



FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON SAFE DRINKING WATER

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

(13 APRIL 2026 – TD TOWER, 66 WELLINGTON STREET WEST, T’KARONTO)

Reference: CHAIR

Chief Emily Whetung acted as chair, and John P. Brown (“**Executive Director**”) 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 11 MARCH 2026 MEETING

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the minutes of the 11 March 2026 meeting be and are hereby approved.

**Reference: LETTER TO MINISTER GULL-MASTY REJECTING RESPONSE TO
CHIEFS OF ONTARIO CORRESPONDENCE.**

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, **John Brown** shall prepare a formal letter to reject the response from Minister Gull-Masty to the Chief of Ontario, suggesting loans through the Canadian Infrastructure Bank should be used as a solution to address First Nations’ water and wastewater issues.

**Reference: LETTER TO MINISTER GULL-MASTY REGARDING PENDING
INTRODUCTION OF REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION.**

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: **John Brown** shall prepare a letter to Honourable Minister Gull-Masty and the Prime Minister to address the pending introduction of proposed Replacement Legislation (which is intended to replace Bill C-61).

Reference: FNAC MAY OFFER FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FIRST NATIONS FOR LEGAL FEES

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried, one abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: FNAC may offer financial support to eligible First Nations, where appropriate, to cover the cost of legal fees associated with (a) obtaining advice regarding the viability of their claims under the Settlement Agreement, and (b) utilizing the commitment dispute resolution process (CDRP) to challenge Canada's rejection of funding requests.

Reference: AUTHORIZATION TO WORK WITH BLACKBIRD INDUSTRIES

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried, one abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: FNAC is authorized to collaborate with Blackbird Industries on a limited basis to schedule meetings with the appropriate political parties, including but not limited to INAN, MPs and Senators.

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 (present)	chris.moonias@neskantaga.com	Neskantaga First Nation Northern Ontario
Richard Inkster (absent)	rinkster@kitsumkalum.com	Kitsumkalum Band Council British Columbia
Wesley Bova (present)	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 (absent)	maggiestothart@nsmtc.ca	New Brunswick
Cheyenna Hunt (present)	Cheyenna.hunt@desbedhe.com	English River First Nation, Saskatchewan
Katrina Maurice-Eaglechild (present)	Katsakic2014@outlook.com	English River First Nation, Saskatchewan

Schedule B

Agenda – 13 April 2026		
	Time	Description
1	8:15 to 8:30	Opening & Introductions
2	8:30 to 8:35	Approve Minutes of March Meeting – 11 March 2026 (Tab 2)
3	8:35 to 9:45	Cross-Country Community/Regional Water Updates • New Brunswick ○ Maggie ○ Samantha • Ontario ○ Chief Moonias ○ Chief Whetung ○ Kathleen ○ Wes • Manitoba ○ Chief Spence • Alberta ○ Mario ○ Kerry • Saskatchewan ○ Cheyenna ○ Katrina • British Columbia ○ Richard
4	9:45 to 10:00	Review of Financial Statements (Tab 3) • Funding received • Investments • Auditors
5	10:00 to 10:15	Health Break

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6	10:15 to 10:30	Review and Update of FNAC Mandate (Tab 4) • What areas/issues/First Nations should FNAC focus on going forward? • National or Regional focus?
7	10:30 to 11:45	What type of activities should FNAC use its funding for? • Participation in the motion on 21 May 2026 to compel Canada to reintroduce clean water legislation • Letters to the Minister & PM re: ○ letter dated 26 March 2026 from the Honourable Mandy Gull-Masty to Ontario Regional Chief Abram Benedict (Tabs 5 & 6) ○ reintroduction of Bill C-61 ○ what changes have been made to the legislation ○ request a meeting to discuss Bill C-61 ○ emphasize consultation is critical to ensure collaboration now and avoid confrontation later ○ inviting them to attend water conferences ○ settlement funding obligations cannot be capped by budgeting exercises ○ demand full accounting of funds spent under the settlement annually ○ meeting in person with RDGs in their offices (either regionally or nationally) • Request from First Nations breakdowns of funding they have received since 21 June 2021 • In person/virtual meetings with First Nations in Ontario or nationally to discuss benefits available under the Settlement Agreement
8	11:45 to 12:15	Health Break and Lunch
9	12:15 to 12:30	Update re transfer payments of \$2,866,800.00 from the Water Governance Fund by FNAC to Funding Applicants on 19 March 2026 • Grand Council Treaty #3's Zhaagimaa Waabo Territorial Planning Unit • Government of Anishinaabe Nations Treaty 2 Territory • North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council Technical Services Identifying new Funding Applicants & Due Diligence re same

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10	12:30 to 12:40	Review and select upcoming 2026 conferences and Indigenous events at which FNAC should speak (Tab 7) • Focus on water related conferences only? • Ontario Water Works Association Next Wave conference (Niagara Falls - May 4-7) • CWRA National Conference (Winnipeg – June15-19) • TechNations Conference (Sault Ste Marie – August 18-19)
11	12:40 to 12:45	Schedule remaining Quarterly in-person meetings
12	12:45 to 12:55	Other Business
13	12:55 to 1:00	Closing