



National Gathering on Unmarked Burials:

Supporting the Search and Recovery of Missing Children

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Wellness and Spiritual Health Supports will be on site throughout the Gathering



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Meet the Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools



Kimberly Murray, BA, LL.B, IPC

Kimberly Murray is a member of Kahnésatake Mohawk Nation. On June 8, 2022, Ms. Murray was appointed as Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools.

Prior to this new role, she was the Executive Lead for the Survivors' Secretariat at Six Nations of the Grand River, working to recover the missing children and unmarked burials at the Mohawk Institute, the longest operating Indian Residential School in Canada.

Ms. Murray was also the Province of Ontario's first ever Assistant Deputy Attorney General for Indigenous Justice, from April 1, 2015, to August 2, 2021, where she was responsible for creating a unit to work with Indigenous communities on revitalizing their Indigenous laws and legal orders. In 2018-2019, Ms. Murray chaired the Expert Panel on Policing in Indigenous Communities, which produced the report *Toward Peace Harmony, and Well-Being: Policing in Indigenous Communities*.

From 2010 to 2015, Ms. Murray was the Executive Director of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada where she worked to ensure that Survivors of Canada's Indian Residential School System were heard and remembered, and to promote reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

From 1995 to 2010, Ms. Murray was staff lawyer and then Executive Director of Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto. She has appeared before all levels of courts on Indigenous legal issues. She has acted as counsel at numerous coroner inquests and public inquiries – including the Ipperwash Inquiry in Ontario and the Frank Paul Inquiry in British Columbia.

Ms. Murray is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2017 National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Law and Justice. In 2015, the Indigenous Bar Association granted Ms. Murray the Indigenous Peoples' Counsel (IPC) designation.

Message from the Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools

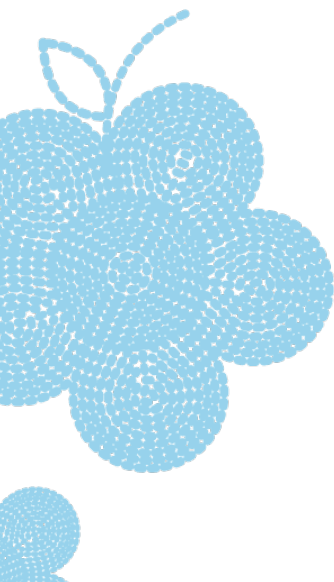
Welcome to the Inaugural National Gathering on Unmarked Burials to support the search and recovery of the missing children. We have the great privilege to meet on the Territory of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations; thank you for allowing us to be here. I want to acknowledge the strength of Indigenous Survivors, families and communities within Canada who are leading the Sacred work of recovering the missing children. I want to especially acknowledge the Survivors, who have spoken for decades about the burials of children who died while being forced to attend Indian Residential Schools. Survivors have spoken truths for decades about the unmarked burials that are likely located on every former Indian Residential School site as well as other associated sites, such as hospitals, cemeteries, reformatory and industrial schools.

It has been said that the Spirits of the little ones have woken the Nation. In my work as Special Interlocutor, I carry in my heart all the children who were forcibly taken from their parents and communities by the Canadian state and placed in Indian Residential Schools. I am guided by all the Survivors who have passed on and those who walk among us. Most of all, I honour and make a commitment to do my part in supporting the search and recovery of all the children so that their Spirits can journey home to rest with their ancestors.

The Sacred work that Survivors and Indigenous communities have been leading to recover the missing children across Canada has revealed an urgent need for legislative, regulatory, and policy protections of former Indian Residential School sites and other sites where Indigenous children may be buried. There are significant gaps in legal protections to protect these sites pending searches and investigations, and from further development. In addition, there are barriers for Survivors and Indigenous communities leading this work in accessing relevant records to help locate unmarked burials and identify the missing children. Finally, there are questions about whether law reform or other measures are needed to support death investigations and, where appropriate, criminal prosecutions.

My hope is that this National Gathering will support knowledge sharing and dialogue between those leading and supporting this Sacred work. At this Gathering, we have prioritized the voices of Survivors, Indigenous families and communities. We are here to listen with care, respect and humility and then take action to support the Sacred work of finding the children. Every person has a role to make sure the children are located and identified. Let's all work together to find the missing children so that that we can honour each and every child taken.

Kimberly R. Murray, Independent Special Interlocutor



Mandate of the Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools

The Special Interlocutor will identify needed measures and make recommendations for a new federal legal framework to ensure the respectful and culturally appropriate treatment of unmarked graves and burial sites of children associated with former residential schools. This will be done in close collaboration with First Nations, Inuit and Métis governments, representative organizations, communities, Survivors and families, other departments of the Government of Canada, provinces and territories, and other relevant institutions such as church entities and record holders.

The Special Interlocutor will function independently and impartially, in a non-partisan and transparent manner to achieve the objectives of her mandate.

The work of the Special Interlocutor will be to:

Engage with First Nations, Inuit and Métis governments, representative organizations, communities, Survivors and families to discuss issues of concern around the identification, preservation, and protection of unmarked graves and burial sites, including the potential repatriation of remains

Examine the existing federal, provincial and territorial laws, regulations, tools and practices that currently apply and have applied to protect unmarked graves and burial sites connected to former Indian Residential Schools, as well as applicable Indigenous laws and protocols, in order to develop a description of the current legal framework

Identify areas of improvement in Canadian law and make recommendations for a new federal legal framework to identify, protect, and preserve unmarked burial sites connected to former Indian Residential Schools and lands associated with the schools

Logo of the Office of the Special Interlocutor



Representing strength, family and healing, bears are the primary element in the Office of the Independent Special Interlocutor's logo. The larger bear represents the parent, family, and community, while the smaller bear symbolizes the children who were stolen and never returned.

The Northern Lights in the night sky are the Spirits of our ancestors dancing. The dancing guides the children to reunite with their ancestors.

The stars depict the connection between the children taken from their communities and the parents left behind, who would stare at the same stars longing to be reunited.

The flowers in the larger bear signify life and the resilience of Indigenous Peoples.

The changing colours in the dotted path illustrate the on-going search for truth, justice and healing.

The three pairs of moccasins honour and acknowledge all First Nations, Inuit and Métis children.

*“For the child taken,
For the parent left behind.”*

– TRC Final Report, 2012



Agenda

The Westin Plenary is located on the upper level – Main Conference Room.

All Breakfasts and Lunches will be available in the Foyer – Upper Level, outside the Main Conference Room.

The Gathering is being livestreamed to the public with the exception of the Breakout Sessions on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

Media will be present on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

A photographer will be present and taking photos at the Gathering for use by the Office of the Special Interlocutor.

This Gathering is a public event where photography, audio and video recording may occur. By attending the event, all attendees consent to the potential release and publication of photos and audio/video recordings by the Office of the Special Interlocutor. If you have concerns about this, please speak with a staff member from the Office of the Special Interlocutor.

Monday, September 12

Time	Event	Location
7:00 am	Lighting of the Sacred Fire Sunrise and Pipe Ceremony Elders Phyllis and Howard Mustus	City Hall
12:00 pm	Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Cultural Sharing – iHuman Grab & Go Lunch provided 	Westin Hotel
5:00 pm	Welcome Gathering & Networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference Chair Dr. Allen Benson Greetings from Mayor Amarjeet Sohi, City of Edmonton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Sharing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Cree Drum Group Zachary Willier, Fiddling Jenna Broomfield, Throat Singing Performances by Jenna Broomfield and Zach Willier 	Westin Hotel – Plenary Main Conference Room Upper Level - Foyer
6:00 pm	Welcome Ceremony and Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Prayer – Elders Phyllis Mustus & Sharon Morin Lighting of Qulliq – Jenna Broomfield Welcome to Territory – Grand Chief George Arcand, Treaty 6 Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kimberly R. Murray, Independent Special Interlocutor President Cassidy Caron, Métis National Council Regional Chief Antoine, Assembly of First Nations <p>Keynote Address: "Harms and Reconciliation: Community Wellness Before, During and After Searches"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Alike Lafontaine, President of the Canadian Medical Association 	Westin Hotel – Plenary Main Conference Room Upper Level

