AGENDA 2026 ELDERS GATHERING AUG. 25-26, 2026

AUGUST 24 – 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm – MANDATORY CHECK-IN

Where: Lobby (shared with the Pan Pacific Hotel) East Building, Vancouver Convention Centre

Group leaders of all sized groups will pick up registration bags/name cards/lanyards/sharpies and tickets for the Elders Services.
***These TICKETS will not have times except for the Craft Classes (24 spots per class) but they will be numbered.**

SERVICES ARE: Hair Salon, Nail Salon, Therapeutic Touch Wellness, Healing Room by IRSSS, Foot Care, Mystics, Hearing Checks, Vision Checks, Men's and Women's Craft Classes.

Elders will need to check-in at the upstairs Services Check-In Station with their tickets to see approx. how long your turn will take. Walkie Talkies will be used for services to communicate with the Check-In Station.

NOTES: ELDERS – IF YOU MISS YOUR NUMBER BEING POSTED ON THE WHITE BOARDS

You may ask at the Check-In Station to see if there is an opening on Tuesday, but especially on Wednesday morning and they will endeavour to fit you in at the services you want. There will be waiting chairs in the upstairs lobby if you need to wait a bit.

FOR THE SECOND TIME: ELDERS HELPERS/CHAPERONES/WORKERS are invited to partake in the upstairs services on Wednesday afternoon from 1 pm to 5 pm ONLY. Please do not use up spots on Tuesday – these are for ELDERS ONLY. We need this to work as last year it didn't work. We won't do it again if helpers take elder's spots on Tuesday.

WORKERS DO NOT NEED TICKETS. THOSE ARE ONLY FOR THE ELDERS. JUST WEAR YOUR LANYARDS.

(If ELDERS are waiting for the same service you will have to wait a bit, but they will try to fit you all in)

MEALS:
THERE IS NO BREAKFAST ON EITHER DAY OF THE EVENT

MEALS PROVIDED ARE 2 LUNCHES AT 12 PM AND 2 DINNERS AT 5 PM
***ALL MEALS ARE SERVED WITH COFFEE/TEA/AND ICE WATER**

Water Coolers: Are in the Vendor Centre, Rest Centre, and the Upstairs Lobby for you.

SELF-SERVE COFFEE BREAKS ARE: 7:30 AM AND 2:30 PM DAY 1 & 8:30 AM AND 2:30 PM ON DAY 2 AND THIS IS SET-UP AT THE BACK OF OUR MAIN HALL.
***ELDERS AND HELPERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE LEAVE SOME FOR THE ELDERS BEHIND YOU IN THE COFFEE BREAK LINE-UP.**

FIRST AID: THERE IS A FIRST AID ATTENDENT IN THE MAIN HALL, ONE IN THE REST CENTRE, AND WE HAVE A FIRST AID STATION IN THE MAIN LOBBY.

DAY 1 – TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00 am – 9:00 am Registration Check-In is open again in the lobby of the East Building of the VCC

7:30 am – Coffee/Tea/Juice Break self serve at the back on the Main Hall. Please remember to leave some for the elders behind you in the line-up.

7:30 am – 50/50 SALES OPEN at the FRONT & BACK of the Main Hall, VENDOR CENTRE & UPSTAIRS LOBBY.

50/50 DETAILS: YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

There will be continuous $5 ticket draws in the Main Hall for $1000 each paid in cash.

And there will be 2 PROGRESSIVE TICKETS for $10 and $20 each.

BOTH OF THESE PROGRESSIVE will be drawn at 6:00 pm, Aug. 26 in the Main Hall and paid out by cheque.

8:00 am to 12:00 pm All services are running upstairs.
***There are flat screens outside of all rooms that tell you what service is inside.**

8:00 am to 12:00 pm The REST CENTRE Is Open in Ballroom C In Between the Vendor Centre and Our Main Hall by the side escalator.

This room is for 'Elders Only' for up to 1 hr. NAPS. The Rest Centre is a welcoming, calm and comfortable space. There are 44 cots, a Water Cooler, Support Staff and a First Aid Attendant.

8:00 am to 12:00 pm Upstairs Drop-In Rooms are Open:

Room #8 - Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions
Room #9 - ICBC
Room #10 – STATUS CARDS by FNHA
Room #14 – To be Determined
Room #16 - Naloxone Kit Training and Sharing Circles
Room #19 & #20 - Health Info Centre With 8 Booths

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8 am to 8 pm - VENDOR CENTRE IS OPEN FOR SHOPPING AND INFORMATION SHARING WITH 64 CRAFT AND INFO BOOTHS AND A WATER COOLER

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE GRAND ENTRY AT THE EVENT

9:30 am – 10:15 am - GRAND ENTRY STARTS HERE - Line up behind the sign in the long hallway.

The Grand Entry is not done alphabetically. Simply line up with your group and be ready for your turn.

***We will have a photographer taking quick pictures of groups as they enter the Main Hall and turn down towards the stage. These will be put on our website again www.bcelders.com so you can see your group on our site.**

When you have marched to the front of the stage, please split off and make your way to your assigned seats/tables.

WELCOME: By our Master of Ceremonies and Elders Gathering Chair, John Henderson

10:15 am - 10:45 am Performance by the 2026 Cultural Host Lil'wat Nation

10:45 am – 11:45 am — Introductions of the 2026 Elders Gathering King and Queen – of the Lil'wat Nation

INTRODUCTION AND SHORT SPEECHES BY OUR 2026 ELDERS GATHERING SPONSORS

12:00 pm - Plated 5- Star Lunch Is Served

12:15 pm to 12:50 pm – SURPRISE ENTERTAINMENT

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Everything Is Closed Upstairs On The Meeting Room Level

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2:30 pm Coffee/Tea/Pastries/Fresh Fruit Break at the back of the Main Hall. Please remember to leave some for the Elders behind you in the line up.

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm Elders Dance featuring the 'Front Page Band' in the Main Hall

5:00 pm - Plated 5-Star Dinner is Served

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Performance by Frank Sinatra Impersonator Ronnie Scott

6:15 pm – 7:15 pm Comedian Don Burnstick Performs

DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

There is NO be Breakfast on Day 2

8:30 am - Coffee/Tea/Pastries/Fresh Fruit/Juice Break in the back of the Main Hall
***Please remember to leave some for the elders in the line-up behind you.**
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9:00 am - 10:30 am IN THE MAIN HALL Cultural Groups perform for ½ hr. segments in the Main Hall

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Performance by Elvis Impersonator Ronnie Scott

12:00 pm – Plated 5 - Star Lunch Is Served

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm HOOP DANCERS PERFORM – Alex Wells

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Cultural Groups Perform in ½ segments in the Main Hall

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm BC Elder's Council AGM—Off the Main Lobby - Please send one rep. per group if possible.

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm RED DRESS FASHION SHOW, Kim Coltman, Founder/CEO Fashion Speaks International

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5:00 pm – Plated 5-Star Dinner is Served

6:00 pm - All 50/50 Draws Are Drawn Plus Any Raffles From The Vendor Centre

6:15 pm – 6:45 pm Cultural Host Lil'wat Nation Performs

6:45 pm – 7:00 pm Closing Ceremony - Honouring of the 2026 Elders Gathering King and Queen with gifts
Closing Remarks by our Master of Ceremony and Elders Gathering Chair, John Henderson