



**7th ANNUAL NATIONAL ABORIGINAL WOMEN
IN LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE**
October 26 - 28, 2006
Empire Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson Street, Vancouver BC
“Honouring Our Women and Seven Generations”

DRAFT CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

MCs: Michelle Audette and Debbie Eisan

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25, 2006

2:00 - 6:00 PM Early On Site Registration

THURSDAY OCTOBER 26, 2006

7:00 - 8:30 AM **Registration and Host Breakfast**

8:30 - 9:00 **Welcome and Opening Ceremonies**

Welcome by National Advisory Committee

Traditional Welcome by Mike Dangeli and Git Hayetsk Dancers

Kathleen McHugh, Chair, Assembly of First Nations Women's Council

Doris Weislein, Executive Director, Upper Island Women of Native Ancestry

Hon. Michael de Jong, BC Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (invited)

Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Conference Coordinator

9:00 - 9:30

Keynote Speaker: Grand Chief Phil Fontaine, Assembly of First Nations

9:30 - 10:30

Leadership Forum

Brenda Baptiste, Chair, Aboriginal Tourism British Columbia

Brenda Chambers, President, Brenco Media Inc.

Hon. Ann Hanson, Commissioner of Nunavut

Beverly Jacobs, President, Native Women's Association of Canada (invited)

Chief Kowaintco Michel, Vice Chair of AFN Women's Council

Chief Judith Sayers, Member, First Nations Summit Political Executive and First Nations

Leadership Council

10:30 - 10:45

~ **Break** ~

10:45 - 12:15

Leadership Focus Groups (6 focus groups will be offered simultaneously)

Focus Groups on leadership in local, municipal, provincial and federal politics, national organizations and business with members of the Leadership Forum

12:15 - 1:30

~ **Lunch On Your Own** ~

1:30 - 2:30

Keynote Speaker: Singer, Songwriter and Educator Buffy Sainte Marie

2:30 - 2:45

~ **Break** ~

2:45 - 4:15

Workshop # 2 (6 workshops will be offered simultaneously)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2006

8:00 - 8:45 AM **Registration and Host Breakfast**

8:45 - 9:00 **Opening by Conference Elder**

9:00 - 9:30

Guest Speaker: Matrimonial Real Property on Reserve - Wendy Grant-John

9:30 - 10:30

Plenary Session: Challenges for the Next Seven Generations

10:30 - 10:45

~ **Break** ~

10:45 - 12:15

Focus Groups: Challenges for the Next Seven Generations

Six focus groups will be offered simultaneously to develop action plans on:

a) Poverty & Homelessness

b) Housing

c) Family Violence

d) Education & Employment

e) Childcare

f) Update on Youth Focus Groups

12:15 - 1:30 PM

~ **Lunch on Your Own** ~

1:30 - 2:30

Workshop #4 (6 workshops will be offered simultaneously)

2:30 - 2:45

~ **Break** ~

2:45 - 3:45

Workshop #4

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6:00 - 11:00 PM **BANQUET AND ENTERTAINMENT**

MC: Chief Kowaintco Michel

5:00 - 6:15 Opening by Elder

6:15 - 7:15 Dinner

7:15 - 7:45 Guest Speaker: Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister, Indian & Northern Affairs

7:45 - 8:15 Award of Merit Presentation

8:15 - 9:00 DerRic Starlight, comedian and puppeteer

9:00 - 11:00 Performance by country musician Shane Yellowbird

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2006

9:00 - 10:30 AM Workshop #5 (6 workshops will be offered simultaneously)

10:30 - 11:15 **Check out**

11:15 - 1:30 **Farewell Lunch**

Open Mic

Closing Comments & Cultural Performances by delegates

Please Note: Due to circumstances beyond our control, the conference program may change; however, we will do our best to provide equivalent speakers and/or workshops. First Nations Training & Consulting Services reserves the right to change the program without further notice and assumes no responsibility for such changes. However, please refer to our web site for regular updates on the program:

www.firstpeoplescanada.com (10/11/06)