

(14 January 2026 – TD TOWER, 66 WELLINGTON STREET WEST, T’KARONTO)

Reference: CHAIR

Chief Emily Whetung acted as chair of the meeting. John P. Brown (“**Executive Director**”) acted as secretary for the meeting.

Reference: MEETING PROPERLY CONSTITUTED

A quorum of the Members of the Committee was present in person or virtually as set out in Schedule A.

Reference: BUSINESS CONDUCTED

The Committee considered and addressed the matters set out in the Agenda attached as Schedule B.

Reference: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 10 DECEMBER 2025 MEETING

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the minutes of the 10 December 2025 meeting be and are hereby approved.

Reference: APPROVAL OF CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE OF WATER GOVERNANCE FUNDS

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: John Brown has reviewed the Contribution Agreement received from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) on January 7, 2026. The Contribution Agreement proposes the immediate release of \$9 million in Water Governance Fund funding to the FNAC for distribution to approved First Nation community proposals to the Water Governance Fund.

Reference: DEVELOPMENT OF A TEMPLATE TO BE USED FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS THROUGH THE WATER GOVERNANCE FUND

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: John Brown will prepare a standardized template outlining the specific terms and conditions that a First Nation community must adhere to in order to be eligible to receive funding. This agreements template shall be used as part of the proposal review and approval process for the Water

Governance Fund and shall be circulated to the members of the FNAC for review and approval.

Reference: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

Schedule A

Members of the First Nations Advisory Committee (“FNAC”)		
Name	Email	Community
Chief Emerita Emily Whetung (present)	emilieee.whetung@gmail.com	Curve Lake First Nation Southern Ontario
Councilor Doreen Spence (absent)	doreenspence@tataskweyak.com	Tataskweyak First Nation Northern Manitoba
Chief Chris Moonias (absent)	chris.moonias@neskantaga.com	Neskantaga First Nation Northern Ontario
Richard Inkster (absent)	rinkster@kitsumkalum.com	Kitsumkalum Band Council British Columbia
Wesley Bova (attended in writing)	wesbova@shaw.ca	Akwesasne First Nation Ontario
Kathleen Padulo (present)	kathleen.padulo@coo.org	Oneida Nation of the Thames Ontario
Mario Swampy (absent)	mario_73@hotmail.com	Nipisihkopahk (Samson Cree Nation) Alberta
Maggie Stothart, P. Eng., FEC (present)	maggiestothart@nsmtc.ca	New Brunswick

Schedule B

Agenda - 14 January 2026		
	Time	Description
1	12:00 to 12:05	Opening & Introductions
3	12:05 to 12:10	Approve Minutes of December Meeting – 10 December 2025 (see Tab 2)
4	12:10 to 12:20	Update on motion to compel Canada to reintroduce of Bill C-61
5	12:20 to 12:30	Update re transfer by Canada to the FNAC of the \$9m Water Governance Fund • Contribution Agreement (see Tab 3) - Motion • Draft Agreements with First Nation Applicants - Motion • Confirmation Letters from ISC
6	12:30 to 12:35	Discussion on FNAC monthly meeting dates
7	12:35 to 12:45	Review of list of 2026 conferences and FNAC's attendance (see Tab 4)
8	12:45 to 12:50	Review of potential FNAC branded merchandise (see Tab 5)
9	12:50 to 12:55	Discussion on updated community contacts and next steps (see Tab 6)
10	12:55 to 1:00	Review of social media pages (See Tab7) and Other Business
11	1:00	Closing