



**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**Anishinabek Nation**  
**Governance Summit Series – Event 1 of 4**  
**Thursday, April 29, 2021**  
**3:00 - 5:00 PM & 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

The Anishinabek Nation Governance Summit Series 2021 continues the dialogue on Governance past, present and future. Our main goal is to provide a space for E'Dbendaagzijing (citizens) to discuss the main topics that are so important to governing our First Nation communities and the Anishinabek Nation.

Over the next four months we will share knowledge about language and culture, governing structures and relationships, determination of citizenship, leadership selection, and management and operations.

<b>FOUNDATIONS OF ANISHINAABE GOVERNANCE</b> <b>The Role of Traditional Governance and Language</b>		
3:00 pm	<b>Introduction by Conference Facilitator</b>	Facilitator <b>BOB GOULAIS</b>
3:05 pm	<b>Opening Drum</b>	<b>TASHEENA SARAZIN</b> Youth Drummers <b>NIIBIN NAKOGEE (13)</b> <b>LANCE SARAZIN (10)</b>
3:10 pm	<b>Thanksgiving - Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe</b>	Anishinabek Nation Head Getzit <b>GORDON WAINDUBENCE</b>
3:30 pm	<b>Welcoming Addresses</b>	
	<b>Identity, Governance and World View</b>	Grand Council Chief <b>GLEN HARE</b>
	<b>Role of the Chiefs Committee on Governance (CCOG)</b>	Southeast Region Deputy Grand Council Chief <b>JAMES MARSDEN</b>
	<b>Governance on Our Terms: The Benefits to Citizens, First Nations and the Anishinabek Nation</b>	Commissioner on Governance <b>PATRICK MADAHBEE</b>
3:45 pm	<b>Traditional Dodemaag System - How It Can Work Today</b>	Anishinabek Nation Head Getzit <b>GORDON WAINDUBENCE</b>
4:45 pm	<b>Housekeeping &amp; Review of Evening Session</b>	Facilitator <b>BOB GOULAIS</b>
5:00 pm	<b>SUPPER BREAK</b>	



6:30 pm	<b>Introduction of Presenters</b>	Facilitator <b>BOB GOULAIS</b>
6:35 pm	<b>Language Acquisition</b>	Commissioner on Language <b>BARBARA NOLAN</b>
7:20 pm	<b>The Nipissing First Nation Experience in Anishinaabemowin Acquisition</b>	<b>Nipissing First Nation Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELDER EVELYN MCLEOD</li> <li>• ELDER LORRAINE COMMANDA</li> <li>• BLAIR BEAUCAGE</li> <li>• TORY FISHER</li> <li>• COUNCILLOR JANE COMMANDA</li> </ul>
8:00 pm	<b>Your Turn: Dialogue and Q &amp; A Period</b>	Facilitator <b>BOB GOULAIS</b>
8:25 pm	<b>Draws for Prizes</b>	Facilitator <b>BOB GOULAIS</b>
8:30 pm	<b>Closing Thanksgiving and Acknowledgements</b>	Kokomis <b>DONNA DEBASSIGE</b>
	<b>Closing Drum</b>	<b>TASHEENA SARAZIN</b> Youth Drummers <b>NIIBIN NAKOGEE (13)</b> <b>LANCE SARAZIN (10)</b>

## Coming Up!

**Event #2 - Thursday, May 27, 2021**

**Anishinabek Nation Relationships: Structures, Roles and Responsibilities**

**Event #3 Thursday, June 24, 2021**

**E'Dbendaagzijig (Those Who Belong): Determining Citizenship**

**Event #4 Thursday, July 22, 2021**

**Leadership, Decision-Making and Accountability (Management and Operations)**