Tuesday, September 13

Time	Event	Location
6:30 am	Sunrise and Pipe Ceremony at the Sacred Fire	City Hall
7:00 am	BREAKFAST	Foyer
8:15 am	Opening Prayer	Westin Hotel – Plenary
8:30 am	Opening Remarks – President Natan Obed, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami	Westin Hotel – Plenary
8:45 am	Voices of Survivors Panel – Romeo Saganash, Survivor, Former MP for Abitibi-Baie James-Nunavik-Eeyou, Lillian Elias, Survivor, Recipient of Order of the Northwest Territories, Jacquie Bouvier, Survivor of the Beauval Mission School	Westin Hotel – Plenary
9:45 am	HEALTH BREAK	
10:00 am	Opening Remarks – Kimberly R. Murray, Independent Special Interlocutor, Dr. Chief Wilton Littlechild, Lawyer, Former Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, former North American Representative to the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	Westin Hotel – Plenary
10:20 am	Keynote Address: “International Legal Remedies: The International Criminal Court” – Dr. Chile Eboe-Osuji, Former President of the International Criminal Court, Distinguished International Jurist at the Lincoln Alexander School of Law and Special Advisor to the President’s Office at Toronto Metropolitan University	Westin Hotel – Plenary
10:40 am	Q&A	Westin Hotel – Plenary
11:00 am	Keynote Address: “The Long Journey for Truth in Guatemala: Multidisciplinary Forensics for Human Identification” – Fredy Peccerelli, Executive Director, Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala (FAFG)	Westin Hotel – Plenary
11:20 am	Q&A	Westin Hotel – Plenary
12:00 pm	LUNCH	Foyer
12:45pm	Break Out Sessions 1 & 2, including Q&A (Select One) 1. Records and Archives: What records are out there, where are they, and how do you get them? <i>Presenters</i> – Leah Redcrow, Saddle Lake First Nation, Barbara Lavallee, Cowessess First Nation, Charlene Belleau, Williams Lake First Nation	Westin Hotel - Devonian Room
	2. Search Technology: What technology exists, what does it do and not do? <i>Presenters</i> – Dr. Kisha Supernant, University of Alberta, Dr. Sarah Beaulieu, University of the Fraser Valley, Paul Bauman, Paul Bauman Geophysics	Westin Hotel – Centennial Room
2:15 pm	HEALTH BREAK	
2:30 pm	Break Out Sessions 3 & 4, including Q&A (Select One) 3. Investigations: Differences Between Community, Coroner and Police Processes <i>Presenters</i> – Dr. Dirk Huyer, Chief Coroner for Ontario, Donald E. Worme, Q.C., I.P.C. – Semaganis Worme Legal, Saskatoon, SK, Darren Montour, Chief of Six Nations Police	Westin Hotel - Devonian Room
	4. Protecting and Accessing Indian Residential Schools and other Sites: Practical Barriers, Jurisdictional Issues, Indigenous Cultural Protocols and Laws, and Land Reclamation/Land Back <i>Presenters</i> – Dr. Hadley Friedland, University of Alberta, Representative Tamara St. John, Tribal Cultural Preservation Officer, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, South Dakota, Nancy Sandy, Williams Lake First Nation	Westin Hotel – Centennial Room
4:00 pm	WRAP-UP – SUMMARY OF DAY ONE & CULTURAL SHARING	Westin Hotel – Plenary
4:25 pm	CLOSING PRAYER	Westin Hotel – Plenary

Wednesday, September 14

Time	Event	Location
6:30 am	Sunrise and Pipe Ceremony at the Sacred Fire	City Hall
7:00 am	BREAKFAST	Foyer
8:15 am	Opening Prayer	Westin Hotel – Plenary
8:30 am	Voices of Survivor Families <i>Presenters – Taylor Behn-Tsakoza, AFN Youth Council</i> Benjamin Kucher , Métis Youth, Inuk Youth	Westin Hotel – Plenary
9:15 am	Voices of Community: Knowledge Sharing Panel – Jeannette Starlight , Tsuu'Tina Nation, Dunbow Industrial school (St. Joseph's) E. Dutch Lerat , Cowessess First Nation, Marieval Indian Residential School Katherine Nichols , Sioux Valley First Nation, Brandon Industrial School Sarah Longman , George Gordon First Nation, Regina Indian Industrial School Chief Willie Seller , Williams Lake First Nation, St. Joseph's Mission Residential School	Westin Hotel - Plenary
10:15 am	Q&A	Westin Hotel - Plenary
10:30 am	HEALTH BREAK	
10:45 am	Voices of Community: Knowledge Sharing Panel Vicki Manuel & Fred Seymour , Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, Kamloops Indian Residential School Chief Mark Hill , Six Nations of the Grand River, Mohawk Institute Residential School George E. Pachano , Cree Nation of Chisasibi, St. Philips Indian Residential School Martha Malliki & Joanasie Akumalik , Chesterfield Inlet, Sir Joseph Bernier Federal Day School	Westin Hotel - Plenary
11:45 am	Q&A	
12:00 pm	LUNCH	Foyer
MEDIA IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE AFTERNOON SESSION		
12:45 pm	Rapporteur Reports – Summaries of Day 1 Break Out Sessions Tanya Talaga , Journalist, Fort William First Nation Brandi Morin , Journalist, Stony Plain First Nation Koren Lightning-Earle , Legal Director, Wahkohtowin Law and Governance Lodge, University of Alberta Janice Makokis , Lawyer and Consultant, Saddle Lake First Nation	Westin Hotel – Plenary
1:45 pm	HEALTH BREAK	
2:00 pm	Panel – Federal Government Representatives' Response to Rapporteur Reports Assistant Deputy Minister Laurie Sargent , Department of Justice Canada Indigenous Services Canada Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada	Westin Hotel – Plenary
3:00 pm	Panel -Church Representatives Response to Rapporteur Reports Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne , Kwisá'lakw, United Church Moderator The Venerable Alan Perry , General Secretary, Anglican Church of Canada Marian Haggarty-France , Senior Lead Mission Advancement, Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton	Westin Hotel - Plenary
4:00 pm	Response to Knowledge Shared and Closing Remarks Independent Special Interlocutor Kimberly R. Murray	Westin Hotel - Plenary
4:30 pm	CLOSING PRAYER AND TRAVEL SONG	Westin Hotel - Plenary

Speaker Biographies



Dr. Allen Benson

Dr. Allen Benson, LL.D. is a member of the Beaver Lake First Nation and the former Chief Executive Officer of Native Counselling Services of Alberta – an agency he led for over 25 years. Earlier in his career, Allen was the advisor to the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs for the New South Wales Government in Australia for three years.

Allen is a passionate advocate for the poor and the disenfranchised in Alberta and has been a leader in the areas of restorative and social justice, corrections, housing, homelessness, and healing. He has transformed his life experience into innovative service delivery and community-based action. He has held the positions of Chair of the Alberta Family Violence Death Review Committee, President of the National Associations Active in Criminal Justice and member of the International Indigenous Council for the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide movement.

Allen is a recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Alberta, the Alberta Centennial Medal, The Margaret Mead International Community Corrections Award, The Dreamspeaker Walk of Fame, the Paul Harris Fellowship, and the Alberta Aboriginal Role Model Award in Justice.



The Honourable Mayor Amarjeet Sohi

Mayor Amarjeet Sohi came to Canada when he was just 18 years old and had little to his name. But he was lucky. He wasn't in just any city. He was in Edmonton.

He learned to speak English in schools and public libraries and found friendship and community by playing sports and performing in the arts. He got to discover the city through the windows of city buses—until one day he got a job driving one.

Eventually his bus stopped at City Hall when he was elected as city councillor where he served for two terms. He worked hard for a city that invested in him through public services. His passion for Edmonton took him all the way to Ottawa where he served as the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and the Minister of Natural Resources, overseeing billions in investments in our economic future.

From bus driver to city councillor to member of parliament and now Mayor of Edmonton, his experiences have shown him what it takes to bring people together—and build a thriving city for all.



Grand Chief George Arcand

Chief George Arcand Jr. is the Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations and also the Chief of Alexander First Nation. Previously, he was the CEO of Fort McKay First Nation where he engaged with industry leaders and helped the community capitalize on economic opportunities. Grand Chief Arcand Jr.'s fondest memories are of his Mosom (grandfather) taking him to visit with Elders where he learnt community, traditions, understanding of Treaty, and what it means to be a leader. They taught him leadership is earned, a gift bestowed upon you by the community.



President Cassidy Caron

Cassidy Caron is a Métis woman with roots in the historic Métis communities of Batoche and St. Louis, Saskatchewan. She grew up closely connected to her Métis traditions, heritage and culture and is driven by her family and community values of respect, honesty, collaboration and responsibility. Cassidy is the first elected woman to hold the office of President of the Métis National Council.

Cassidy is a Nation-builder. Utilizing the knowledge, skills and perspectives acquired through her formal education, professional and political experiences, as well as through her deep community involvement, Cassidy is dedicated to exploring and utilizing innovative approaches to community development and Nation-building, which promote the revitalization and reintegration of traditional Métis values into contemporary Métis governance systems.

Cassidy leads with kindness and is passionate about promoting that there is a role for everyone in the work that needs to be done to move the Métis Nation forward in a good way. She firmly believes that it is through adding more voices to the conversation and (re)building relationships along the way that we can shape a strong, prosperous, and healthy Métis Nation now and for the future generations who will follow.

As an entrepreneur, Cassidy has advised and evaluated both provincially and nationally administered programs that aim to serve and support Indigenous peoples and communities across Canada. She has also supported the implementation of initiatives in, by and for Indigenous communities throughout Canada in a variety of sectors—all of which sought to achieve an overarching goal of restoring balance and wellness to Indigenous communities.



Regional Chief Gerald Antoine

As the Dene National Chief, Gerald Antoine also serves as the N.W.T. Regional Chief for the Assembly of First Nations. Regional Chief Antoine is a veteran Dene politician. He was born in Fort Simpson and was Chief of the Łı́ı́łı́ Kú e First Nation until December 2021. He has also served as Grand Chief of the Dehcho First Nations. Regional Chief Antoine is the Assembly of First Nations portfolio holder for Indian Residential Schools,



Dr. Alike Lafontaine

Dr. Alike Lafontaine (MD, FRCPC) is an award-winning physician, social innovator, and the first Indigenous doctor listed in Medical Post's 50 Most Powerful Doctors. He was born and raised in Southern Saskatchewan with a mixed Indigenous ancestry of Métis, Anishinaabe, Cree and Pacific Islander.

Alike has served in provincial and national medical leadership positions for almost two decades. In August 2022 he will become the first Indigenous physician to serve as President of the Canadian Medical Association, the national voice of Canada's physicians. Dr. Lafontaine is a respected authority on health systems, change management, social innovation, anti-racism, and reflective practice.

From 2013 to 2017 Dr. Lafontaine co-led the Indigenous Health Alliance project, one of the most ambitious health transformation initiatives in Canadian history. Led politically by Indigenous leadership representing more than 150 First Nations across three provinces, the alliance successfully advocated for \$68 million of federal funding for Indigenous health transformation in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. He was recognized for his work in the alliance by the Public Policy Forum, where Prime Minister Justin Trudeau presented the award.

