

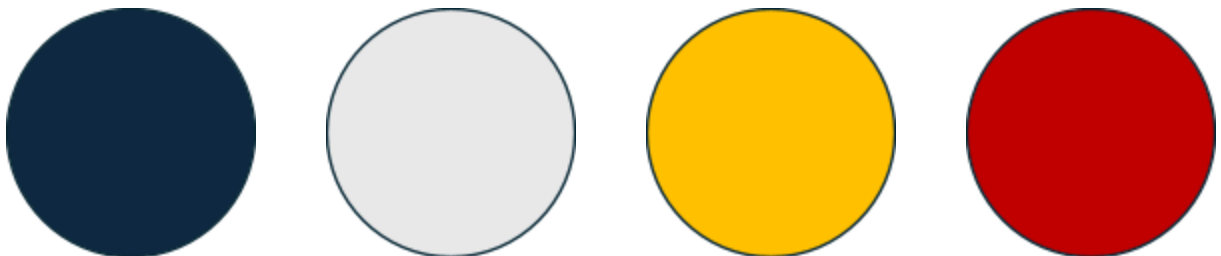


## **First Nations Police Governance, FNP GC, in partnership with the Canadian Association of Police Governance and CAPG.**

### **Empowering First Nations Police Governance: A Way Forward Together, Opportunities Through Challenges**

Our First Nations communities need First Nations police governance and services to be safe, secure, and successful. First Nations Police governance is crucial to community success and can transform them. First Nation governments and governance are distinctive in perspective and understanding. Our mechanisms ensure we comprehend natural law and share responsibility for our lands and resources while benefiting the collective. The Treaties with the Crown, currently represented by the Canadian government, are essential to nation-building, which requires a strong and adequate public safety system for First Nations. First Nations have specific concerns rooted in systemic disruption, bias, and barriers. We work together to find innovative solutions to challenging problems despite limited capability.

The First Nations Police Governance Council gathering in 2026 will be a continuum of the work we accomplished collectively at the gathering in 2025. In 2025 we identified many challenges we face regarding, but not limited to, *women in police governance and policing, our Treaty rights and policing governance, capacity and community building, and the challenges faced under the First Nations Inuit Policing Program (FNIPP)*. At this year's gathering, we intend to focus a conversation on successes, innovations, opportunities, and how we can move forward together.





# **Empowering First Nations Police Governance: Our Ways Forward, Opportunities Through Challenges**

**Master of Ceremony: Nicole Robertson**

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Our Ways Forward

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Registration and Welcome Breakfast

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM

Opening ceremony with Tsuut'ina Drummers and opening Prayer – Elder Mike Meguinis

9:00 AM - 9:10 AM

Welcome remarks from FNPGC Chair Teddy Manywounds and CAPG president Amtul Siddiqui

9:10 AM - 9:30 AM

Opening Keynote Address

Topic: **The Importance of Governance for First Nations Policing**

Xakiji, Head Chief of Tsuut'ina Nation Chief Ellery Starlight

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Panel Discussion with Q&A

Topic: **Police Governance Needs on First Nations – What It Takes to Start a FN Police Service?**

Grant Buckskin - Chief of Police, Blood Tribe Police Services

Deborah Doss-Cody - Chief of Police St'at'imc Tribal Police

Jolene Dione - Director, Indigenous Police Services, Public Safety Canada

Moderator: Teddy Manywounds, chair of FNPGC

Health Break: 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM



11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Topic: **Health and Wellness: Importance of Mental Health Practices for First Nations Police Services and Boards**

**Speakers Lacy Runner and Dr. Jill Price**

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch Break- Networking

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Panel Discussion with Q&A

Topic: **Provincial Factors: Policing in First Nations Across Canada**

Amanda Nevue - Annishnabek Police Service, Ontario

Dan Bellegarde - Spy Hills, Saskatchewan

Mike Evans - Lake Shore Police Services, Alberta

Moderator: Tyler Oka, FNPGC committee member

*Health break: 2:45-3:00pm*

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Panel Discussion with Q&A

Topic: **Building and Maintaining Strong Relationships with Leadership**

Violet Meguinis - Chair, Tosguna Tsuutina Police Commission

Maea Crowchild - Tosguna Tsuut'ina Police Services

Sherry Thomas - Chair, Manitoba First Nations Police Commission

Moderator: Micayla B. Hayes, FNPGC committee member

**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Dinner and Reception - Grey Eagle Hotel**

**Opportunity for attendees to connect and discuss collaboration**



February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Opportunities Through Challenges

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Breakfast and Networking

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Panel Discussion with Q&A

Topic: **First Nations Policing Program (FNIPP); First Nations Funding Challenges**

Rebecca Barely - Chairperson of the St'at'imc Tribal Police  
Tyler Oka - Blood Tribe Police Services, board member CAPG  
Dwayne Zachary - Chief, Kahnawake Peacekeepers

Moderator: Dr. Stephen Reid Executive Director, CAPG

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Break - Networking

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Panel Discussion with Q&A

Topic: **Policing First Nations, Municipal and Urban Policing Considerations**

Scot Haley - Deputy Chief Winnipeg Police Services  
Derek McIntyre - Edmonton Police Service Acting Deputy Chief  
Corey Dayley - Deputy Chief Calgary Police services

Moderator: Teddy Manywounds, Chair, FNPGC

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch Break

1:30pm- 1:40pm

Honourable Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services Mike Ellis, Government of Alberta. Building relationships with First Nations and Indigenous communities.



1:40 PM - 2:30 PM

Panel Discussion with Q&A

Topic: **Building Relationships: First Nations People and the Current State of Policing**

Taylor Sayers: UCCM Anishinaabe Police Services Director of Corporate Services

Jerel Swamp: Chief of Police, RAMA Police Services

Dawn Blake: Inspector, Tosguna Tsuutina Police Services

Moderator: Tyler Oka FNPGC committee member

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

Panel Discussion with Q&A

Topic: **Future Directions: Hope for First Nations Police Governance**

Teddy Manywounds: Chair FNPGC

Keith Blake: Chief of Police, Tosguna Tsuutina Nation

Dale Cox: Executive Advisor Lake Shore First Nations Police Services

Moderator by Micayla B. Hayes FNPGC committee member

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

**Closing Remarks: Teddy Manywounds**

**Closing Prayer: Elder Micheal Meguinis**

**Conference Adjournment**