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LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

2026 Elders' Gathering August 23-28

Day 1
August 23

TRAVEL

Day 2
August 24

Time	Itinerary	Location
8:00 am (MDT)	Leave Cranbrook	Ktunaxa Nation Council Building Cranbrook
Travel for 1 hour (<i>time change occurs</i>)		
8:30 am (PDT)	Creston arrival, pick up participants	Save-On Foods, Creston
9:00 am	Leave Creston	Travel 3 hours to Grand Forks
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch break (bagged)	Grand Forks
Travel for 5 hours to Chilliwack		
6:00 pm	Hotel check-in	Hampton Inn 8050 Lickman Rd, Chilliwack
6:30 pm	Dinner	Ricky's in Chilliwack 45389 Luckakuck Way
7:30 am	Breakfast @ hotel	Hampton Inn 8050 Lickman Rd, Chilliwack
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9:00am	Leave Chilliwack	Travel 1.5 hours to Vancouver
11:00 am	Activity Start	Vancouver: TBD
12:00 pm	Lunch / Activity	TBD
3:30 pm	Travel to hotel	TBD
4:00 pm	Hotel check-in	Fairmont Waterfront 900 Canada Place Vancouver
5:00 pm	Citizen's Dinner (Discuss CBT & other Lands projects)	Pan Pacific Oceanview Suites 5 & 6, Vancouver



Day 3
August 25

ELDERS' GATHERING

STAY CONNECTED! Rachelle Sebastian: 250-421-8537

Time	Itinerary	Location
6:30 – 7:30 am	Continental breakfast	Hotel: Fairmont Waterfront
8:00 am	Depart rooms to the Gathering (across the road, same as last year)	Vancouver Convention Centre
8:00 – 11:30 am	Check-in to the Gathering	Lobby
8:00 – 12:00 pm	Services running upstairs, (first come, first served basis)	Upstairs
9:00 am	Coffee / Tea break	Back of Main Hall
9:30 am	Grand Entry begins through the hallway to the Main Hall. It is not done alphabetically. Line up with your banner and wait for the Grand Entry to begin.	Main Hall
10:15 – 10:45 am	Performance by the 2026 Cultural Host, Lil'wat Nation	Main Hall
10:45 – 11:45 am	Introduction of the 2026 Elders King & Queen	Main Hall
11:45 – 12:00 pm	Introductions and short speeches by 2026 Elders Gathering Sponsors	Main Hall
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Main Hall
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Workshops and services	Upstairs
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Open Mic — Individual Sign-up List and Group Sign-up List at the Stage	Stage
2:30 pm	Coffee / Tea Break	Back of Main Hall
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Dinner	Main Hall
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Frank Sinatra Impersonator	Main Hall
5:00 pm	Bidding is closed. The host for next year's Elders Gathering is announced!	Main Hall
6:15 – 7:15 pm	Don Burnstick Comedian	Main Hall

Day 4 August 26

ELDERS' GATHERING

Time	Itinerary	Location
7:00 – 8:30 am	Continental breakfast	Hotel: Fairmont Waterfront
8:30 am	Depart rooms to the Gathering (across the road, same as last year)	Vancouver Convention Centre
8:00 – 12:00 pm	Services running upstairs, (first come, first served basis)	Upstairs
8:00 – 12:00 pm	Rest Centre open	Main floor
9:00 – 12:00 pm	Workshops open	Upstairs
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Main Hall
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Workshops and services	Upstairs
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Dinner	Main Hall
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Performance by the 2026 Cultural Host, followed by the Honouring of the Reigning King and Queen.	Main Hall

7:00 am	Breakfast	Hotel: Fairmont Waterfront
8:30 am	Depart Vancouver	Hotel: Fairmont Waterfront
8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Travel to Osoyoos	5 hours
12:00	Lunch on bus	On the road
1:30 pm	Activity	TBD: Osoyoos
6:00 pm	Dinner	TBD: Osoyoos

Day 5 August 27 TRAVEL

Day 6 August 28

7:30 am (PDT)	Breakfast @ hotel	TBD: Osoyoos
9:00am	Leave Osoyoos	Travel 5 hours to Cranbrook
TBD	Drop off in Creston	Save On Foods
3:00 pm (MDT)	Arrive home	Ktunaxa Nation Council building