In 2020, Dr. Lafontaine co-founded Safespace Networks with his brother Kamea, an Indigenous dentist and software developer. Safespace Networks is a Web 3.0 learning platform for safe and anonymous reporting of healthcare harm and waste. Patients and providers use the platform to share their lived and observed experiences, providing insights into healthcare systems without risk of retaliation. These insights can be used by patients to better navigate health systems, or by decision-makers, advocates, and funders to make better informed decisions.

Dr. Lafontaine continues to practise anesthesia in Northern Alberta.



President Natan Obed

Natan Obed is the President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami. He is originally from Nain, the northernmost community in Labrador's Nunatsiavut region, and now lives in Ottawa. For 10 years he lived in Iqaluit, Nunavut, and worked as the Director of Social and Cultural Development for Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. He has devoted his career to working with Inuit representational organizations to improve the wellbeing of Inuit in Canada.



Romeo Saganash

Romeo Saganash was the Member of Parliament for Abitibi-Baie James-Nunavik-Eeyou from 2011-2019.

Romeo's story is not a typical story: values from the Eeyou Cree, a childhood spent in the forests of Northern Quebec, a Survivor of Residential School, hard work and education to become the first Indigenous Lawyer from the Université du Québec à Montréal law school, and a lifetime working to uphold human rights.

His father was a hunter from the Broadback forest of central Quebec and his mother is the inspiration and foundation for her children and her community. Romeo was born on the shores of a lake in his parents' tent because his parents lived a traditional lifestyle; the only language he heard and spoke for the first seven years of his life was Cree.

After he finished residential school, Romeo was asked by his Chief to attend a conference on the 10th anniversary of the signing of the first modern treaty in Canada: the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. It was there that his love for the law began.

His accomplishments are many: he was one of the principal authors of La Paix des Braves - a landmark agreement between the James Bay Cree and the Government of Quebec - and he has been a key negotiator for many national and international initiatives, including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Romeo founded the Cree Nation Youth Council in 1985, served as Deputy

Grand Chief of the Grand Council of the Cree for a number of years. A passionate environmentalist, Romeo served as vice-chair of the Cree Regional Authority and Chair of the James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment. His work in the economic sector with Creeco Inc. and the Eeyou Co. showed his understanding of how to balance our duty as stewards of the land with sustainable economic growth.

Romeo has a son and two daughters and two grandchildren.



Lillian Elias

A residential school Survivor from the Mackenzie Delta, educator and language champion. She has had rich life experiences in Inuit culture and tradition. In 2018, she was awarded the Order of the Northwest Territories for her work in promoting the Inuvialuktun language. She is frequently called on as a public speaker to talk about Inuit experiences in the residential schools.



Jacquie Bouvier

Jacquie Bouvier is a 70-year old third generation residential school Survivor. She has mixed Métis and Dene heritage. She attended the Beauval Mission School where she suffered abuse. Her father worked for the Beauval Mission School. Her mother was Dene and Métis. Ms. Bouvier currently works in the Greater Vancouver area and has worked for Family Services, working with youth who are aging out of care.



Dr. Chief Wilton Littlechild

Chief Littlechild is a respected lawyer, advocating for the rights of Indigenous Peoples, avidly promoting self-determination and Treaty implementation.

Dr. Littlechild has won more than seventy provincial, regional, national and international championships, serving as a Coach and organizer of sports events many times and having been inducted into seven Sports Walls of Fame. He has received the Alberta Order of Excellence and the Inspire Award for Law and Justice. He is a former Commissioner with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. At present, he has the honour to serve as the International Chief for Treaty No. 6 Confederacy.

Dr. Littlechild represented North America for two three-year terms as the North American representative to the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. He served as an Expert Member of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which provides advice to the UN Human Rights Council from 2011 to 2017.



Dr. Chile Eboe-Osuji

Chile Eboe-Osuji served as the President of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, from 11 March 2018 to 11 March 2021. During his term as President, Judge Eboe-Osuji also served as a judge in the Appeals Chamber of the Court until April 2021 when finally retired from the Court. Some of the more significant jurisprudence of the Court under his leadership included the Jordan Referral re Al-Bashir appeal, in which the Appeals Chamber held that customary international law had never recognised immunity for heads of state charged with international crimes before international criminal tribunals. He also served as a trial judge at the Court from March 2012 to 11 March 2018.

Prior to joining the ICC, Dr Eboe-Osuji served as the Legal Advisor to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva. As part of his functions in that capacity, Dr Eboe-Osuji led the High Commissioner's interventions in court cases involving human rights questions, notably writing the amicus curiae submissions to the European Court of Human Rights and the United States Supreme Court. At the time, Dr Eboe-Osuji also held a cross-appointment as principal appeals counsel for the prosecution in the Charles Taylor Case at the UN-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Dr Eboe-Osuji earlier held several posts at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, including as a senior prosecutor.

Before joining the international public service, Dr Eboe-Osuji practiced law as a barrister before trial courts in Canada and Nigeria. In addition to his work as trial counsel, Dr Eboe-Osuji also argued appeals before the Court of Appeal for Ontario (Canada) and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Since completing his term at the ICC, Judge Eboe-Osuji now holds appointments as the Distinguished International Jurist and Special Advisor to the University President at Lincoln Alexander School of Law of the Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto and Paul Martin Senior Professor of Political Science, International Relations and Law at the University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He has also held appointments as the Herman Phleger Visiting Professor at the Stanford School of Law; Distinguished Visitor, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto and Senior Fellow at the Carr Center of Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He is a member of the High Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom.

He has an extensive record of legal scholarship and publications, including the books titled *International Law and Sexual Violence in Armed Conflicts*, and *Protecting Humanity* (ed). He is the editor-in-chief of the *Nigerian Yearbook of International Law*.

He received his PhD from the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands (with thesis in international criminal law); Master of Laws (LLM) degree from McGill University, Canada, where he also did his Canadian law degree accreditation studies. He received his Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from the University of Calabar, Nigeria.

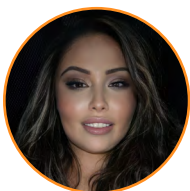
He received an honorary Doctor of the University degree from Middlesex University, England; the Gold Medal of the Honorary Patronage of the Philosophical Society of Trinity College, University of Dublin, Ireland; and the Goler T Butcher Medal of the American Society of International Law.



Fredy Peccerelli

Fredy Peccerelli has dedicated his life to upholding human rights and dignity through the application of forensic sciences. He studied Physical Anthropology and Osteology in Brooklyn College, New York City University, and he studied an MSc in Forensic & Biological Anthropology at Bournemouth University, England. Peccerelli is an internationally renowned and recognized Forensic Anthropologist and Human Identification expert, and founding member of the Fundación de Antropología Forense de Guatemala (FAFG, Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala) and founding board member of Friends of FAFG, Inc. Today, as FAFG's Executive Director, he leads the development and implementation of a Multidisciplinary Human Identification System that applies victim investigation, forensic-archaeology, -anthropology, and genetics to support human rights, resolve grave crimes against humanity, and identify the victims and Disappeared persons. Created and installed the first ISO 17025 Forensic Genetics laboratory in Latin America focused on identifying the disappeared and specializing in the extraction of DNA from skeletal remains in complex conditions. Mentor to State Mechanisms to search for the Disappeared, including the Comisión Nacional de Búsqueda (CNB) in Mexico, Comisión Nacional de Búsqueda de Personas Adultas Desaparecidas en el contexto del Conflicto Armado (CONABUSQUEDA) in El Salvador, Unidad de Búsqueda de Personas Desaparecidas (UBPD) in Colombia, and Office of Missing Persons (OMP) in Sri Lanka. Mr. Peccerelli has testified as expert witness, presenting expert forensic reports and pattern analysis, in the Genocide case against Ríos Montt in Guatemalan National Court, expert witness in the International Criminal Court for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), and Inter-American Court of Human Rights, to name a few.

In recognition of his expertise and decades of dedication to applying forensic sciences to the search for the disappeared, he received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws (LLD) from the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), and an Honorary Doctorate of Sciences (DSc) from Queen's University. Some of his international recognitions include Distinguished Alumnus Award from his alma mater Brooklyn College in 2017, the Queen's University 2015 Chancellor Dunning Trust Lecturer, presented Special Honors Medal from the Canadian Governor General David Johnston, Award for Human Rights Activist presented by the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives (ALBA) and the Puffin Foundation, 2008 Heinz R. Pagels Human Rights of Science award, first recipient of the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) Human Rights Award, as well as recognized as Time Magazine and CNN's 50 Latin American Leaders for the New Millennium.



Leah Redcrow

Leah Redcrow is the Executive Director of the Acimowin Opaspiw Society and a proud member of the Saddle Lake Cree Nation. The role of the Executive Director is to assist the Survivors of Blue Quills with fulfilling their mandate of: completing 3 investigations into Missing Children in Unmarked Burials of 3 former Blue Quills Indian Residential School sites. Additionally, Redcrow initiates stakeholder engagement strategies and is supported by an extensive background in privacy and agreements, which makes her an expert in diplomacy and law. Because of this expertise, Redcrow was able to gain access to sensitive Catholic Church records that identify students who died and their burial location(s). Leah is an intergenerational Survivor of Blue Quills Indian Residential School, and granddaughter of the late Stanley Redcrow. Mr. Redcrow gained national prominence and notoriety for leading the takeover of the Blue Quills Indian Residential School in 1970 as Chairman of the Blue Quills Education Council. The takeover resulted in the Council being flown to Ottawa to negotiate the first ever Indian Education funding agreement to retain and administer the first Indian controlled school in Canadian history.



