



FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SAFE DRINKING WATER

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

(13 May 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 13 APRIL 2026 MEETING

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the minutes of the 13 April 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 send the letter to reject the response from Minister Gull-Masty to the Chiefs of Ontario in the form attached as Schedule C, with any required amendments.

Reference: RESEARCH SERVICES TO GAIN INSIGHT OF ISC EXPENDITURES -

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: FNAC will retain the services of Kerry Black in order to research, if and/or how Canada has met its funding Commitments under the Settlement Agreement. The research project is further detailed in the email from John Brown to Kerry Black, dated 05-05-2026 (Schedule D).

Reference: ATTENDANCE AT CHIEFS OF ONTARIO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: FNAC will register an information booth at the COO AGA. Samantha McLellan will attend and manage the booth for the duration of the assembly.

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)	emiliee.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 (present)	rinkster@kitsumkalum.com	Kitsumkalum Band Council British Columbia
Wesley Bova (absent)	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@desnedhe.com	English River First Nation, Saskatchewan
Katrina Maurice-Eaglechild (present)	Katsakic2014@outlook.com	English River First Nation, Saskatchewan

Schedule B

Agenda – 13 May 2026		
	Time	Description
1	12:00 to 12:05	Opening
2	12:05 to 12:10	Approve Minutes of April Meeting – 13 April 2026 (Tab 2)
3	12:10-12:25	Motion re: Replacement Legislation • Letter from Minister requesting postponement of motion re: Replacement Legislation (Tab3) • Letter from Class Counsel denying postponement (Tab 4) • Letter from FNAC denying request for postponement (Tab 5)
3	12:25 to 12:30	Approval of Draft Letter to Minister Gull-Masty re: COO (Tab 6)
4	12:30-12:45	Discussion Re Canada's Failure to Meet Commitments • PPT from ISC (Tab 7) • Letter from Treasury to Chief Maracle (Tab 8) • Financial Info from ISC to Chief Maracle (Tab 9) • Research Project to determine ISC spending (Tab 10) • Approval of draft letter to Minister Gull-Masty re: Infrastructure Funding (Tab 11)
5	12:45-12:50	Review the Access to Information Request (Tab 12)
6	12:50 to 12:55	Attendance at Ontario's Chief Assembly-June 2026 (Tab 1)
8	12:55 to 1:00	Other Business
9	1:00	Closing

Schedule C



FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SAFE DRINKING WATER

24 April 2026

Via Email (mandy.gull-masty@parl.gc.ca)

The Hon. Mandy Gull-Masty
Minister of Indigenous Services
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Gull-Masty:

Re: Canada Infrastructure Bank Loans

We are the Co-chairs of the First Nations Advisory Committee on Safe Drinking Water ("FNAC"). We are writing to you in respect of your letter to the Chiefs of Ontario dated March 26, 2026. Your letter is in response to a letter written to you by the Chiefs of Ontario dated September 9, 2025, on which FNAC was copied.

In their letter the Chiefs of Ontario advised they were gravely concerned regarding the efforts of the Canada Infrastructure Bank (the "CIB") to position itself as a lender to First Nations. The CIB was offering to provide debt financing so that the First Nations can fix the water and wastewater infrastructure backlog which Canada has created and has the sole legal obligation to fix under the settlement agreement in the Safe Drinking Water Class Actions (the "Settlement Agreement").

The Chiefs of Ontario rightly argued Canada should not be encouraging First Nations to debt-finance the critical infrastructure that is owed to them by Canada.

FNAC agrees.

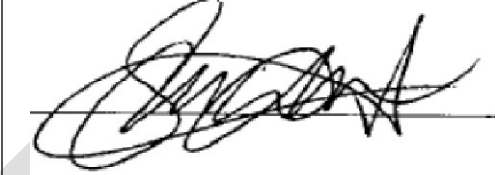
Remarkably, in your letter in response to the Chiefs of Ontario rather than acknowledging and addressing the validity of their concern, you praised the very conduct of the CIB that had raised their concerns.

It is disheartening that as an Indigenous person and as the Minister charged with the responsibility to protect the interests of First Nations people you would take a position on behalf of Canada so antithetical to their interests and to their rights under the Settlement Agreement.

We call upon you to reconsider your position on this issue. Rather than promoting the efforts of the CIB relating to water and wastewater infrastructure lending, you should direct Indigenous Services Canada to implement Canada's funding obligations under the Settlement Agreement in a manner that comports with the Honor of the Crown.

Yours Truly,

First Nations Advisory Committee on Safe Drinking Water

Per:	Per:
	
Wes Bova Co-Chair Prime Minister Mark Carney Michael Rosenberg	Chief Emerita Emily Whetung Co-Chair

Schedule D

From: Brown, John P. JBROWN@MCCARTHY.CA
Subject: Research Project for FNAC [MT-MTDOCS.FID245505]
Date: May 5, 2026 at 5:58 PM
To: kerry@sustainatree.ca
Co: Brown, John P. JBROWN@MCCARTHY.CA

JB

Hi Kerry;

Further to our discussion today I wanted to provide a draft outline of the work I hope you and/or your research student are available to undertake.

As an overview, the work involves determining how much ISC has spent to date meeting its Commitment under the Settlement Agreement.

Here are some further details – open for discussion.

1. I would like to create a summary of the amounts that Canada has spent meeting its **Commitment** under the **Settlement Agreement** on a First Nation by First Nation basis. I know we all believe that Canada should simply provide us with a proper summary. But that is very unlikely to happen.
2. Presumably there are government websites and other sources from which appropriate data can be collected on a First Nation by First Nation basis.
3. Perhaps the data can be arranged in a chart by calendar year listing the First Nation Class Members who have received funding. (Class Members are listed on thefnac.ca under the heading “Disputes”, under the subheading “First Nation Class Members Eligible to Use the CDRP”.) These Class Members can be cross-checked against government spending websites to determine which First Nations have received government funding since 31 December 2021. They can also be cross-checked against First Nations that are currently experiencing a LTBWA.
4. I would like to use this data for a number of purposes. Primarily, I would like to use the data for any future motions brought against the government to demonstrate Canada has not met its Commitment under the Settlement Agreement. I would also like to use the data to identify First Nations that we can reach out to directly for the purposes of introducing them to the CDRP.

I have attached for your assistance the following materials:

1. FNAC’s letters to Minister Mandy Gull-Masty which describe Canada’s Commitment under the Settlement Agreement and a number of sources where funding data might be available.
2. Materials provided to Kathleen Padulo by ISC re Water and Wastewater funding
3. A copy of the “summary” FNAC has received from ISC to date.

All the best;
John

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