

AGENDA

JANUARY 21-23 • VANCOUVER, BC



Formerly known as Joint Gathering, Our Gathering has been renamed to reflect the partnership Indigenous Services Canada and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada have with the First Nations Leadership Council. To honour the relationships between the partners and their traditional territories, the Our Gathering name in the hən̓q̓əmiñəm and Squamish languages has been included.

The gathering is a place for First Nation community leaders and government officials to respectfully and openly discuss issues and ways of working together. Over these three days, we hope you are able to engage in meaningful discussions and identify areas where we can collaborate and continue to move forward together to advance First Nation interests.

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First Nations
Summit



Union of BC
Indian Chiefs

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DAY 1 Tuesday, January 21 (7:30 A.M. – 5:45 P.M.)

7:30 A.M. **Registration and Hot Buffet Breakfast**
at the Westin Bayshore Vancouver @ Grand Ballroom D

7:45 A.M. **Elder/Youth Youth/Elder Welcome @ Mackenzie**

8:30 A.M. **Welcome @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C**

Opening Prayer

- » Heather Pritchard,
Musqueam Indian Band

Welcome

- » Chris Roine, Director General, Treaties and Aboriginal Government – Negotiations West,
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)
- » Catherine Lappe, Regional Director General, BC Region, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)
- » Lydia Hwitsum, First Nations Summit

Setting the Stage

- » Outline of the program and event housekeeping by Co-Moderators **Harold Tarbell** and **Jessie Hemphill**

9:00 A.M. **Plenary: CIRNAC/ISC Directions and Priorities @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C**
Senior officials will speak about government commitments in the Speech from the Throne and in the mandate letters, followed by Q and A.

- » Daniel Watson, Deputy Minister, Crown-Indigenous Relations
- » Sony Perron, Associate Deputy Minister, Indigenous Services Canada
- » Facilitator: **Harold Tarbell**

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10:15
A.M.**Networking Break** (refreshments)10:45
A.M.**Interactive Breakout Sessions****1. Implementation of the Recognition and Reconciliation of Rights Policy for Treaty Negotiations in British Columbia** @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C

Panel discussion on the implementation of the Recognition and Reconciliation of Rights Policy for Treaty Negotiations in British Columbia, with representatives from CIRNAC, the province of British Columbia, and the First Nations Summit.

- » **Joe Wild**, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Treaties and Aboriginal Government, CIRNAC
- » **Tom McCarthy**, Divisional Chief Negotiator, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- » **Cheryl Casimer**, First Nations Summit
- » Facilitator: **Chris Roine**, Director General, Treaties and Aboriginal Government – Negotiations West, CIRNAC

2. New Fiscal Tools to Support Self-Determination @ Stanley Park 1-2 (2nd floor)

Representatives from Canada and Indigenous governments will discuss how fiscal funding approaches under the new Collaborative Fiscal Policy support governance needs of self-governing Indigenous governments.

- » **Alan Greer**, Acting Director, Fiscal Branch, Treaties and Aboriginal Government, CIRNAC
- » **Fred Tolmie**, Chief Administrative Officer, Sechelt Nation
- » Facilitator: **Jessie Hemphill**

3. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls @ Stanley Park 3 (2nd floor)

Working towards the development of a National Action Plan to address violence against Indigenous women and girls, the session will include presentations from First Nation communities who are running successful anti-violence programs/services supporting Indigenous women and girls. They will describe their activities and solutions to challenges which surfaced, followed by a Q&A session.

- » **Jennifer Lewis**, Okanagan Nation Alliance, Wellness Manager
- » **Darryl-Jean Peeman**, Okanagan Nation Alliance, Youth Empowered Strong Coordinator
- » **Laureen Weget-Whitney**, Restorative Justice at T'it'q'et Administration
- » **Matilda Brown**, St'át'imc Outreach Health Services, Addictions Worker
- » **Barb Marchand**, St'át'imc Outreach Health Services, Elder
- » **Holly Alec**, St'át'imc Outreach Health Services, Youth
- » Facilitator: **Elaine Alec**, Alderhill Planning and UBCIC Women's Representative, Penticton Indian Band

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12:00
P.M. **Hot Buffet Lunch** @ Grand Ballroom D

1:00
P.M. **Plenary: Specific Claims Update**

@ Grand Ballroom A-B-C

The UBCIC Specific Claims Working Group and CIRNAC's Specific Claims Branch will provide an update on specific claims reform process.

