



**Indigenous Youth Engagement Policy Forum
Dennis Franklin Cromarty First Nation High School
317 Edward Street N, Thunder Bay, Ontario**

Agenda

Day One Thursday April 28th, 2011

9:00 Continental Breakfast & Community Building Exercise

10:00 Call to Order

- ☘ Youth Co-Chairs
Bess Legarde, OFNYPC & Youth (*TBC*)

Opening Prayer & Drum Song

- ☘ Host Elder Abe Kakepetum
- ☘ Little Bear Singers

Welcome Address

- ☘ Chief Peter Collins Fort William First Nation or Designate
- ☘ DFCHS Principal and Darren Fiddler Junior Chief

Brief Overview Indigenous Youth Engagement Policy Initiative

- ☘ Laura Calmwind, Chiefs of Ontario Youth Coordinator

**10:30 First Nations Youth Engagement and Policy Development
Training & Capacity Building Exercise**

Information Session #1

**Rights of Engagement-Inherent Rights and Responsibilities,
Spirit and Intent of Treaties**

Youth Moderator: Bess Legarde OFNYPC

Presenters: Darryl Sainnawap, OFNYPC and Sharon Venne,
International Legal Advisor

- ☘ Brief introduction to Inherent Rights & Responsibilities
Group Role Play: Creation and Inherent Laws
- ☘ Brief introduction to the Spirit and Intent of Treaties and Treaty Relations.
Group Role Play: Treaty Making

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12:30 Lunch Break & Community Building Exercise

1:00 Information Session # 2

Youth Engagement and Policy

Youth Moderator: Adrienne Morris, OFNYPC

Presenters: Donna Anderson, OFNYPC and Pytor Hodgson, Centre of Excellence on Youth Engagement

Brief Introduction into Youth Engagement: what it is, why it exists, what it looks like, why it's important and how to initiate and sustain engagement.

Group Role Play: Engaging Youth

Brief Introduction into Policy: what it is, why it exists, who creates policy and how it impacts youth, specifically First Nations youth in Ontario. This session include interactive activities and discussion.

Slide Show: Highlight and inform participants about what policy is and help them better prepare for their role in helping to shape the youth engagement policy.

3:00 Nutrition Break & Community Building Exercise

3:15 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Sharon Venne, International Legal Advisor and Youth (*TBC*)

Open Discussion Q & A

4:15 Pizza Party

5:00 Youth Panel-Best Practices Youth Engagement

Facilitators: Pytor Hodgson, Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement & Waylon Scott, OFNYPC

Thunder Bay Regional Multicultural Youth Council (1)

DFCHS Youth Chief & Council (1)

Donna Anderson OFNYPC

NAN Oshkaatisak (1) (*TBC*)

Open Discussion Q & A

6:00-8:00 Evening Entertainment (*TBC*)

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Day Two April 30th, 2011

9:00 Continental Breakfast & Community Building Exercise

10:00 Call To Order

Youth Co-chairs

Opening Prayer & Drum Song

10:15 Building a First Nations Youth Policy Framework

OFNYPC

10:30 Break Out Sessions-Rotating Circles

First Circle: Facilitators Moffat Manwoy and Thunder Bay Regional Multicultural Youth Council member

We know that there are challenges and barriers facing youth in your community. What are some of the pressing issues in your community and some of the things happening to address them? In your opinion, what makes them successful or not (do they work?)?

11:10 Second Circle: Facilitators Pytor Hodgson and DFCHS Chief & Council member

Remembering what we learned about youth engagement and what policies are, with a strong Youth Engagement Policy Framework for First Nation youth in Ontario, how does this benefit First Nation communities, organizations, governments and non-First Nation people?

11:40 Third Circle: Facilitators Sharon Venne and Youth (TBC)

How do First Nation communities, organizations, governments integrate the needs, interests and aspirations of young peoples? Where do you feel yhat your voice is heard or your needs considered? What could adults do to better listen and respond to your ideas?

12:20 Lunch Break & Community Building Exercise



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1:00 Fourth Circle: Facilitators Laura Calmwind and Youth (TBC)

- Policy provides a guide for other decisions, actions and behaviours in order to achieve an objective. Knowing that the objective of the First Nations Youth Engagement Policy is to support the engagement of First Nation youth, what needs to be in the policy to achieve what you and other young people's vision, goals, etc. are included?

1:40 Summary of the Circles & Community Building Exercise

2:00 Presentation: Ontario Youth Policy Framework

- Ministry of Children and Youth Services

Q & A

Community Building Exercise

4:15 Wrap Up and Closing Ceremony

Travelling Song