Barbara Lavallee

Barbara Lavallee was born on the Cowessess First Nation. Her Grandfather Antoine Lavallee (1898-1978) was the twenty-first student registered at the Marieval Indian Residential School. Both of Barbara's parents also attended Marieval, while Barbara herself, attended the Lebret Indian Residential School in Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan.

Barb's life work has become the search for missing children and unmarked graves with a particular focus in the area of Heritage Compliance on major projects. This work has brought her important experience in working with Scientists and Archaeologists. Over the years in conducting her work, Barb has had the privilege of working with Ground Penetration Radar (GPR) among burial sites that were 500-4000 year old ancestral sites. The burials at Marieval are estimated to be up to 150 years old. Barb feels fortunate to be able to do this sacred work with her family as her, her husband and their four children all have Environmental Sciences Education. Barb and her husband, Darrel Obey have 6 children and 13 grandchildren and live on the Piapot First Nation.



Charlene Belleau

Charlene Belleau attended St. Joseph's Mission Indian Residential School for four years. She has been a strong advocate for Indian Residential School Survivors and their families for the past 32 years. Charlene has served three terms as Kukpi7 (Chief) at Esk'etemc and on Council. She has served on numerous provincial and federal boards and organizations. Charlene is currently working with the Williams Lake First Nation on the investigation of children that disappeared and never came home from St. Joseph's Mission. Charlene also serves as a Provincial Liaison with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and 18 other BC IRS and 3 Indian Hospitals.



Dr. Kisha Supernant

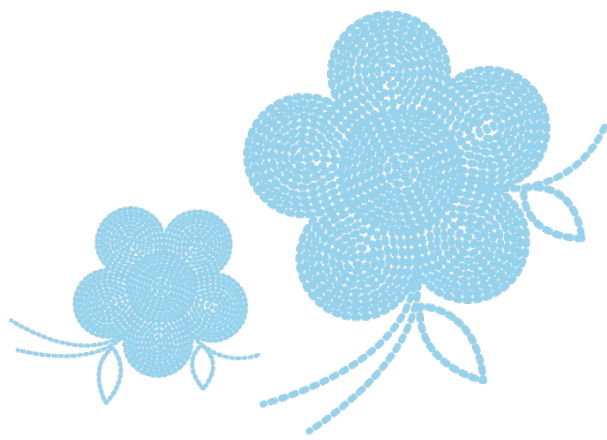
Dr. Kisha Supernant (Métis/Papaschase/British) is the Director of the Institute of Prairie and Indigenous Archaeology and a Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Alberta. Her research interests include digital technologies in archaeology, Indigenous archaeology, community-driven research, and heart-centered archaeological practice. Over the past several years, she has been helping Indigenous communities in western Canada use technology to locate and protect unmarked graves. She was recently appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Missing Children and Unmarked Graves.



Dr. Sarah Beaulieu

Dr. Sarah Beaulieu is an Assistant Professor in the School of Culture, Media and Society at the University of the Fraser Valley and Faculty Associate in the Community Health and Social Innovation (CHASI) Hub. Dr. Beaulieu uses GPR as a remote sensing method in her work as a modern conflict anthropologist. With her early research she used radar to search for unmarked prisoner of war graves, survey city cemeteries, and liaise with the RCMP in search of clandestine burial sites.

With Dr. Beaulieu's anthropological background, she has developed a reputation for being able to interpret radar scans in ways that are both culturally sensitive and follow traditional cultural protocols. Sarah believes that it is important to combine the strengths of Indigenous knowledge systems and ways of knowing with the science behind GPR in order to search for the missing children from the residential school system in a safe and respectful manner. With this approach she has worked with and for numerous Indigenous communities conducting GPR surveys and consulting on others. Dr. Beaulieu has presented as a subject matter expert to various levels of the government and the RCMP. She is also a member of the Canadian Archaeological Association's Working Group on Unmarked Graves, the Sto:lo Nation's Residential School Caretaking Communities Technical Working Group on unmarked graves, and the advisory committee for the Le Estcwicwéy Task Force for the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc missing children.





Paul Bauman

Paul Bauman is the Principal Geophysicist at BGC Engineering in Calgary, Canada. He has specialized in near surface geophysical exploration for more than 30 years. Paul has a BScE. in Geological Engineering from Princeton University, a minor in Near Eastern Studies also from Princeton University, and an MSc in Hydrogeology and Geophysics from the University of Waterloo. Paul has carried out geophysical mapping programs over unmarked burials and mass graves since 1991. Since then, he has personally mapped First Nations and Métis burials in Western Canada, and unmarked graves and mass burials of World War II Holocaust victims in Poland, Latvia, and Lithuania. Some of his Holocaust related mass burial mapping is featured in the 2017 PBS NOVA documentary *Holocaust Escape Tunnel*, as well as the 2018 Canadian documentary *The Good Nazi*.

On a somewhat less serious note, but using similar geophysical technologies, Paul's work is also featured in James Cameron's National Geographic Television special *Finding Atlantis*, as well as Discovery Network's series *Finding Escobar's Millions*. Beyond unmarked grave mapping, Paul's personal field efforts in geophysics are largely focused on archaeology, water exploration, and technically innovative applications. He continues to carry out, largely on a pro bono basis, challenging groundwater exploration programs in refugee camps, conflict zones, and drought stricken areas of Africa and Asia. Paul was the Canadian Society of Exploration Geophysicists (CSEG) 2020/2021 Distinguished Lecturer, speaking on Water Exploration in Humanitarian Crises to 40 Universities in Canada and the United States. He was the 2018 inaugural award winner of the Craig J. Beasley award for his work in humanitarian geophysics. As a final note, Paul has used the opportunity of his numerous archaeology programs in Israel to successfully learn the essentially lost spoken language of Hebrew.



Dr. Dirk Huyer

In March 2014, Dr. Dirk Huyer was appointed Chief Coroner for Ontario.

Dr. Huyer received his medical degree from the University of Toronto in 1986. He has served as a coroner in Ontario since 1992 and served as Regional Supervising Coroner for the Regions of Peel and Halton, as well as the Counties of Simcoe and Wellington. He has been involved in over 5,000 coroner's investigations. He has specific expertise in the medical evaluation of child maltreatment and has worked with the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Program at the Hospital for Sick Children.

In partnership with Ontario's Chief Forensic Pathologist, Dr. Michael Pollanen, in 2015 the Office of the Chief Coroner and Ontario's Forensic Pathology Service delivered the province's first unified strategic plan for Ontario's Death Investigation System. Outlining the strategic direction for the organization for the next five years, a key priority is to provide high quality services that are responsive to Ontario's diverse needs, both culturally and geographically. This includes a commitment to engaging with Indigenous leadership and community members for the purpose of enhancing death investigation services to their communities.

Recognizing the importance of finding answers regarding deaths that occurred at Indian Residential Schools and potential unmarked burials, Dr. Huyer has developed a community-directed approach to assisting in this endeavour. He has implemented a dedicated team of investigating officers and analytics support to assist communities in trying to determine what happened to their loved ones who did not come home as well as a province-wide approach to unmarked burials.



Donald Worme

Donald E. Worme, Q.C., IPC, a Cree lawyer from the Kawacatoose First Nation, Treaty Four, Saskatchewan, is one of the leading advocates in the province for human rights, criminal law and treaty litigation, and is a founding member of the Indigenous Bar Association of Canada. Mr. Worme received his call to the Saskatchewan Bar in 1986, and currently practices at Semaganis Worme Legal in Saskatoon.

Mr. Worme has served on several commissions and inquiries. Of note is his work as Commission Counsel during the Ipperwash Judicial Inquiry, as Lead Counsel to the family of Neil Stonechild in the judicial inquiry into the "Starlight Tours" and as Lead Commission Counsel for the Truth & Reconciliation Commission.

Mr. Worme has been consistently named a leader in the field of Indigenous law, appointed as Queen's Counsel in 2002 and as Indigenous People's Council in 2006. He was awarded a National Aboriginal Achievement Award in the field of Law and Justice in 2010 and was named as the University of Saskatchewan's Top 100 Alumni of Influence.



Six Nations Chief of Police Darren Montour

Darren Montour was born and raised on the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory and is a member of the Mohawk Wolf Clan.

He joined the Six Nations Police Service June 15, 1992 after a short career as an ironworker. His policing career began as a uniformed police officer performing general policing duties for the Six Nations Community.

In November of 1996 Darren was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was responsible for a uniform officer platoon. He performed duties as a Technical Traffic Accident Investigator and later as a Collision Reconstructionist investigating serious injury and fatal motor vehicle collision for the Six Nations Police Service and the surrounding OPP Detachments.

In September of 2006 Darren joined the Criminal Investigations section within the police service. In April of 2007 he became the police service's Criminal Intelligence officer. During this time, he was involved in joint forces weapons trafficking investigations, drug investigations and developing the highly successful auto theft joint forces initiative "Project Shutdown".

Darren was promoted to Inspector in June 2012 and the officer-in-charge of the Criminal Investigations Unit, Auto Theft, Drugs and Criminal Intelligence.

On August 17, 2020 Darren was promoted to Chief of Police. He is an Executive member of the First Nations Chiefs of Police Association. He is also a member of the Indigenous Police Chiefs of Ontario (IPCO), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP).



Dr. Hadley Friedland

Hadley Friedland is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law. Her research focuses on Indigenous law, Aboriginal law, Family law and Child Welfare law, Criminal Justice, Therapeutic jurisprudence and Community-led research.