- » **Stefan Matiation**, Director General, Specific Claims, CIRNAC
- » **Kukpi7 Judy Wilson**, Co-Chair, BC Specific Claims Working Group
- » **Chief Dalton Silver**, Co-Chair, BC Specific Claims Working Group
- » **Jody Woods**, Technical Lead, BC Specific Claims Working Group
- » Facilitator: **Harold Tarbell**

Youth

Youth Videography Workshop

@ Mackenzie

An opportunity for youth delegates to work with a professional videographer to collaboratively collect footage and create a short video to share during closing remarks. Details of the session will be shaped by the youth under the direction of the videographer.

- » **Nene Kraneveldt**, Imagination FX

2:30
P.M. **Networking Break** (refreshments)

2:45
P.M. **Plenary: Panel on Shared Territories and Overlaps**

@ Grand Ballroom A-B-C

Senior leaders from the First Nations Leadership Council, the province of British Columbia, and Canada will speak about the All-Chiefs Province-Wide Forum on Shared Territories and Overlaps planned for March 11-13, 2020.

- » **Joe Wild**, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Treaties and Aboriginal Government, CIRNAC
- » **Tom McCarthy**, Divisional Chief Negotiator, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- » **Regional Chief Terry Teegee**, BC Assembly of First Nations
- » Facilitator: **Jessie Hemphill**

Youth

Indigenous Entrepreneurship

@ Mackenzie

Join a panel of speakers to hear about their experiences with entrepreneurship.

- » **Lynn-Marie Angus**, Sisters Sage
- » **Trevor Carroll**, Director/Actor/Producer
- » **Nene Kraneveldt**, Imagination FX
- » **Patrice Mousseau**, Satya Organics Inc.
- » Facilitator: **Deborah Komkov**

4:00
P.M. **Presentation and Performance by N'we Jinan Artists, followed by Q&A** @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C

N'we Jinan works with Indigenous youth across Canada, using songwriting, sound recording and music video production to amplify their voices and stories. This session will show some of the work N'we Jinan has done, and give a chance for a group of youth to talk about their journey while working in music production.

- » **David Hodges** and **Katie Green**, Executive Directors of N'we Jinan
- » **N'we Jinan Performance Group**, Surrey School District Alumni
- » Facilitator: **Harold Tarbell**

5:00
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5:45
P.M. **Networking with Senior Officials** @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C

7:30
A.M. **Hot Buffet Breakfast**
at the Westin Bayshore Vancouver @ Grand Ballroom D

8:00
A.M. **Elder/Youth Youth/Elder Check-in** @ Mackenzie

8:30
A.M. **Day 2 Welcome** @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C

Opening Prayer

» Bob Baker, Squamish Nation

Welcome

» Regional Chief Terry Teegee, BC Assembly of First Nations

» Catherine Lappe, Regional Director General, BC Region, ISC

Day 1 Roll-up

» Co-Moderators Harold Tarbell and Jessie Hemphill

9:00
A.M. **Plenary: Implementing C-92 – An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families** @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C

Updates will be provided regarding implementation of the Act, which came into force on January 1, 2020. This will be followed by a Q&A session.

» Kukpi7 Judy Wilson, Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs

» Cheryl Casimer, First Nation Summit

» Regional Chief Terry Teegee, BC Assembly of First Nations

» Joanne Wilkinson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Services Reform, ISC

» Allison Bond, Deputy Minister, BC Ministry of Child and Family Development

» Facilitator: Harold Tarbell

10:00
A.M. **Networking Break** (refreshments)

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11:30
A.M. **Hot Buffet Lunch** @ Grand Ballroom D

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“Ask Me” Booth

Want to set up a meeting with a departmental staff person?

Do you have a question about departmental programs and services?

