



# Update from First Nations Health Council

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## Recap: Fall Regional Caucus 2023 | November – December 2023

Fall Caucuses were held between November 7 and December 7, 2023. During the event, the FNHC Chair and/ or Deputy Chair, along with the FNHA, provided an update on the implementation of the 10-Year Strategy on the Social Determinants of Health. They also shared their engagement priorities and plan for 2023-2025. The Fall Caucus agenda included a presentation by Ference & Co. of the FNHC Evaluation findings followed by a Q&A session with leadership. The FNHC sent a letter to Chiefs and leaders with a summary of the evaluation and posted the findings on [www.fnhc.ca](http://www.fnhc.ca). Interior and Vancouver Island Regional Caucuses held orientation sessions for new leadership and Health Directors with information from FNHC, FNHDA and FNHA.

## Advocacy and Outreach

Recent activities include:

- On November 17, 2023, Wade Grant, FNHC chair, along with FNHA executives, met with the Honourable Mark Holland, Federal Minister of Health, to discuss the 2018 Tripartite MOU. Discussions included a review of the 10-Year Strategy on the Social Determinants of Health approved by Chiefs and leaders in Spring 2023.
- FNHC and FNHA leaders' meetings with federal Deputy Ministers and senior officials from ISC, CIRNAC and Employment and Social Development Canada to discuss the First Nations Health Governance Structure, focusing on mental health and wellness and re-setting of federal Deputy Ministers' tables.
- Attended AFN Special Chiefs Assembly & National Chief Election on December 5-7, 2023. Had the opportunity to witness the election of National Chief Cindy Woodhouse. Additionally, Resolution no. 79/2023 – Reconsider Proposed Distinctions Based Indigenous Health Legislation Process – was carried by consensus.
- FNHC Chair meetings with the Honourable Adrian Dix, provincial Minister of Health and the Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to discuss implementation of the 10-Year Strategy on Social Determinants of Health and the response to the toxic drug crisis.



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## Partnership Accord Renewed

On February 1, 2024, stakeholders from the Fraser Salish Region convened in Shxwhá:y Village to sign the Renewed Partnership Accord, renewing commitments between the Fraser Salish Regional Caucus, the Ministry of Health, the Fraser Health Authority, and Métis Nation BC (MNBC) for the first time.

Read full article here: <https://fnhc.ca/news/>

## Membership Updates

Ernie French-Downey has been chosen as the North Central Sub-Regional FNHC representative for a 3-year term following an in-person ballot election held on April 10, 2024.



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## Save the Date: Spring 2024 Regional Caucus events

### [Vancouver Island](#)

May 14 - 16, 2024

### [Fraser Salish](#)

May 22 - 24, 2024

### [Vancouver Coastal](#)

May 28 - 30, 2024

### [Interior](#)

June 4 - 6, 2024

### [North](#)

June 11 - 13, 2024

**Registration info coming soon.**



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