Dr. Friedland holds a Child and Youth Care diploma from MacEwan University, an LLB from the University of Victoria, and an LLM and PhD from the University of Alberta. She helped establish and was first Research Director of the Indigenous Law Research Unit [ILRU] at the University of Victoria Faculty of Law and has had the honour of working extensively with Indigenous communities across Canada to identify and articulate their own laws. She has published numerous articles but is most passionate about collaboratively producing accessible Indigenous legal resources for Indigenous communities, legal professionals and the general public. She is author of the book, *The Wetiko (Windigo) Legal Principles: Cree and Anishinabek Responses to Violence and Victimization*, University of Toronto Press, 2018.

Dr. Friedland is Academic Director and Co-founder of the Wahkohtowin Indigenous Law and Governance Lodge, a dedicated research initiative developed to uphold Indigenous law through supporting community-led research.



Representative Tamara St. John

Tamara St. John is an enrolled member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe of the Lake Traverse Reservation of South Dakota. She is the Tribal Archivist/Curator of Collections and works with the Tribal Historic Preservation Office on Cultural Preservation issues. She has been working on Native American Graves and Repatriation Act issues for the tribe with a long-term goal of building a tribal visitor center and museum. Tamara is a Native American genealogist has done extensive research in the history of the Dakota/Lakota/Nakota or Oceti Sakowin. She has worked with the Minnesota Historical Society and along with other Dakota Tribes collaborated on the Commemorating Controversy: The Dakota-U.S. War of 1862 exhibition. She worked with North Dakota State University and The Center for Heritage Renewal participating in panel discussions on the Dakota-U.S. War of 1862 and The Massacre at Whitestone Hill. Tamara is a former board member of the South Dakota Humanities Council and works with both South Dakota and North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance organizations. Tamara was elected to the South Dakota State Legislature in 2018, completed her second term with the 2022 Legislative Session and will be running for re-election November 2022. Tamara is currently leading the work to repatriate two Sisseton Wahpeton Dakota children who attended the Carlisle Pennsylvania Industrial School for Indians in 1879. Both Amos LaFromboise and Edward Upright are buried at the cemetery in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, which is now an active military base.

Since 2016 Tamara St. John has worked with other tribal nations to navigate the complex issues that surround the unique issues related to repatriations from Carlisle Indian School cemetery.



Nancy Sandy

Nancy Sandy is Secwépemc from Williams Lake First Nation. She is part of a research team actively working on the St Joseph's Indian Residential School/Onward Ranch Investigation into the disappeared and deceased Indigenous children who attended the school. Ms. Sandy is a graduate of the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law (now known as Peter E. Allard School of Law) and holds a Master of Laws degree from the University of Victoria.



Taylor Behn-Tsakoza

Taylor Behn-Tsakoza is a Dene woman from Fort Nelson and Prophet River First Nations in BC Treaty 8 Territory. She is western trained in Physical Literacy and approaches her work using a holistic-wellness model like her people have always done. Utilizing her education and traditional teachings combined with her passion for working with Indigenous youth and communities, Taylor currently works in the fields of Clean Energy, Indigenous Politics, and Recreation. Having been guided by her grandparents, mother, and mentors, Taylor is an advocate for her people, land, and their inherent land and treaty rights.

Dedicated to elevating youth voices and addressing the need for opportunities that create connection to culture and community, Taylor is currently the Female Youth Representative for the BC Assembly of First Nations and served as Co-Chair for the Assembly of First Nations National Youth Council in 2021/22. In March 2022, Taylor was the designated Youth Representative for the official First Nations delegation that went to the Vatican to meet with Pope Francis to discuss reconciliation and the impact residential schools had on her family and community. Having had the privilege to speak provincially, nationally, and internationally on historical and contemporary issues on Turtle Island, Taylor is committed to creating a future that honours all of our Ancestors, and that our living kin and those yet to come can thrive in.



Benjamin Kucher

Benjamin Kucher is Métis with family connections in Treaty 6 Territory and in particular to Lac St. Anne and the Michel Band. Benjamin's Métis ancestry is connected to the Belcourt and Callihoo families. He is a fourth year anthropology student at the University of Alberta. His research has focused on the Indigenous past and incorporating traditional practices into academic work and spaces. Benjamin is currently working on the Exploring Métis Identity Through Archaeology (EMITA) Project, as a research assistant at the Institute of Prairie and Indigenous Archaeology. Under the direction of Dr. Kisha Supernant he's been working with Indigenous communities in locating unmarked graves related to former residential schools.



Elder Jeannette Starlight

Born and raised on Tsuut'ina Reserve, Jeannette Starlight learned the cultural way of living through her grandmother's guidance. She attended Sarcee Day School, Fairview (1962) and Lord Beaverbrook. At age 16, she began working at Father Lacombe Nursing home. In 1988, Jeannette re-established the Cultural Museum and created archives library where she learned from reading and communicating with elders; she has been with the museum for over 33 years. She worked with archeologists to locate historical sites on the East end of the reserve. From the experience she had while helping reinter school student's remains at Dunbow Boarding school, she wrote a protocol for human remains and artifacts for archeologists. She raised two sons and a nephew. Being a victim of abuse, Jeannette made it her mission to end the cycle and create a safe cultural space for youth. Currently, Jeannette has been on a healing path, she continues on this path and is honored by all lessons learned. She continues the legacy of the ancestors and strongly believes that we cannot let their legacy end, no matter what falls in our path.



Edward (Dutch) Lerat

Dutch is a member of the Cowessess First Nation of Saskatchewan and currently Third Vice-Chief for the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations where he responsible for the Indian Residential Schools, Days Scholars and Day Schools Portfolio. He served Indian Governments of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations for a period of 19 years. During this time he served as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Saskatchewan Indians and later got seconded to the Federal Government in Ottawa as Special Assistant to Minister Argue. In 1984 he was elected as Second Vice-Chief for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, in 1995 he began his fifth term with the FSIN as an elected Vice-Chief. During this time, Mr. Lerat served on many Boards and Commissions, and was Regional Vice-Chief to the Assembly of First Nations of Canada.

In February, 1996, Vice-Chief Lerat was seconded to the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority as Acting Chief Executive Officer. Dutch was an instrumental player in the establishment of Casinos in four Saskatchewan Communities under First Nations jurisdiction and control.

From August, 1996 to June 2000, Dutch was appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer, for the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority.

In April 2004, he was elected Urban Councillor for the Cowessess First Nation and has served two consecutive terms. He continues to be instrumental in pursuing programs and services for the Urban Cowessess Membership.

In October 2009, Dutch was elected Third Vice-Chief for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.



Katherine Nichols

Katherine L. Nichols is a doctoral candidate at Simon Fraser University (SFU). Her research applies forensic search and recovery methods to investigate missing children at Indian residential schools (IRS) in Canada. She worked in partnership with Sioux Valley Dakota Nation (SVDN) for her MA thesis at the University of Manitoba, which incorporated archival research, participant interviews and non-invasive field survey methods to identify potential unmarked graves and burial grounds at the Brandon IRS. Throughout her doctoral program, she has helped build a multidisciplinary team of faculty and students from six universities in Canada. She has also assisted in establishing several working groups on the Brandon IRS Project, involving federal, provincial, municipal governments and local United Church congregations. She is a graduate fellow in SFU's Community-Engaged Research Initiative (CERi) and is affiliated with SFU's Centre for Forensic Research. In addition to these responsibilities, she is the project manager for SVDN's Missing Children Investigation and works with SVDN leadership and Elder committee to engage and collaborate with Survivors, affected families, Indigenous Nations and political organizations.



Sarah Longman

Sarah Longman is a passionate educator, and has worked tirelessly to further reconciliation through building equity in education for Indigenous students. She has made significant contributions to education in Saskatchewan, working as a primary teacher, middle years teacher, university educator, education consultant and now a Director of Education. Her work is driven by a deep desire to deepen the understanding of Indigenous history and the incorporation of Indigenous methodologies into Saskatchewan's education system.

Sarah is also the Board Chair of the Regina Indian Industrial School Site, where she advocates for the protection of the Regina Indian Industrial School cemetery, promoting learning opportunities about residential school history and commemorating the children buried there through public events, ceremony, and online awareness. She also works alongside her home community of George Gordon First Nation to begin the search process to identify possible burials of children who attended Gordons Residential School.

Sarah dedicates her time, work, and heart to increasing awareness through education and believes we all carry the burden of a collective history.



Chief Willie Sellars

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Willie Sellars was born and raised in Williams Lake, BC and is a member of the Williams Lake First Nation ("WLFN" or "T'exelc") of the Secwepemc Nation. Elected onto WLFN Council at the age of 24 in 2008, Willie was one of the youngest elected Councillors in WLFN history. After serving 10 years on Council he was elected as the Chief of the Williams Lake First Nation in 2018 and is currently in his first term. In his previous work experience, Willie worked as a Wildland Firefighter for the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations before returning to his community to assume the position of Special Project Coordinator in the WLFN Economic Development Department. During this time he was responsible for new business initiatives flowing from Impact Benefit Agreements, engagement with proponents in the traditional territory and community consultation for major WLFN projects.

Willie is also a published author of "Dipnetting with Dad," which won a Moonbeam Children's Book Award, and was shortlisted for the Chocolate Lily, Shining Willow, and Ontario Library Association awards. His next book, "Hockey with Dad," is due to be released in the Fall of 2021. Willie enjoys his family time with his three kids, playing hockey with the Williams Lake Stampeders, attending community events at WLFN, dipnetting, and playing fastball.