Come see us at the “Ask Me” Booth.

12:15
P.M.**Remarks by National Chief Perry Bellegarde, Assembly of First Nations** @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C1:00
P.M.**Interactive Breakout Sessions****1. New Fiscal Relationship – Update on the Joint AFN-ISC Ministerial Advisory Committee and Implementation of 10 Year Grants** @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C

The session will start with an update on the Joint AFN-ISC Ministerial Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations. Following an update on NFR 10-Year Grants by Indigenous Services Canada, two BC First Nations will be asked to share their NFR 10-Year Grant implementation best practices.

- » **Gail Mitchell**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Partnerships Sector, ISC
- » **Daniel Wilson**, Special Advisor, Assembly of First Nations
- » **Chief David Jimmie**, Chief and CEO, Squiala First Nation and BC Assembly of First Nations representative on the Joint Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations
- » **Harold Calla**, Executive Chair, First Nations Financial Management Board
- » **Chief Harvey McLeod**, Upper Nicola Band
- » **Collette Sunday**, Band Administrator, Upper Nicola Band
- » Facilitator: **Jessie Hemphill**

2. Indigenous Leadership and Opportunities in Clean Energy Projects@ Stanley Park 1-2 (2nd floor)

Youth panel and dialogue session.

- » **Cole Sayers**, Project Coordinator, New Relationship Trust, BC Clean Energy Initiative
- » **Michelle Myers**, 20/20 Catalyst Mentor and Project Coordinators with Barkley Group, Xenigwet'in First Nation
- » **Braden Etzerza**, Climate Change Coordinator, Metlakatla First Nation
- » Facilitator: **Sasha Hobb**, Chief Operating Officer of the BC First Nations Technology Council

3. Community-led Planning @ Stanley Park 3 (2nd floor)

Join the Four Sister communities (Homalco, Klahoose, K'omox and Tla'amin) as they showcase their joint planning initiatives supporting nation rebuilding.

- » **Chief Clint Williams**, Tla'amin Nation
- » **Steven Brown**, Councillor, Klahoose First Nation
- » **Alison Trenholm**, Councillor, Homalco First Nation
- » **Chief Nicole Rempel**, Chief Councillor, K'omox First Nation
- » Facilitator: **Nene Kraneveldt**

4. First Nation Education Updates – Education Jurisdiction, BCTEA and Post-Secondary Education @ Cypress (2nd floor)

- » **Tyrone McNeil**, President, First Nation Education Steering Committee
- » Facilitator: **Wendy Rogers**

Elder

Elder's Tea

@ Mackenzie

The Elder's Tea will bring together invited Elders that ISC and CIRNAC have been working with over the years to recognize their contributions, engage in meaningful dialogue, strengthen relationships and provide a space to hear how Elders are interested in working with the departments in the future.

- » Facilitators: **Michelle Robinson** and **Jennifer Chong**

2:15
P.M.**Networking Break** (refreshments)

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2:45
P.M.**Interactive Breakout Sessions****1. Housing Co-design – Emerging Partnerships for Indigenous Housing** @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C

This housing session will showcase examples of innovative and collaborative co-design approaches and processes in Indigenous Housing in both the urban Indigenous communities and with First Nations. By sharing their expertise and experience the panelists will provide us with an opportunity to learn and to have open discussions on how to best meet First Nation members' housing needs.

- » **Clifford White**, President, Prince Rupert Indigenous Housing Society
- » **Leo Lawson**, Capital Manager, Heiltsuk Nation
- » **Khelsilem Sxwchálten iy Xelsilem**, Councillor & Spokesperson, Squamish Nation
- » Facilitator: **Richard George**

2. BC Indigenous Skills, Training and Employment – Interactive Session with Community Leaders@ Stanley Park 1-2 (2nd floor)

The BC AFN, UBCIC and the First Nations Summit have passed resolutions to support a tripartite approach to Indigenous Skills, Training and Employment in BC. This interactive break-out session will provide an opportunity for First Nations leaders to elaborate on these resolutions by describing what would be most useful for communities, how Canada, BC and First Nations partners can work better together, and proposing ideas to strengthen skills, training and employment outcomes for First Nations peoples.

