



ANISHINABEK NATION

GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY 2026

Tuesday, June 2 to Thursday, June 4, 2026

Theme: Ensa Beshgon Anishinabek

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1 Valhalla Inn Road, Thunder Bay

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026							
5:00 am	<p align="center">SUNRISE CEREMONY</p> <p align="center">Location: Valhalla Courtyard</p> <p align="center">Mishomis Richard Assinewai, Anishinabek Nation Head Getzit</p>						
	<p align="center">HOT BREAKFAST</p>						
8:00 am	<p align="center">REGISTRATION</p>						
	<p align="center">GRAND ENTRY</p> <p align="center">Drum: Ojibway Alliance & GOPS Ogichidaa Singers</p>						
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2:15 pm	HEALTH BREAK	
2:30 pm	CHIEFS' DISCUSSION CON'T	
	Special Guest: Ontario Chief Coroner's Office	
3:00 pm	Role of the Coroner's Office and how statistics can support First Nations health needs.	Dr. Dirk Huyer, OCC
	AN/OCC MOU for Child & Youth Death Review Transformation <i>a. Resolution: AN/OCC MOU for Child & Youth Death Review Transformation</i>	Leanna Farr, AN Legal Counsel
3:30 pm	CHIEFS STRATEGY SESSION (not livestreamed)	
4:00 pm	CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY REFLECTIONS FROM DAY 1	
4:15 pm	END OF DAY ONE	
6:00-8:00 pm	ANISHINAABE GIIZHIGAD DRUM SOCIAL <i>All are welcome!</i> <i>Snack and refreshments provided!</i>	



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10:45 am	<p>CHIEFS’ DISCUSSION</p> <p><i>Discuss the alignment of the current regional landscape and the Anishinabek Nation’s advocacy role.</i></p>		
11:00 am	<p>Honorable Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation (in person)</p>		



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	Special Presentation: Public Safety	
11:30 am	<i>Proposed class action – Regarding the discriminatory underfunding of on-reserve police services in Ontario.</i>	Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay First Nation)
12:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 pm	*In Camera Session*	
2:00 pm	CHIEFS’ DISCUSSION	
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2:30 pm	HEALTH BREAK	
2:45 pm	NATIONAL PRIORITIES	
	First Ministers’ Meeting	Southwest Regional Chief Joe Miskokomon GCC Debassige DGCC Plain
	Former Bill C-61 – FN Water Legislation	GCC Debassige
3:30 pm	CHIEFS’ DIRECTION AND RESOLUTIONS	
	Strategy Session (not livestreamed)	
4:00 pm	Closing remarks	GCC Linda Debassige DGCC Chris Plain Charlotte Commanda, Co-Chair Mathieu Courchene, Co-Chair
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8:00 am	Hot Breakfast & Networking
9:00 am	MEETING LOGISTICS
	Recap of Day 2
	Charlotte Commanda, Co-Chair Mathieu Courchene, Co-Chair
	Honourable Mandy Gull-Masty, Minister of Indigenous Services (in-person)
10:00 am	Anishinabek Nation Commissioners and Nation Council Presentations
10:45 am	HEALTH BREAK
11:15 am	CLOSING
	<i>Feedback on assembly format and forward direction</i>
	GCC Linda Debassige DGCC Chris Plain
12:00 pm	Assembly Wrap-Up
	Host Getzit James Mishquart
	Flags and Travelling Song
	All
LUNCH	