Vicki Manuel

Vicki is an intergenerational survivor, from Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, with 3 grown children (Ashley, Alecia and Jada) and a granddaughter Aveah. Vicki and her partner Peter live and work in beautiful Tk'emlúps. Charlotte Manuel (Vicki's Mom) has passed on Secwépemc traditional knowledge that grounds Vicki in her everyday life and dealings. Vicki has her Masters in Community Development from University of Victoria and a Bachelor of General Studies in First Nations Leadership and Administration from Simon Fraser University. Recently employed by First Nation Health Authority as a Project Developer and Planner. Vicki served on Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Band Council for 6 years. Vicki is grateful to come and support the Le Estcwiwécý.



Chief Mark B. Hill

Chief Hill is a member of the Mohawk Nation, Bear clan, born and raised on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. In 2010, Hill was elected as the youngest-ever councillor to the Six Nations Elected Council at the age of 23. He has served on numerous boards and committees including Corporate and Emergency Services, Grand River Employment and Training, and most recently the portfolio holder of the TO2015 Pan/Parapan American Games. He holds a diploma in Business Marketing from Mohawk College. In addition to his political duties, Hill is an entrepreneur who owns and operates the Whey Smooth Juice Bar at the Six Nations' Pro-Fit Health Club.



George E. Pachano

George E. Pachano is a Survivor of the St. Philip's Residential School at Fort George (Quebec). At 6 years of age, he entered the residential school in 1967, and left in 1971. After completing a completion of grade nine, he and his classmates were sent to Hull (Quebec), at which place they were put in foster homes.

Following high-school and College, with a diploma in Administration, and a certificate in Human resources, he went to work for various Cree entities; Cree Health Board, Cree construction Development Company, Whapmagoostui First Nation, and the Cree Nation of Chisasibi.

George E. Pachano took an interest in the plight of residential School Survivors, which prompted him, along with some of his former classmates to start a healing conference. the conference named "Reconnecting our Ancestors Path", allows Survivors to tell their stories among their peers, at the same allowing for healing, using Cree healing services and counseling. The conference which is it's seventh year, is attended by former students of the two residential schools that were running at Fort George (Quebec); The St. Philip's Residential School, and The Ecole Sainte Therese de l'Enfant Jesus.

George E. Pachano is a recently hired residential School Response Coordinator in Chisasibi (Quebec). A position that will coordinate the search for missing children, in the two schools that were operating in Fort George. Other duties include gathering, archival documents, personal stories and testimonies, as well as commemoration of the two schools. The job is in its infant stages, and is being developed each day.



Martha Malliki

Martha was born and raised in Igloolik, Nunavut and has been a resident of Iqaluit for a long time. Martha has 3 grown children and 6 grandchildren. She has worked for the Government of Nunavut for over 20 years as a Community Health Representative for public health in Iqaluit, Nunavut."



Joanasie Akumalik

Joanasie Akumalik was born in Arctic Bay, NWT (then), an Inuit community at the northern tip of Baffin Island in Nunavut. He is a father, husband, and a grandfather.

Currently, he is a Project Manager of Nanilavut Project with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, an Inuit Organization. Nanilavut means "Let's find them" in Inuktitut. His main job is to find Inuit graves across southern Canada. These Inuit, who died from TB epidemic, were sent to southern Sanitorium, and most never return home. He is passionate about helping Inuit to help find graves that never return home. Helping them and finding a grave allows the person found, releases their soul and begins resting peacefully.

Joanasie moved to seek career to Iqaluit, Nunavut in 1981 as a single person, now has 6 grandchildren. He has lived in different Inuit communities (Arctic Bay, Clyde River and has been living in Iqaluit mostly) and including Ottawa, Ontario for 4 years.

Joanasie also:

- Has been a Mayor of Arctic Bay.
- Served as a City of Iqaluit Councilor for 14 years.
- Served on many Territorial Inuit Organizations.
- Likes to hunt when he can.
- Likes to watch current affairs; The National. Likes reading biographies and true stories.
- Is a die hard Montreal Canadiens Habs fan.



The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne

The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne is the 44th Moderator of The United Church of Canada (UCC). She is the elected national spiritual leader and public representative of the United Church until the 45th General Council (2025).

As Moderator, Carmen chairs the governance bodies of the UCC, including its General Council, General Council Executive and Sub-Executive Committees. Through Spring 2023, she also sits on the board of the Vancouver Foundation – Canada's largest community foundation. She has previously held a number of important governance roles, including The Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre, the national Indigenous Candidacy Board for the United Church of Canada, the Pension Board of the UCC, Executive of the UCC's General Council, as United Church representative to the Executive and Central Committees of the World Council of Churches, and the Theology, Inter-church, Interfaith Committee of the UCC.

Prior to serving the national church, Moderator Carmen was the compassionate, thoughtful, and creative Executive Director of First United Church Community Ministry Society in Vancouver; she is on a three-year leave of absence while she serves the national church. Moderator Carmen joined First United in February 2017 and led an organizational turnaround resulting in increased stability and capacity. She holds a PhD from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, USA, and is a member of the Heiltsuk First Nation. She is passionate about creating a life with great stories and amazing adventures with her family.



The Venerable Alan Perry

Archdeacon Perry is the General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada since 2020. He served for eight years as Executive Archdeacon in the Diocese of Edmonton, and previously in several parishes in the Diocese of Montreal. He holds degrees in theology and a Masters degree in Canon Law. He has a passion for justice work and ecumenical relationships.



Marion Haggarty-France

Marion joined the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton in October 2020 in a senior leadership role. She leads a diverse team of professionals stewarding resources to advance the mission of the diocese in the church.

In March 2022, she was appointed the Alberta Sites Coordinator for the Office of the Papal Visit. She was honoured to serve and coordinate the Alberta portion of the visit and to work with the many volunteers, partners and communities to make the visit happen in such a short period of time. The goal was to get the Papal Visit 'roughly right versus precisely wrong' and the visit was such an important one in our country's healing and reconciliation journey.

Prior to the Archdiocese, Marion worked for twenty-five years with the University of Alberta in several key roles. As the University Secretary, she served as senior advisor and counselor on governance related issues and was immersed in supporting sound decision-making at all levels of the University.

She holds a Bachelors in Arts in Honours History and completed the Directors Education program and received the ICD.D designation and recently completed the Governance Education program and earned the GPC.D designation.

Marion and her husband Dave have two daughters and are active parishioners of St Thomas More parish in Edmonton.



Rapporteurs



Tanya Talaga

Tanya Talaga is an Anishinaabe journalist, filmmaker and speaker. Talaga's mother's family is from Fort William First Nation and her father was Polish-Canadian.

For more than 20 years, she was a journalist at the Toronto Star covering everything from health to education, investigations and Queen's Park. She's been nominated five times for the Michener Award in public service journalism and been part of teams that won two National Newspaper Awards for Project of the Year.

Her first book, *Seven Fallen Feathers*, is a national bestseller, winning the RBC Taylor Prize, the Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing, and the First Nation Communities Read Award: Young Adult/Adult. The book was also a finalist for the Hilary Weston Writers' Trust Nonfiction Prize and the BC National Award for Nonfiction.

Her second book, *All Our Relations: Finding The Path Forward*, is also a national bestseller, finalist for the Hilary Weston Writers' Trust Nonfiction Prize and a finalist for the British Academy's Nayef Al-Rodhan Prize for Global Cultural Understanding. Talaga was also the CBC Massey Lecturer in 2018, the first Anishinaabe woman to be so.

Talaga founded and heads up Makwa Creative Inc., a production company focused on amplifying Indigenous voices through documentary films, TV and podcasts. Her first film, *Mashkawi-manidoo bimaadiziwin (Spirit to Soar)* was released on CBC and CBC Gem in 2021. At the same time, Makwa created the Spirit to Soar Fund, which supports Indigenous youth in Thunder Bay and northern Ontario. Talaga is the Executive Producer of *Auntie Up!* She holds honorary doctorates from Lakehead University, Toronto Metropolitan University, Nipissing University, Victoria University in the University of Toronto and Ontario Tech University.

Talaga is a columnist at The Globe and Mail and is working on her third book.



Brandi Morin

Brandi Morin is an award-winning Cree/Iroquois/French journalist from Treaty 6 territory in Alberta. For the last 10 years Brandi has specialized in sharing Indigenous stories, some of which helped spark change and reconciliation in Canada's political, cultural and social landscapes.

She is known for her clear-eyed and empathetic reporting on Indigenous oppression in North America. She is also a survivor of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls crisis and uses her experience to tell the stories of those who did not survive the rampant violence.

Her most notable work has appeared in publications and on networks including National Geographic, Al Jazeera English, the Guardian, VICE, ELLE Canada, the Toronto Star, the New York Times, Canadaland, HuffPost, Indian Country Today Media Network, the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network National News, and CBC Indigenous. Brandi won a Human Rights Reporting award from the Canadian Association of Journalists in April of 2019 for her work with the CBC's Beyond 94 project tracking the progress of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

In July 2022 Brandi won first place in the Print/Online Best Feature Story for her story with Al Jazeera English titled 'Canada's crying shame': The fields full of children's bones' via the National Native American Journalism Awards as well as Best Column for her work with the Toronto Star via the National Native American Journalism Awards.

In competition against media heavyweights The New York Times, Washington Post, CNN International and numerous others, Brandi's series with Al Jazeera English Online won a top prize in the Feature Reporting category of the annual Edward Murrow 2022 awards named after the CBS News maverick and pioneer of 60 Minutes-styled documentaries.

