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Leading Our Nations: Sovereignty, Purpose & Integrity in First Nations Leadership

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Continental Breakfast & Registration	08:00AM – 09:00AM
Opening Ceremony	09:00AM – 10:30AM
Morning Break	10:30AM – 10:45AM
Keynote: Senator Sol Sanderson **Speakers:** Senator Sol Sanderson	10:45AM – 12:00PM
Lunch Buffet	12:00PM – 01:00PM
Keynote: Katherine Whitecloud **Speakers:** Katherine Whitecloud	01:00PM – 02:15PM
Afternoon Break	02:15PM – 02:30PM
Breakout Session #1 - The Decision to Run: Understanding your	02:30PM – 03:45PM
Breakout Session #2 - Young Leaders & Rising Expectations	02:30PM – 03:45PM
Breakout Session #3 - Leadership Wellness & Boundaries: The 24/7 Myth	02:30PM – 03:45PM
Breakout Session #4 - Council Protocols, Meetings & Professional Conduct	02:30PM – 03:45PM
Breakout Session #5 - What Leadership Looks Like in First Nations Governance	02:30PM – 03:45PM
Wellness Circles, Cedar baths, Reiki, Open mic reflection circles, Q&A with Leadership experts	03:45PM – 04:30PM

SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Breakfast & Registration	08:00AM – 09:00AM
Keynote: Steven Newcomb **Speakers:** Steven Newcomb - Doctrine of Discovery & Decolonizing Governance	09:00AM – 10:15AM
Morning Break	10:15AM – 10:30AM
Breakout Session #1 - Campaign Foundations: From Vision to Action	10:30AM – 12:00PM
Breakout Session #2 - Governance, Accountability & Transparency	10:30AM – 12:00PM
Breakout Session #3 - Managing Criticism, Conflict & Community Politics	10:30AM – 12:00PM
Breakout Session #4 - Public Speaking & Leadership Communication	10:30AM – 12:00PM
Breakout Session #5 - Legacy, Mentorship & Sustainable Leadership Pathways	10:30AM – 12:00PM
Lunch & Elder Teaching: Unmasking Entitlement & Power Dynamics	12:00PM – 01:00PM
Keynote: Michael Birch **Speakers:** Grand Chief Michael Birch	01:00PM – 02:15PM
Afternoon Break	02:15PM – 02:30PM
Breakout Session #1 - Running an Ethical, Values-Based Campaign	02:30PM – 04:00PM
Breakout Session #2 - Unmasking Entitlement & Power Dynamics	02:30PM – 04:00PM
Breakout Session #3: Managing Leadership Stress	02:30PM – 04:00PM
Breakout Session #4: Life After Leadership, Developing an Exit Plan	02:30PM – 04:00PM
Breakout Session #5: Council & Administration: Understanding the Distinction	02:30PM – 04:00PM

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

Breakfast & Networking
08:00AM – 09:00AM

Panel #1 - Supporting Your Leaders
09:00AM – 10:15AM

Speakers: TBD (Call for Presentors), TBD (Call for Presentors), TBD (Call for Presentors)

Morning Break
10:15AM – 10:30AM

Panel #2 - Moving On Without Losing Yourself
10:45AM – 12:00PM

Speakers: TBD (Call for Presentors), TBD (Call for Presentors), TBD (Call for Presentors), TBD (Call for Presenters)

Lunch
12:00PM – 01:00PM

Closing Keynote - Sophie Pierre
01:00PM – 02:00PM

Speakers: Chief Sophie Pierre - TBD

Closing Remarks & Ceremony
02:00PM – 02:30PM

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