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Hello BCSCWG members and honoured guests,

Thank you so much for attending the strategy session last week. We so appreciate that you took the time to come, share your thoughts, and help chart a way forward in this fast-changing time.

We look forward to getting back to you soon with a draft plan, for your review. For now, we want to share the resources that you requested during the session.

LINKS:

- [Proposed Independent Centre for the Resolution of Specific Claims](#): This is the discussion paper (by Roshan Danesh) about the areas of agreement between Canada and the AFN on an Independent Centre.
- [AFN Indigenous Laws Gathering](#): Registration details are available for the 3rd annual Indigenous Laws Gathering, June 3-4 , 2025. This year's title is "Legal Pluralism: Braiding Distinct Legal Traditions and Sources of Power."
- [Website of Senator Paul Prosper](#): This site has many [resources](#) for "demystifying Parliament" (such as "Five Points to Successfully Engage with Parliamentarians," "The Cabinet Process," and "What Can My Senator Do for Me?")
- [Specific Claims Compensation and Economic Reconciliation](#): A report by consultants (Fiscal Realities) for the Specific Claims Branch about "the economic impacts of settling claims."
- [Our Laws Arise from the Land](#): This is the BCSCWG online resource to support learning related to Indigenous laws and specific claims. It includes Ardith Walkem's 2018 paper, [A New Way Forward: Incorporating Indigenous Laws into Specific Claims Processes](#), which outlines six guiding principles.
- [Living Proof](#): This is the UBCIC guide (from 2010) related to data collection for land use and occupancy mapping.

ATTACHMENTS:

- **Timeline of specific claims policy reform 2015-2025** (with links to all BCSCWG reports and submissions)
- **Overview of Contingent Liabilities:** This is a report from the Parliamentary Budget Office about Canada's contingent liabilities. It notes "A large portion of the increasing provision for contingent liabilities can be attributed to Indigenous claims. As noted in the Public Accounts of Canada 2023, the government recorded expenses totaling approximately \$26 billion related to Indigenous claims in 2022-23."
- **Cultural Losses and Ongoing Harms:** This is the presentation from Brenda Gaertner and Peter Miller from the strategy session.
- **Specific Claims Reform Strategic Approach:** This is the presentation from the AFN from the strategy session.
- **An AFN bulletin on key ridings where First Nations votes can determine the outcome.**

You might also be interested — the [AFN is holding a series of virtual forums with party leaders](#) before the upcoming general election (just announced).

Thanks again, everyone! I am looking forward to the conversations to come.

More soon,

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