Brandi's feature won for its six-part series about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The series of long reads, embedded with rich graphics, photography and video testimonials, follows those trying to find the remains of their loved ones and trying to reconcile the loss of those known to have been killed along an infamous, snow-swept stretch of highway in British Columbia, Canada. Some 80 women and girls, most of them Indigenous, have gone missing and been murdered on Canada's "Highway of Tears" since the early 1970s.

Brandi's debut memoir *Our Voice of Fire: A Memoir of a Warrior Rising*, became a national bestseller within days of its August 2, 2022 release.



Koren Lightning-Earle

Koren Lightning-Earle, '00 BA(Rec/Leisure), '04 BA, '07 LLB, '18 LLM, CIC.C., Blue Thunderbird Woman, is Cree from Samson Cree Nation. She is the Legal Director of Wahkotowin Law and Governance Lodge. She is Board Member for First Nations Caring Society. She is Acting Commissioner for Alberta Utilities Commission and Board Member for Peace Hills Insurance. She was the Indigenous Initiatives Liaison at the Law Society of Alberta. She was Vice-President of Kasohkewew Child Wellness Society for 10 years. She was also President of the Indigenous Bar Association for 6 years.

Koren graduated from Law School in 2007 at the University of Alberta. She was called to the bar in February 2009 and had the honour of having her Bar Call on her Reserve of Samson Cree Nation. She was called by Chief Justice Wachowich and Federal Court Justice Mandamin. Koren received her Master of Laws from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, her concentration was Alternative Dispute Resolution. Koren's work focuses on working with Indigenous clients and supporting the revitalization of Indigenous Laws. Koren advises in the areas of Indigenous Governance, Indigenous Child Welfare, Indian Act matters. Koren also is an accomplished speaker on Indigenous Cultural Awareness and Relationship Building.

She was recently awarded the "Pringle/Royal sessional teaching excellence" Award from Faculty of Law, University of Alberta for 2021/2022. She was awarded "Tomorrow's Leader" Award from Women in Law Leadership Awards in 2019. She was also awarded the Alumni Horizon Award from the University of Alberta in 2017. Koren is alumni of the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference, she participated in the 2017 NWT Tour. She was an elected council member for Samson Cree Nation from 2011-2014 and is co-founder of Hub, a community mobilization program to help reduce crime. She was co-chair of the First Nations Women's Economic Security Council. She is a sessional instructor at Maskwacis Cultural College and University of Alberta, Faculty of Law.



Janice Makokis

Janice Makokis is a nehiyaw iskwew (Cree woman) and mother to son Atayoh Kan Asiniy (Spirit Rock) Makokis from Onihcikiskwapiwin (Saddle Lake Cree Nation) of Treaty No. 6 Territory in what is now called Alberta (Canada). She is a daughter, niece and granddaughter to residential school Survivors and works daily to address the international impacts of inter-generational trauma from residential schools, in how she raises her son. She is an Indigenous legal scholar, an advisor, Indigenous researcher and educator. Currently, Janice works for a First Nation as an advisor working on a variety of files that relate to nation building, Cree law-development and self-determination. She was appointed the Ianni Legal Scholar in 2021, at Windsor Law School, where she teaches courses on First Nation Women and the Law and Indigenous Laws and Legal Orders. She has worked with various Indigenous Nations in the area of Treaty advocacy and protection, the development and implementation of Indigenous laws and land based Indigenous education and governance initiatives. She is also a co-producer of a new film entitled "Awasisak Our Future" which tells the story of a group of treaty walkers who embark on a learning journey and have conversations about the importance of Treaties, the treaty relationship, treaty obligations and the work required for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to work together for the betterment of future generations. Janice also serves as a board advisor for the Yellowhead Institute (Toronto Metropolitan University), an Indigenous led research and education centre.

She has worked for Federal and Provincial Governments and First Nations in the area of law, policy, governance and First Nations issues. She has been an advisor to tribal councils and First Nations advising on matters that impact upon First Nations rights and jurisdiction. Her greatest learning came in working with residential school Survivors in the independent assessment process (IAP), as part of the residential school settlement agreement. She is also a sessional Faculty at the University of Alberta in the Faculty of Extension's Indigenous programs, the University nuhelot'jine thaiyots'j nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills (a former residential school), and Yellowhead Tribal College's Indigenous Governance program. She is part of a University of Alberta SSHRC Research project called "Just Powers" which is an inter-disciplinary and community-engaged network of research projects focused on climate justice issues. She holds a B.A. in Native Studies (minor Political Science) from the University of Alberta, an M.A. in Indigenous Governance from the University of Victoria and an L.L.B (Bachelor's of Law Degree) from the University of Ottawa.

She has been involved with International Indigenous advocacy work through various International bodies and United Nations mechanisms to advance the discourse on Indigenous People's rights. She served as the co-chair/ co-coordinator on the North American Indigenous Peoples Caucus (NAIPC) from 2013-2016, a voluntary Indigenous body that makes recommendations to the agenda items that are addressed by the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. She has been a Rapporteur at international meetings with her involvement in the NAIPC. Janice has spent the past 20 years learning about nehiyaw (Cree) ways of being and laws from Elders and Indigenous knowledge keepers. She participates in activities/ education initiatives that help advance the struggles of self-determination; Indigenous governance and the recognition of Indigenous Treaties in Turtle Island (now called North America). She is passionate about decolonization initiatives and cultural resurgence and revitalization efforts.

Protocols

There will be a Sacred Fire throughout the duration of the Gathering. This Sacred Fire ensures that the Spirits and Teachings guide and protect us while we gather.

Please help us respect the protocols of the Sacred Fire. The Firekeeper has been entrusted with tending to this flame and deserves the utmost respect.

Health Supports

With the support of Native Counselling Services of Alberta, health and wellness supports will be available throughout the Gathering. Supports include trauma informed Resolution Health Support Workers, Cultural Support Providers and psychologists. Due to the difficult and potentially triggering content that will be discussed, participants are encouraged to access these supports as needed at any time during the Gathering. There will be regular reminders and information about where and how to access support services.

Information Booths

The following organizations have set up booths in the North Foyer to provide information to attendees of the Gathering:

Know History

<https://www.knowhistory.ca/>

At Know History, we research, document, and share stories that need to be told. We are experts at locating and accessing historical records in archives and institutions across the country, and work closely with Survivors and their communities to gather evidence that help identify missing children and shed light on the residential school experience. In addition to naming students, archival research can support communities' efforts to set the historical record straight.

National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

<https://nctr.ca/>

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) is a place of learning and dialogue where the truths of the residential school experience are honoured and safeguarded for future generations. The Centre provides Survivors, their families, educators, researchers, and the public the ability to access residential school history, experiences, and impacts, share it with others, dive deeper into the mysteries that still exist, and help foster healing and reconciliation to ensure this history is never forgotten or repeated.

The NCTR will have a dedicated archives rooms with staff who will be there to answer archival questions related to:

- How can I access and get copies of my records or my family's records?
- How can I access records as media or researcher?
- How can I find records on the NCTR database?
- How can a community / research team connect with the Centre to discuss access to the archives for missing children and unmarked burial research
- How can I print photos from the archive?



The archives team will bring copies of the forms for access and will also support participants at the Gathering to access relevant documents in the NCTR database.

Survivors may register for Statement Gathering with NCTR staff on-site; statement Gathering will take place on September 13 & 14, 2022.

Library and Archives Canada

<https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng>

The mandate of Library and Archives Canada is to preserve the documentary heritage of Canada for the benefit of present and future generations, and to be a source of enduring knowledge accessible to all, thereby contributing to the cultural, social and economic advancement of Canada. Library and Archives Canada also facilitates co-operation among communities involved in the acquisition, preservation and diffusion of knowledge, and serves as the continuing memory of the Government of Canada and its institutions.

Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre, UBC

<https://irshdc.ubc.ca/>

The Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre at UBC opened in 2018 with the purpose of addressing the colonial history and ongoing legacies of Indian residential schools and other related colonial systems imposed by the Canadian government on Indigenous peoples in Canada, and ensuring that this history is acknowledged, examined, and understood. With an approach that is Survivor-centred and trauma-informed, the Centre provides a safe, respectful, and culturally grounded space for Survivors, intergenerational Survivors and communities to gather, access records, and research histories related to the residential and day school systems and related resources.

