



FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OK SAFE DRINKING WATER

**MINUTES OF THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING of the FIRST NATIONS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(the “Committee”)**

(08 October 2025 – TD TOWER, 66 WELLINGTON STREET WEST, T’KARONTO)

CHAIR

Wes Bova acted as chair of the meeting. John P. Brown (“**Executive Director**”) acted as secretary for the meeting.

MEETING PROPERLY CONSTITUTED

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

Kerry Black was also in attendance.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED

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

Reference: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2025 MEETING

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the September 10 meeting be and are hereby approved.

Reference: MEETING REQUEST WITH MINISTER GULL-MASTY AND

OTHERS ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: John Brown is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and transmit a letter to the Minister of Indigenous Services and the Regional Directors General (“RDGs”) requesting an in-person meeting to discuss and clarify Canada’s Settlement obligations and lack of funding for water and wastewater infrastructure projects, and to address the ongoing concerns regarding the insufficient dissemination of information to First Nation communities relating to the availability of funding.

Reference: RELEASE OF THE WATER GOVERNANCE FUND

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: John Brown shall prepare and transmit to Indigenous Services Canada a request for the release of the Water Governance Fund of \$9 million to the FNAC and provide and sign any related documentation required to facilitate this initiative. The documentation may include FNAC's banking information and shall be directed to Todd Keesey, Acting Director, ISC and Nelson Barbosa.

Reference: FNAC 2026-2027 CONFERENCE

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the FNAC should investigate the possibility of hosting a conference in 2026–2027, the purpose of which will be to advance the understanding of the FNAC's mandate, promote knowledge sharing, and highlight the experiences and challenges of First Nation communities in relation to water governance and infrastructure.

The conference will serve as a strategic forum for dialogue among First Nations leadership, community representatives, and government officials, and will be organized under the authority and direction of the FNAC.

Reference: Engagement and Communications Coordinator Responsibilities

Discussion regarding the priorities of the Engagement and Communications Coordinator was had, and it was agreed to focus on branding and conference planning. Samantha McLellan will make edits to the current logo and share with the committee.

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 (absent)	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 (present)	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 (present)	maggiestothart@nsmc.ca	New Brunswick

Schedule B

2025 – Third Quarterly Meeting of the First Nations Advisory Committee

Agenda - 08 October 2025		
	Time	Description
1	12:00 to 12:05	Opening & Introductions
2	12:05 to 12:10	Approval of Meeting Minutes of 10 September 2025 (see Tab 2) and consideration of follow up items
3	12:10 to 12:40	Review and Discussion of Canada's Agreement to Extend the Mandate of the FNAC and the Water Governance Fund (see Tabs 3-5)
4	12:40 to 12:45	Approval of Water Governance Fund letters to ISC (see Tabs 7-10)
5	12:45 to 12:55	Priorities for the new Engagement and Communications Coordinator
6	12:55 to 1:00	Other Business
7	1:00	Closing