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*Thank you* for your interest in participating in an Indigenous Fire  
Marshal Office (IFMO) project Community Engagement session.



## Why should we participate?

The development of an Indigenous Fire Marshal Office (IFMO) is a project being undertaken by the Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada (AFAC) to support the development of community capacity for safer and healthy First Nations communities.

The IFMO project objectives include:

- Secure new funding for required capacity to develop and operate the IFMO.
- Collaborate with existing First Nations fire and emergency services.
- Engage with First Nations communities to help define the IFMO.
- Design programs and services to build and maintain capacity within First Nations communities.
- Address identified gaps in First Nations fire service.

Community engagement is essential for the successful development of the Indigenous Fire Marshal Office. Your participation will ensure that communities coast to coast to coast have their needs fully recognized and considered with your input. Your input can help to guide and the shape the priorities for the IFMO as it is established.

There are 8 Community Engagement Sessions scheduled for this year. The voices of the community designate are the focus during these one-day, interactive meetings that include breakout sessions for participants to further explore the ideas. The group will also be guided through discussion on the following themes:

- Review findings of the Technical Engagement Sessions
- Vision and mandate
- Principles for governance and legislative considerations
- Programs and services
- Building strong relationships



## Who should attend?

We are inviting designates from geographically diverse communities, regional political organizations, National Indigenous Organizations, self-government and treaty organizations to provide input on behalf of the people they serve.

Designates could be community elected or administrative leaders, elders, youth representatives and those in leadership roles that are able to represent the voice of their community or organization. For example; Chiefs, Councilors, Band Managers, community leaders, Regional Political Chiefs, Elders, Youth Representatives

All designates are requested to come prepared to speak about the experiences, needs and successes of the communities they represent.

*for us, by us*

This is our guiding philosophy. It means:

- First Nations-created organization to serve First Nations communities.
- First Nations governance structure developed in collaboration with First Nations leadership.
- New, ongoing funding, free of political interference.
- Fire service careers for Indigenous Peoples.
- An organization accountable to First Nations communities through transparent reporting.



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## What to expect on the day:

7:00 to 8:30	Registration /sign in for participants Including a hot breakfast buffet.
8:30 to 10:15	Session begins, welcome, introductions, project background, overview of discussion.
10:15 to 10:30	<b>Break – beverage and food service</b>
10:30 to 12:00	Guided discussion on themes
12:00 to 1:00	<b>Buffet Lunch</b>
1:00 to 2:30	Guided discussion on themes continues
2:30 to 2:45	<b>Break – beverage and food service</b>
2:45 to 4:00	Guided discussion on themes continues
4:00 to 4:30	Closing



## Registration details

- > There is no fee to attend.
- > All participants need to register for the session before the scheduled date.
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- > Please provide your full name, community and your position at the time of registration.



## Travel reimbursement

- > Related travel expenses using the most economical means for the trip will be reimbursed.
- > Designates are to book with the host hotel at the negotiated rate.
- > Meal allowances and kilometric rates are in accordance with the National Joint Council Travel Directive.
- > Designates will be provided with travel claim forms when they sign in at the event. Properly completed claims with supporting receipts will be processed and a cheque issued on site. Post event claims will be processed as quickly as possible.



## Where and When

Participation in the Community Engagement process is your opportunity to have a voice in shaping the IFMO to meet the needs of your community, and to improve fire safety in all our communities.

Sessions are designed for each region. If your schedule does not allow you to attend the nearest session please contact us so that we can support your travel to attend a session that is convenient.

### Moncton, NB – October 17, 2019

Crowne Plaza Moncton Downtown Hotel

### Quebec City, QC – October 22, 2019

Courtyard Quebec City Hotel

### Thunder Bay, ON – October 24, 2019

Towneplace Suites Hotel

### Winnipeg, MB – October 29, 2019

Holiday Inn Airport-Polo Park Hotel

### Saskatoon, SK – November 5, 2019

Courtyard by Marriot Saskatoon Airport Hotel

### Edmonton, AB – November 7, 2019

Four Points Edmonton Airport Hotel

### Prince George, BC – November 19, 2019

Courtyard by Marriot Hotel

### Nanaimo, BC – November 21, 2019

Coast Bastion Hotel

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