



**Aboriginal Government Employees Network  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference:  
"Accountability + Governance = Empowered Nations"  
June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
IPSCO Place, Queensbury Convention Centre  
AGENDA**

**Tuesday June 10, 2008**

- 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Elder's, Helpers & Veteran's Meeting (Invitation only)  
AGEN Office – Conference Room 4  
Elder's Lounge – Conference Room 5
- 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Registration – **Queensbury Lobby Area**

**DAY ONE: Wednesday June 11, 2008**

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.** Men's Pipe Ceremony: **Elder Isador Pelletier**, Pasqua First Nation  
& **Rick Favel**, Kawacatoose First Nation  
Women's Pipe Ceremony – **Elder Margaret Keewatin**, Okanese First  
Nation and Female Elder's Helper  
**Elder's Lounge – Conference Room 5**
- 8:30 a.m.** Grand Entry begins – **Salons A & B**  
Introduction & explanation of Drum Group and Grand Entry: **Rick Favel**  
Honor Song: Drum Group, **Red Dog** Hoop Dancer: **Terrance Littlelent**  
Opening Prayer – **Elder Isador Pelletier**, Pasqua First Nation
- 9:00 a.m.** **Day One MC's** – AGEN Representatives: **Cherish Deegan & Wavell  
Starr**  
Welcome Attendees  
Introduction and welcoming comments from Dignitaries:  
**A/Deputy Minister Ron Crowe**, Ministry of First Nations and Métis  
Relations  
**Myke Agecoutay**, Tribal Vice-Chair File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council  
**Councillor Micheal Fougere**, City of Regina  
**Gord Brock**, SaskPower Eagle Sponsor

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- 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.** Opening Speakers: **Shannon Thunderbird**  
**Tsimshian Artist, Singer & Motivational Speaker**  
**Topic: ‘WISDOM OF THE AGES: MANAGE THE MIND, LEAD WITH THE HEART’**  
*A talk about the value of Indigenous diversity, how to live reasonably comfortably in both the red and white worlds, and how it is that Thunderbird is still walking in the world, head held high and proud!*  
**Salons A & B**
- 10:45 a.m. -11:00 a.m.** Nutritional Break – **Salons A & B**
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Linda Anderson**, PSC Client Services Team & **Clare Isman**, Chair, Public Service Commission  
**Topic: ‘The Evolution of AGEN’**  
**Salons A & B**
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Lunch provided on site
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Luncheon Entertainment: **The Bionic Bannock Boys**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Guest Speaker: **Eileen Gelowitz, Achak Solutions**  
**Topic: ‘We Face The Challenges Of The Future By Working Together’**  
**Salons A & B**
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Breakout Sessions

Workshop	Topic	Speakers/Facilitators:
<b>Salon 3</b>	<b>AGEN’s Governance Structure:</b> ‘The Evolution of AGEN’	<b>Session Speaker:</b> Linda Anderson, PSC Client Services Team <b>Steering Committee Facilitators:</b> Jamie Lerat, SGI Cherish Deegan, CIC
<b>Salon 1</b>	<b>AGEN’s Vision and Mandate:</b> ‘What is a Representative Workforce and is it working?’	<b>Session Speaker:</b> Joyce Racette & Denine Lacerte, Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region <b>Steering Committee Facilitators:</b> Eunice Tanner, AGEN Michelle Delorme, AGEN/FNMR

- 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.** Nutritional Break – **Salons A & B**

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3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions

Workshop	Topic	Presenter
<b>Salon 1</b>	<b>Retention &amp; Advancement:</b> 'Climbing the Ladder'	<b>Session Speaker:</b> Susan Delorme, PSC Client Services Team <b>Steering Committee Facilitators:</b> Jennifer Matts, SGC
<b>Salon 2</b>	<b>Women in Traditional Leadership Roles &amp; It's Impact Today</b>	<b>Session Speaker:</b> Elder Florence Carrier <b>Steering Committee Facilitators:</b> Felice Grainger, Education Lori Whiteman, Education
<b>Salon 3</b>	<b>Tapping Into New Opportunities: Partnerships, Markets &amp; Human Resources</b>	<b>Session Speaker:</b> Eileen Gelowitz, Achak Solutions <b>Steering Committee Facilitator:</b> Debbie McGowan, Agriculture

