



National Gathering on Unmarked Burials: Northern Voices

January 30 - February 1, 2024
Aqsarniit Hotel & Conference Centre
Iqaluit, NU



**Office of the Independent
Special Interlocutor**

for Missing Children and Unmarked
Graves and Burial Sites associated
with Indian Residential Schools

Wellness and Cultural Health Supports will be available throughout the Gathering

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.

At the first National Gathering on Unmarked Burials in Treaty 6 territory, Regional Chief Gerald Antoine observed that on the back of the larger bear, there is a clear outline of a child's face looking up at the sky. Although this was not intentionally part of the design, it has shown us yet another way that the children's Spirits are speaking to us all.



*"For the child taken,
For the parent left behind."*

TRC Interim Report, 2012

Welcome



Kimberly R. Murray

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

I am honoured to welcome everyone to this sixth National Gathering on Missing Children and Unmarked Burials - an important gathering where individual and community experiences will be shared about the Sacred work of searching for the disappeared children. Throughout the Gathering, we will listen to Survivors, and be guided by Indigenous knowledge and ceremonies.

Over the course of my two-year mandate as the Independent Special Interlocutor, we have gathered in different locations across the country. Each Gathering is unique to the peoples and territory that it is held in. Each Gathering will inform and shape recommendations to Canada for creating a new legal framework to protect, honour, and respect the burial sites of the children that never returned home from Indian Residential Schools, Federal Hostels, and other government run institutions. These important Gatherings also create opportunities for Survivors, Indigenous People, and communities to come together, draw strength from each other, and explore the similarities and differences between our distinct experiences.

I begin by acknowledging that we are gathered in Inuit Nunangat in Qikiqtaaluk Region, which is a very special place. After decades of determination and negotiation with the Federal Government, on May 25, 1993, through the signing of the Nunavut Agreement between the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut and the Crown, the territory of Nunavut was created. The word Nunavut means “our land” in Inuktitut, and it is itself a territorial and political acknowledgement of the role of Inuit since time immemorial as the custodians and caretakers of this territory.

It is important for us to be here, to learn from and with the Inuit of Nunavut and other Indigenous Peoples of the North. We know that the experience of colonialism was different in the North, and that we must consider the northern Mission Schools, Day Schools, and Federal Hostels, as well as other institutions such as hospitals and sanatoria, where the children were taken. I hope that together, we can explore the important connections between my Mandate as the Independent Special Interlocutor and the Nanilavut Initiative that is searching for Inuit who were taken during the polio epidemic in the mid 20th Century. We have much to learn together.

As with all the other National Gatherings, we are here because of the unwavering dedication and advocacy of Survivors, who, for decades, have carried and spoken truths about the children who were taken, and never returned home. We must listen to the Survivors, learn from their truths, and together, find a way to honour them and all the children that were disappeared by Canada.

Despite the trauma of this Sacred responsibility that we carry to search for and find the disappeared children, and the violence of Canada's indifference and denialism, Survivors have continued to share their truths—steadfastly calling upon us to honour our traditions and ceremonies. I want to express gratitude to all those leading search and recovery work in over 100 communities across the country. Survivors, Indigenous families, and communities continue to fight and call on Canada, the churches and other institutions to support and not impede their efforts so that the bodies and Spirits of the children can be treated with the honour, respect, and dignity they deserve.

Over the next few days, this National Gathering will provide an opportunity for us to learn from Survivors, Elders, Knowledge Holders, intergenerational Survivors, Youth, Indigenous leaders, and technicians leading search and recovery efforts within their own communities. We will have important discussions about grieving, ceremony, accountability, resilience, repatriation, commemoration, and the protection of lands, with particular care and attention to the unique needs and realities of Inuit and Northern communities and traditions. As we gather to exchange knowledge, let us commit to holding the Spirits of the children and the Survivors at the center of our discussions.



