



# ONTARIO JOINT GATHERING

MAY 3 - 4, 2018

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The Ontario Joint Gathering is a place for First Nation community leaders and government officials to respectfully and openly discuss issues and ways of working together. Over these two days, we hope you are able to engage in meaningful discussions and identify areas where we can collaborate and continue to move forward together to advance First Nation interests.

## AGENDA

### Pre-Conference | Wednesday, May 2 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

**6:00 p.m.**      **Meet and Greet**  
Bb33 Bistro & Brasserie, Chelsea Hotel.

### Day 1 | Thursday, May 3 (8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.)

**8:00 a.m.**      **Registration and Hot Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m.**      **Opening Prayer – Chief Stacey Laforme, Mississaugas of the New Credit**

**9:15 a.m.**      **Opening/Context Setting – Anne Scotton and Lori Doran, Indigenous Services Canada**  
Setting the stage, outline of Joint Gathering program and event housekeeping.

**9:45 a.m.**      **Invited: Shawn Batisse, Assistant Deputy Minister,  
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation**  
Discussion to follow.

**10:30 a.m.**      **Networking Break**

**10:45 a.m.**      **Breakout Sessions**

Room A: Social, Health, Child & Family  
Services, Education  
> Facilitated by Lee Cranton & Michael O'Byrne

Room B: Infrastructure, Water, Community  
Planning  
> Facilitated by Lori Doran & David Didluck

**12:00 p.m.**      **Buffet Lunch**

**1:00 p.m.**      **Indigenous Services Canada Ontario Region Overview**  
Senior regional officials will provide an overview of 2017-2018 investments, including Budget 2017, and our actions to improve service and advance reconciliation.

**3:00 p.m.**      **Networking Break**

## Day 1 (Continued)

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| 3:15 p.m. | <b>New Fiscal Relationship – Paul Thoppil, Chief Finances, Results and Delivery Officer, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister</b><br>Discuss work to date and plans to move forward with sufficient predictable and sustainable funding for First Nations. Q&A session will follow. |
| 4:45 p.m. | <b>Day 1 Wrap-up – Lynda Clairmont, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Indigenous Services Canada</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |

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## Day 2 | Friday, May 4 (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

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| 8:00 a.m.  | <b>Hot Breakfast</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 9:00 a.m.  | <b>Setting the Stage for Day 2 – Lori Doran and Anne Scotton, Indigenous Services Canada</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 9:30 a.m.  | <b>Keynote Address - Five Priorities Guiding our Work Together</b><br><b>The Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Indigenous Services Canada</b><br>Discussion to follow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 11:00 a.m. | <b>Invited: Departmental Transformation – Jean-Francois Tremblay, Deputy Minister and Sony Perron, Associate Deputy Minister, Indigenous Services Canada</b><br>Closing the socioeconomic gap between Indigenous Peoples and non-Indigenous Canadians, and making foundational changes to our laws, policies and operational practices based on the recognition of rights to advance self-determination and self-government.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 12:00 p.m. | <b>Buffet Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1:00 p.m.  | <b>Invited: Rights and Recognition – Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs</b><br>Discussion to follow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2:30 p.m.  | <b>Policy Statement</b><br><b>Regional Chief Isadore Day, Chiefs of Ontario</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3:00 p.m.  | <b>Grand Chiefs Panel</b><br>Grand Chiefs will have the opportunity to share specific priorities, advice and guidance on how we can advance our collaborative working relationship as well as share thoughts on the discussions that took place during the course of the Joint Gathering.<br>Invited:<br><b>Grand Chief Joel Abram, Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians</b><br><b>Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler representative, Nishnawbe Aski Nation</b><br><b>Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee, Union of Ontario Indians</b><br><b>Grand Chief Jonathan Solomon, Mushkegowuk Council</b><br><b>Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh, Grand Council Treaty #3</b><br><b>Grand Chief Abram Benedict, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne</b> |
| 4:00 p.m.  | <b>Closing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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