- » **Robert Phillips**, Political Executive, First Nation Summit
- » **Chief Harvey McLeod**, Upper Nicola
- » Facilitator: **Cherlyn Billy**, Director, Indigenous Skills & Employment Training, Shuswap Nation Tribal Council

3. Re-imagining Emergency Management using the 'Braiding' approach @ Stanley Park 3 (2nd floor)

This session will be an opportunity to share best practices from the communities and provide input to help shape the implementation of the Tripartite MOU on Emergency Management Services.

- » **Chief Donna Aljam**, Nicomen Indian Band
- » **Anthony Moore**, Emergency Response Services Manager / Enforcement & Emergency Services, Nisga'a Lisims Government
- » **Jeremiah Louis**, Emergency Services Manager/Fire Chief, Takla Nation
- » **Lindsay Tighe**, Emergency Planning & Coordination Manager, Nlaka'pamux Nation Health Services
- » Facilitator: **Brent Langlois**, Executive Director, First Nations Emergency Services Society

4. Learning From Each Other – Best Practices Amongst Administrators @ Cypress (2nd floor)

Hosted by the First Nations Public Service Secretariat, the session will focus on the sharing of knowledge and best practices in a world café style format. Administrators who work in community are strongly encouraged to participate, but all are welcome!

- » Facilitators: **Hannah Desharnais** and **Jacqueline Armstrong**

4:00
P.M.**End of Day 2 Wrap-up** @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C4:15
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5:00
P.M.**Performance by the Coastal Wolf Pack** @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C

Coastal Wolf Pack is a traditional Salish song and dance group based on Musqueam traditional territory. They are an intergenerational group with members from less than 1 year old to over 60. The group was founded in 2009 with the intention to create an opportunity for children and families to celebrate being Coast Salish and to express that in song and dance.

DAY 3 Thursday, January 23 (7:30 A.M. – 2:15 P.M.)

7:30
A.M. **Hot Buffet Breakfast**
at the Westin Bayshore Vancouver

8:30
A.M. **Day 3 Welcome** @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C

Opening Prayer

» Sam George Jr.,
Tsleil-Waututh Nation

Welcome

» Chief Don Tom, Union of BC Indian Chiefs

Day 2 Roll-up

» Co-Moderators Harold Tarbell and Jessie Hemphill

8:45
A.M. **BC Overview Report** @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C

This session will provide an overview on the 2019-2020 investments, followed by a Q&A

- » Catherine Lappe, Regional Director General, BC Region, ISC
- » Executive Leadership Team, ISC – BC Region

Youth

Youth Videography Workshop – Part 2 @ Mackenzie

Part 2 of the workshop is to allow youth to finish working on their video for presentation at closing remarks.

- » Nene Kraneveldt, Imagination FX

10:00
A.M. **Networking Break** (refreshments)

10:30
A.M. **Interactive Breakout Sessions**

1. First Nations Communications – Best Practices @ Grand Ballroom A-B-C

First Nations people have been effective communicators for centuries. The challenge in modern times is how to communicate in a clear and understandable way with membership, the surrounding community and with the media. This session will benefit anyone from Chief and Councillors to members who want to better understand and learn how communications activities can support the objectives of the community.

- » Tewanee Joseph, Chief Executive Officer, Tewanee Consulting Group
- » Davis McKenzie (Ah-jeh-ma-thot), Toχ^woχ^w (Becoming Clear) Communications

2. Jordan's Principle – Exploring a New Model of Service Coordination in BC @ Stanley Park 1-2 (2nd floor)

The session will be used to engage with First Nations leadership and seek their views on an enhanced model of service coordination for Jordan's Principle in BC. Information will be shared regarding new investments in service coordination and a forthcoming Expression of Interest to determine interest in hosting a community-based service coordinator.

