

A Message from the First Nations Health Council

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First Nations Health Council Leadership Transition

Coast Salish Territory | At its most recent meeting on September 2, 2021, the First Nations Health Council (FNHC) elected Wade Grant as its new incoming Chair, replacing Interim Chair Les Doiron. Wade, a member of the Musqueam Indian Band and the South Coastal FNHC representative for the Vancouver Coastal Region, has been a member of the FNHC since June, 2019; his appointment as Chair is a three-year term.

As FNHC Chair, Wade is committed to support the Council in its collective work to make sure that no First Nation community or person in BC are left behind on their journey to health and wellness.

The FNHC pays tribute to former Chair Charlene Belleau for her time and commitment to the health and well-being of all First Nations. She will continue to remain an active member of the FNHC representing the Interior Region.

Les Doiron will continue on with his role as the appointed Deputy Chair for the Council. His ongoing support and active voice are valued by both the Nuu-chah-nulth family on the Central Island, as well as the FNHC.

The FNHC is regionally-driven by a 15-person Council with three elected representatives from each region in BC. Current priorities for the FNHC include working alongside its Tripartite partners in BC and Canada on implementation of the 2018 Tripartite Partnership to Improve Mental Health and Wellness MOU.

About the First Nations Health Council (FNHC) The FNHC is one of four pillars of the First Nations Health Governance Structure in BC, along with its partners at the FNHA, the FNHDA and the Tripartite Committee on First Nations Health, which includes the BC and federal governments. Its advocacy journey began in the early 2000s, including the 2007 signing of the Transformative Change Accord to address health disparities between First Nations and other BC. The FNHC's mandate is to oversee transformation of the health system, make progress on the Social Determinants for Health and advocate for First Nations decision-making in health and wellness. The FNHC provides political leadership for implementation of Tripartite commitments and supports the health priorities for BC First Nations. For more information, visit [FNHC.ca](https://fnhc.ca).