

National Gathering on Unmarked Burials:

Supporting the Search
and Recovery of Missing Children

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 6th

Time	Event	Location
6:45 am	Lighting of the Sacred Fire and Sunrise Ceremony	Place du Canada Park
12:00 pm	Registration Opens & Grab and Go Lunch	
1:30 - 3:30 pm	Survivors Sharing Circle: National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation	Ballroom East
4:00 pm	Welcome Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Host Drum▪ RedTail Spirit Singers▪ Opening Prayer▪ Lighting of Qulliq▪ Empty Chair Ceremony▪ Kanehsatà:ke Traditional Women Singers▪ Spirit Dish Offering	Ballroom West and Centre
5:00 pm	Dinner Gathering Co-Chairs: Victoria LaBillois and Luc Lainé Welcome to the Territory <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Elected Grand Chief of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke▪ Victor Bonspille, Elected Grand Chief Mohawk Council of Kanehsatà:ke Welcome to the Gathering <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Kimberly Murray, Independent Special Interlocutor National Indigenous Leadership Cultural Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Beatrice Deer, Quaqtq, NU Closing Comments from the Gathering Co-Chairs	Ballroom West and Centre

Thursday, September 7th

Time	Event	Location
6:30 am	Thanksgiving Address	Ballroom West and Centre
7:30 am	Breakfast	
8:30 am	Opening Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gathering Co-Chairs: Victoria LaBillois and Luc Lainé 	
8:45 am	Voices of Survivors Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Norman Kistabish, Abitibiwinini First Nation, QC ▪ Kakaionstha Betty Deer, Kahnawà:ke, QC ▪ Emma Reelis, Goose Bay, NL ▪ Angie Crerar, Grand Prairie, AB 	
9:45 am	Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada 	
10:30 am	Wellness Break	Foyer
10:45 am	Keynote Address The Honourable Michèle Taïna Audette , Senate of Canada	Ballroom West and Centre
11:00 am	Participant Questions & Dialogue	
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Leadership Panel: Where to Begin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chief Councillor Ken Watts, Tseshah, BC ▪ Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Grand Chief Garrison Settee, Pimicikamak Cree Nation, MB ▪ Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty, Grand Council of the Crees, Eeyou Istchee, QC Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Marie Wilson, Former Commissioner, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada 	
2:00 pm	Participant Questions & Sharing	Foyer
2:30 pm	Wellness Break	

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Time	Event	Location
2:45 - 4:00 pm	Interactive Breakout Sessions	
	Session 1: Indigenous Policing Panel: Indigenous Laws and Peacekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chief of Police Keith Blake, Tsuut'ina Nation, AB ▪ Chief of Police Jerel (Jerry) Swamp, Rama Police, ON ▪ Peacekeeper Chief Dwayne Zacharie, Kahnawà:ke, QC Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Julie McGregor, Senior Legal Counsel, Assembly of First Nations 	Ballroom West and Centre
	Session 2: Bill 79: Anne Panasuk, Former Special Advisor, Quebec Government An Act to authorize the communication of personal information to the families of Indigenous children who went missing or died after being admitted to an institution	Ballroom East
	Session 3: Connecting Disparate Data to Understand the Student Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ashley Whitworth, Project Director, Yúusneẁas Project and Management Consultant for Indigenous Communities 	Salon Drummond West and Centre
	Session 4: Translation of French Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Jérôme Melançon, Associate Professor, Chair of The French and Francophone Intercultural Studies Program, University of Regina 	Salon Drummond East
4:15 pm	Return to Plenary for Facilitator Highlights	Ballroom West and Centre
4:30 pm	Closing and Long House Social Dance	
5:30 - 7:30 pm	Reception with Artist Gary Miller Artistic Response from a Mohawk Institute Survivor <i>Light Food and Refreshments</i>	McCord Museum

Friday, September 8th

Time	Event	Location
6:30 am	Thanksgiving Address	Ballroom West and Centre
7:30 am	Breakfast	
8:30 am	Opening from Gathering Co-Chairs	
8:45 am	Voices of Youth Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rosalie LaBillois, Eel River Bar First Nation, NB ▪ Joni Karoo, Taloyoak, NU ▪ Kyra De La Ronde, Red River Métis, MB 	
10:00 am	Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada 	
10:30 am	Wellness Break	Foyer
10:45 am	Participant Questions & Sharing	Ballroom West and Centre
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm	National Advisory Committee (NAC) Panel: Working Together in the Search and Recovery of Residential Schools Missing Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jacquie Bouvier, Métis, Beauval, SK ▪ Dr. Rebekah Jacques, Citizen of Métis Nation of Ontario, Forensic Pathologist, London, ON ▪ Dr. Kisha Supernant, Métis Nation of Alberta, AB 	
1:45 pm	Participant Questions & Sharing	Foyer
2:30 pm	Wellness Break	

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2:45 - 4:00 pm	Interactive Breakout Sessions	
	Session 1: Forced Transfers: Finding Missing Family Members in Cemeteries <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Tanya Talaga, Fort William First Nation, ON▪ Elizabeth Anderson, Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation, YK▪ Sharon Macintyre and Christine Szabo, Pine Creek First Nation, MB	Ballroom West and Centre
	Session 2: Survivors Sharing Circle, National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR)	Ballroom East
	Session 3: Know History Workshop: Using Archival Documents to Support Your Search <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ryan Shackleton, Founder and CEO, Know History	Salon Drummond West and Centre
	Session 4: Survivors Voices: Through Storytelling “Pour toi Flora – Dear Flora” <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sonia Bonspille Boileau, Director and Screenwriter, Kanehsatà:ke, QC	Salon Drummond East
4:15 pm	Return to Plenary for Facilitator Highlights	Ballroom West and Centre
4:30 pm	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Kimberly Murray, Independent Special Interlocutor	
5:00 pm	Travel Song by RedTail Spirit Singers Drum Group	