- » Lorinda Patterson, Lead Service Coordinator, Southern Alberta Team Lead, First Nations Health Consortium
- » Facilitator: Jessie Hemphill

3. BC Housing and Infrastructure Council Update and Information Session @ Stanley Park 3 (2nd floor)

Youth

Youth Engagement Session

@ Mackenzie

This session will give Our Gathering Youth Delegates the chance to share what topics and issues are important to them and their community, and to tell ISC and CIRNAC how they want to be engaged on those topics. Recognizing that youth are our future, we want to continue to develop a working relationship between youth and the departments

- » Facilitators:
Justen Peters and Dylan Dolha

12:00
P.M. **Hot Buffet Lunch** @ Grand Ballroom D

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1:00 Closing Remarks

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2:15
P.M.

Youth Report Out

Government of Canada

- » **Chris Roine**, Director General, Treaties and Aboriginal Government – Negotiations West, CIRNAC
- » **Bill Guerin**, Associate Regional Director General, BC Region, ISC

First Nations Leadership Council

- » **Regional Chief Terry Teegee**, BC Assembly of First Nations
- » **Robert Phillips**, First Nations Summit
- » **Kukpi7 Judy Wilson**, Union of BC Indian Chiefs

EXHIBITORS

**1st Floor –
ISC/CIRNAC
Open House**

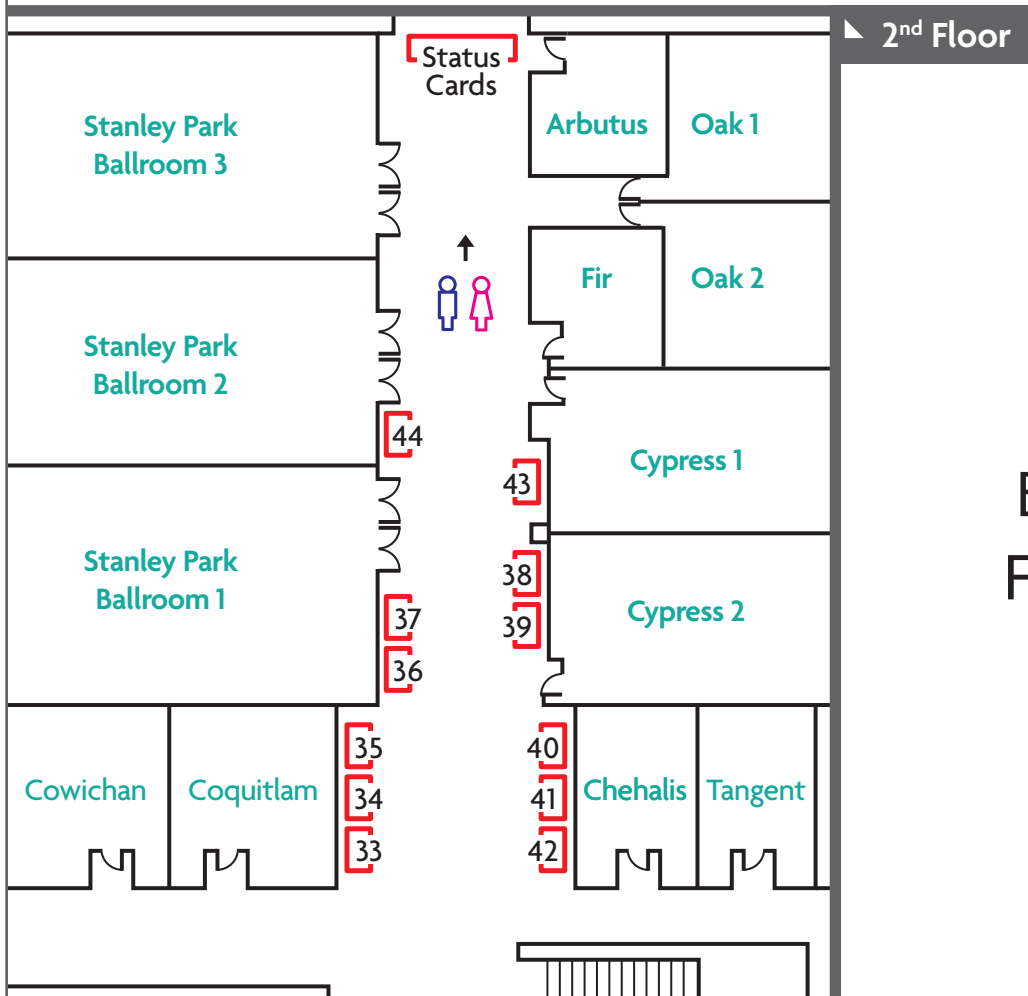
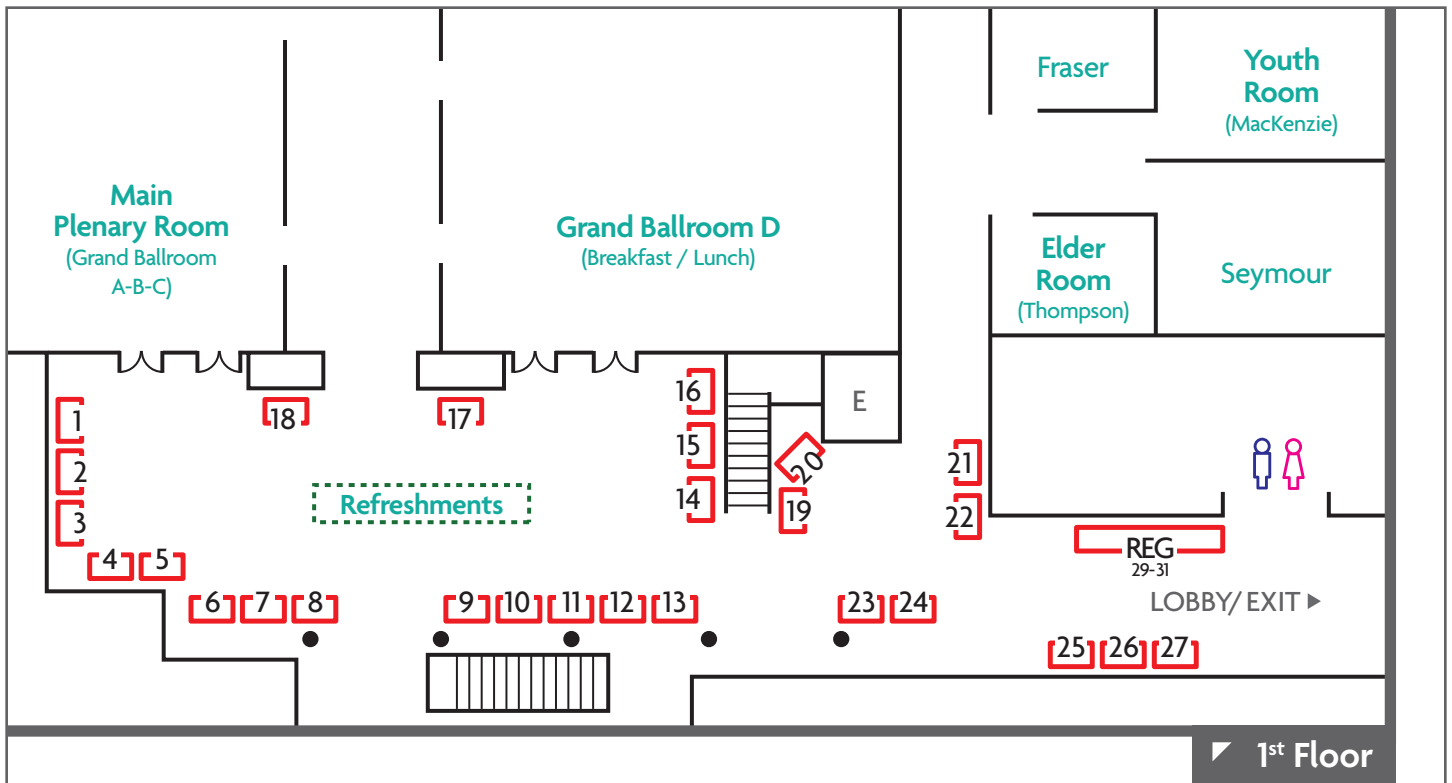
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Westin Bayshore Floor Plan