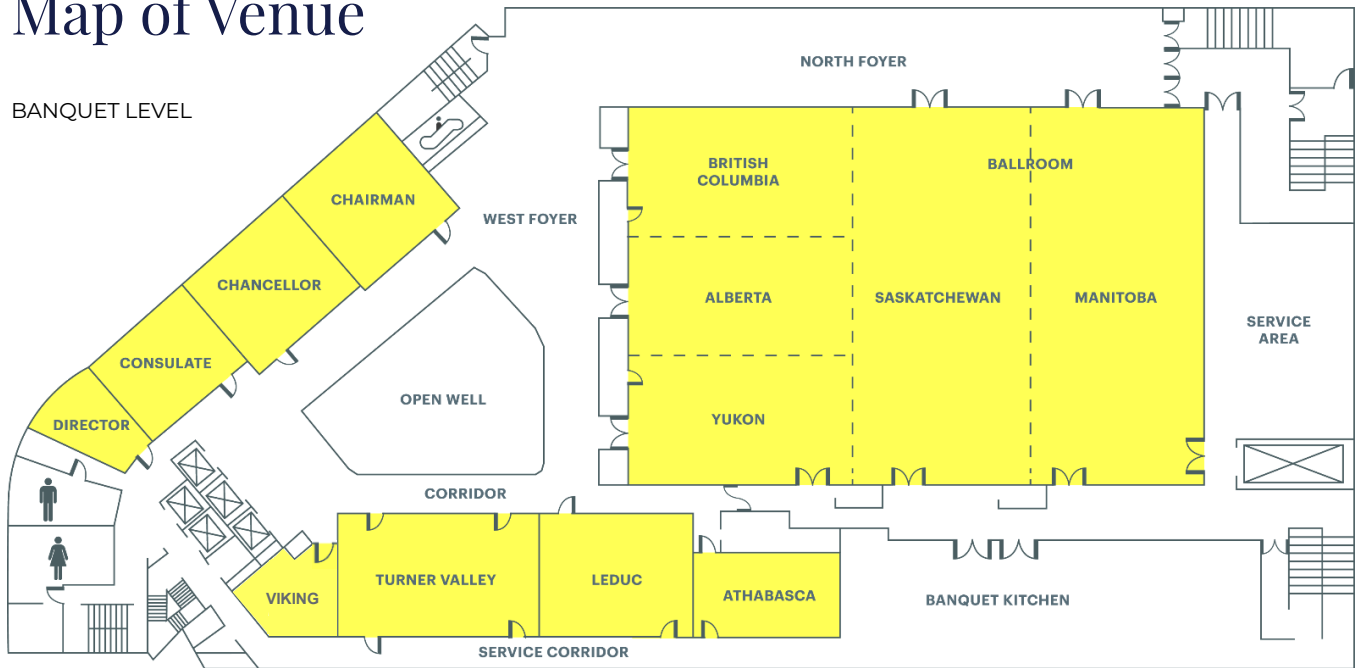
NIB Trust Fund

<https://www.nibtrust.ca/>

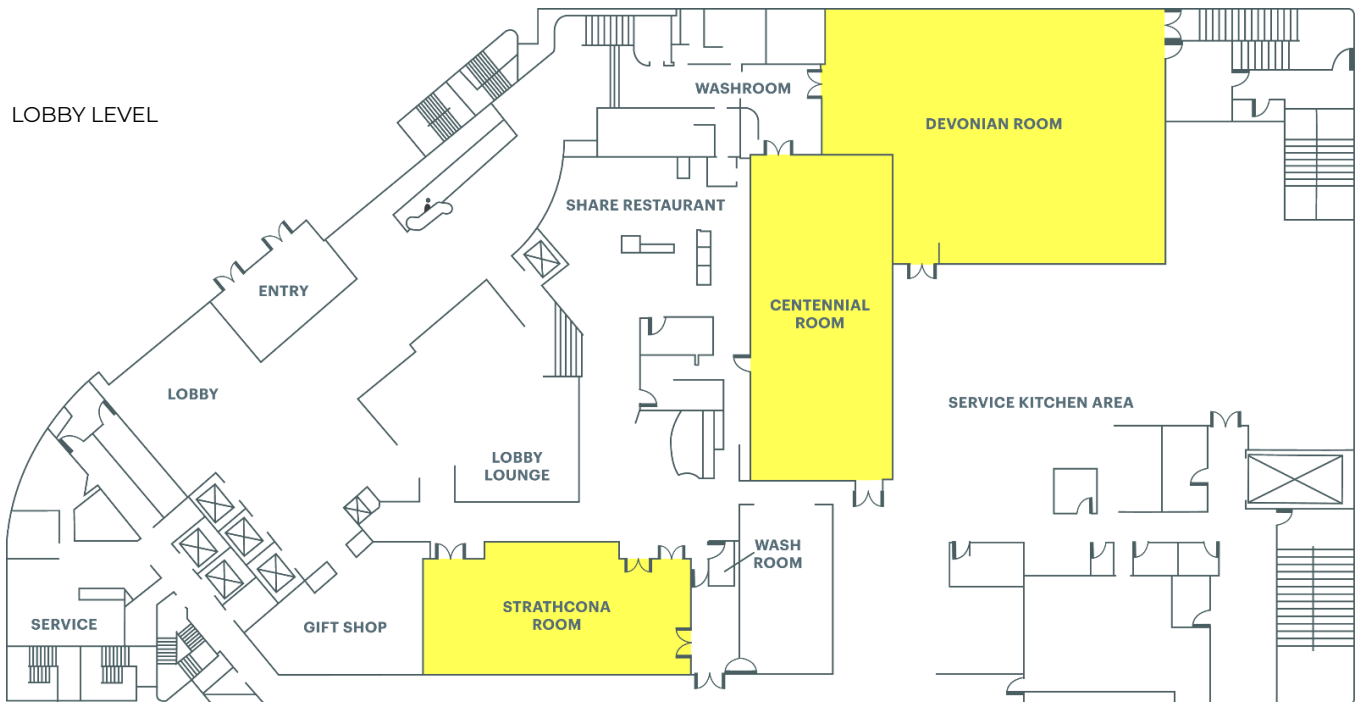
The NIB Trust Fund supports education programs aimed at healing, reconciliation, and knowledge building. Funds and grants are available to organizations and individuals to address the long-lasting impacts of the Indian residential schools.

Map of Venue

BANQUET LEVEL

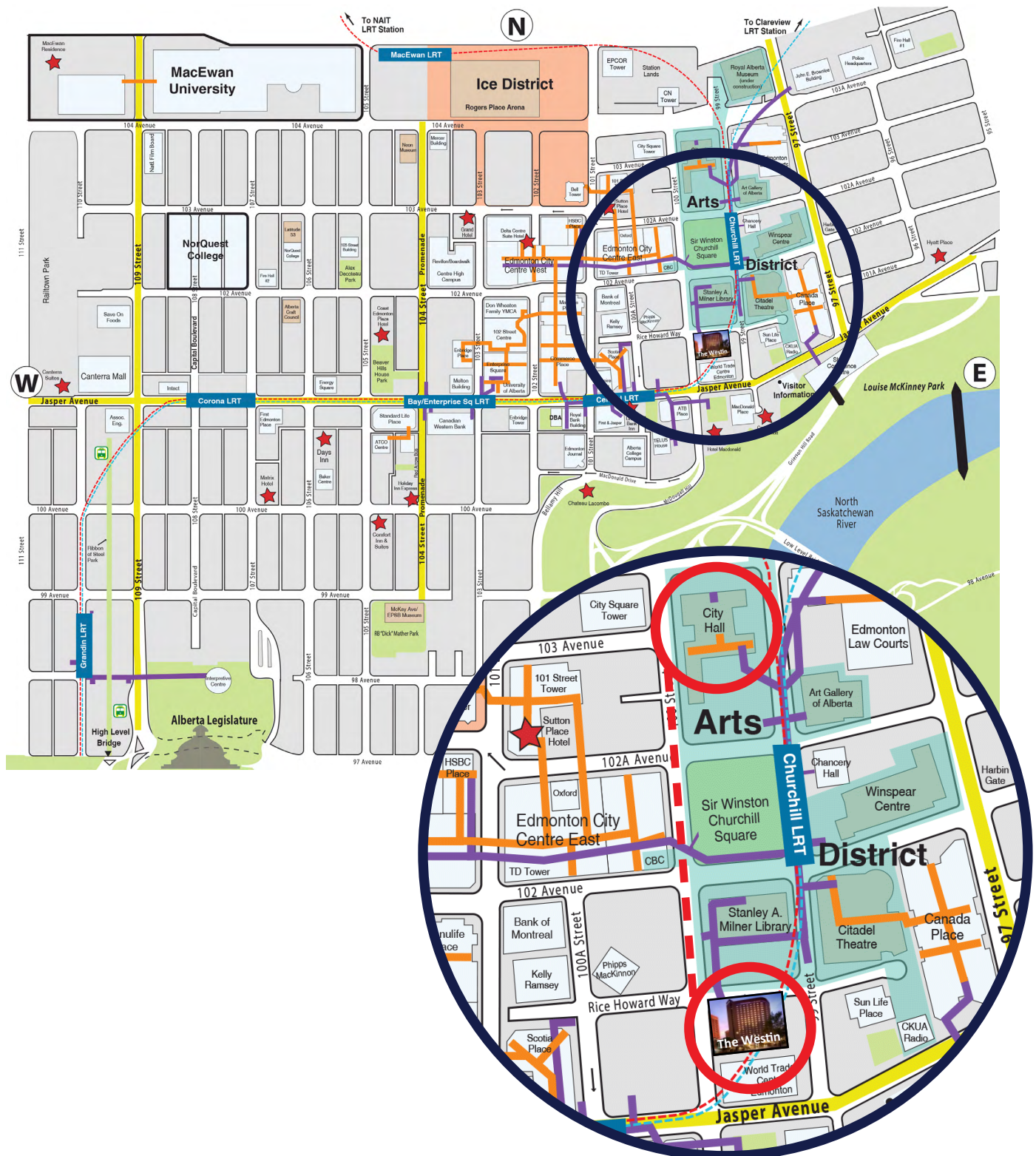


LOBBY LEVEL



Survivors & Elders Lounge	TURNER VALLEY Room
Health Supports	LEDUC Room
NCTR Records and Archives Room	CHAIRMAN Room
Event Information	CHANCELLOR Room
COVID Testing/Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Room	DIRECTOR Room

Map of Edmonton



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Thank you to the Resolution Health Support Network- Alberta Region with a special thanks to Rocky Ward and NCSA for coordination of Health Supports

Thank you for attending and participating in the Inaugural National Gathering on Unmarked Burials: Supporting the Search for Missing Children.

For information about the Office of the Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools, please visit our website at:

<https://osi-bis.ca/>

Contact the Office of the Independent Special Interlocutor at:

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Wellness and Spiritual Health Supports will be on site throughout the Gathering