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wrap up - Day One MC's **Cherish Deegan & Wavell Starr**

4:30 p.m. Day One Adjourn

**"The Songs In Our Heart" Gala & Banquet...**

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Cocktail reception (cash bar) – **Salons A & B**

6:15 p.m. **"The Songs in Our Heart" Gala & Banquet Begins**  
Banquet MC: **Jamie Lerat & Terry Bird**  
Blessing of the Food – **Elder Isador Pelletier**, Pasqua First Nation

6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. **"The Songs in Our Heart" Banquet Dinner**  
**Salons A & B**

7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Opening Entertainment by:  
**John Arcand, "Master of the Métis Fiddle"**

8:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Introduction: **Denine Lacerte**  
Featured Entertainment by: **Crystal Shawanda, RCA Country Recording Artist & Singer/Songwriter**

9:30 p.m. Adjourn for the evening

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**DAY TWO: Thursday June 12, 2008**

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.** Men’s Pipe Ceremony – **Elder Isador Pelletier**, Pasqua First Nation & **Rick Favel**, Kawacatoose First Nation  
 Women’s Pipe Ceremony – **Elder Margaret Keewatin**, Okanese First Nation and Female Elder’s Helper  
**Elder’s Lounge - Conference Room 5**
- 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.** **Day Two MC’s**; AGEN Representatives: **Jennifer Matts & Denine Lacerte**  
 Opening comments from MC’s and Introduction  
 Recap of Day One general meeting  
 Housekeeping items  
**Salons A & B**
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** Introduction of **Day Two**  
 Opening Speaker: **Candace Fox, Actress “Moccasin Flats”/Youth Role Model**  
**Topic: ‘Seizing Opportunities: Leading with Confidence and Letting Fear Go’**  
**Salons A & B**
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** Keynote Speaker, **Alika Lafontaine, 2008 Winner - ‘Canada’s Next Great Prime Minister’**  
**Topic: ‘A Vision for Aboriginal Engagement: Past, Present and Future’**  
**Salons A & B**
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.** Nutritional Break – **Salons A & B**
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Breakout Sessions

<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speakers/Facilitators:</b>
<b>Salon 3</b>	<b>AGEN’s Governance Structure</b>	<b>Session Speaker:</b> Linda Anderson, PSC Client Services Team <b>Steering Committee Facilitators:</b> Jamie Lerat, SGI Cherish Deegan, CIC
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12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch provided on site  
Entertainment by: **Wascana School Tiny Tot Pow-Wow Dancers**

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions

Workshop	Topic	Presenter
<b>Salon 1</b>	<b>Designating Positions Panel – The Pro’s &amp; Con’s</b>	<b>Panelists:</b> Heather Monus, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission Wayne McKenzie, First Nations and Métis Relations <b>Steering Committee Facilitators:</b> Debbie McGowan, Agriculture Henry Desjarlais, Environment
<b>Salon 2</b>	<b>Traditional Governance Models in Modern Society</b>	<b>Session Speakers:</b> Elder Isador Pelletier, Pasqua First Nation & Rick Favel, Kawactoose First Nation <b>Steering Committee Facilitators:</b> Janice Cottrelle, Environment
<b>Salon 3</b>	<b>Strength In Numbers</b>	<b>Session Speakers:</b> Doug Elliot, SaskTrends Monitor Tracey Pascal, Statistics Canada Danielle Zietsma, Labour Statistics Division, Statistics Canada

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Nutritional Break – **Salons A & B**

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Keynote Speaker: **Ted Nolan, Head Coach of the New York Islanders**  
**Topic: ‘Empowering Towards Success’**  
**Salons A & B**

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Wrap up - Day Two MC’s **Jennifer Matts & Denine Lacerte**  
Grand Prize Draw  
Closing Prayer: **Elder Isador Pelletier**  
Grand Exit by Drum Group: **Red Dog**  
Conference Adjourn  
**Salons A & B**