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 Special Interlocutor has a two-year mandate and will deliver interim and final reports, with recommendations, to the federal Minister of Justice and the Attorney General of Canada. Knowledge shared at this National Gathering will inform the interim and final reports and recommendations.

The work of the Special Interlocutor will

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

At the Gathering

The Ballroom is located on the main floor of Aqsarniit Hotel and Conference Centre. All breakfasts and lunches will be provided to registered attendees.

Session materials will be available in the language presented and simultaneous translation in Inuktitut, French, and English will be available.

The sessions taking place in the Ballroom will be live-streamed.

If members of the media are present, an announcement will be made.

The National Gathering is a public event and photography, audio and video recording will 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 Independent Special Interlocutor (OSI). If you have concerns about this, please speak with a staff member from the OSI.

Wellness and Cultural Health Supports

Trauma-informed and culturally appropriate health and wellness supports will be provided throughout the Gathering. Due to the difficult 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.

Statement Gathering



The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR), will be present to share information about accessing residential school records and to gather stories and experiences in one-on-one statements and sharing circles.

Statements will be audio and video recorded, honoured, and preserved at the Centre.

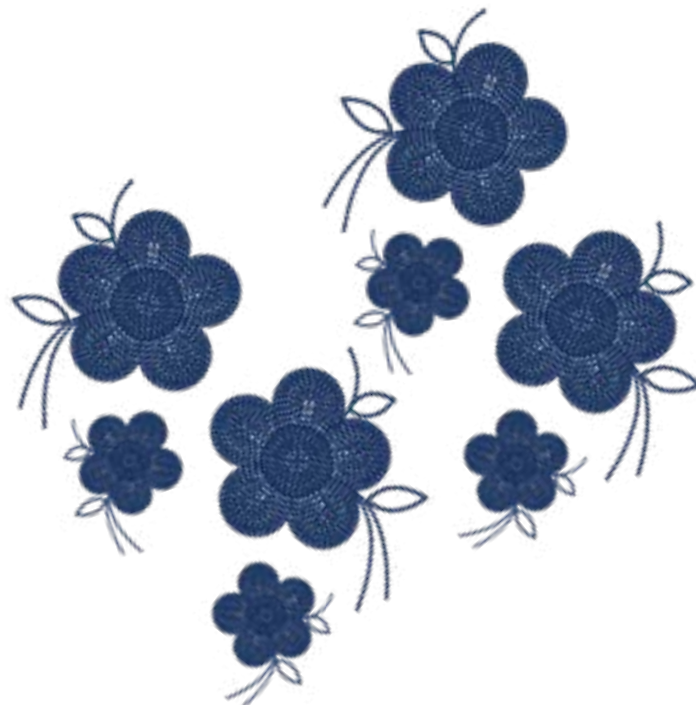
Statement Providers are welcome to speak on any issues including Residential and Day Schools, Intergenerational experiences, the Sixties Scoop, Indian Hospitals and Sanatoriums, and MMIWG2S+. The aim is to create a permanent record of what's happened as a result of Residential Schools and other colonial systems, assist community research for missing children and unmarked burials, and be a witness to the ongoing impacts of settler-colonialism.

For more information or to pre-register: nctrsg@umanitoba.ca | 431-998-0768

AGENDA

Tuesday January 30th, 2024

Time	Event	Location
8:30 - 10:00 am	Breakfast	Lounge
11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Registration Opens Welcome Packages and “grab and go” lunch Museum and Local Artisan Tour	Foyer & Lounge
2:00 - 3:30 pm	Survivors Sharing Circle, National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR)	Lounge
4:00 pm	Welcome Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Opening▪ Lighting of Qulliq▪ Empty Chair Ceremony <i>Information about the Sacred Fire will be provided</i>	Ballroom
5:00 pm	Welcome to the Territory Remarks by Leadership Dinner Cultural Performance	Ballroom



Wednesday January 31st, 2024

Time	Event	Location
7:45 am	Breakfast	Ballroom
8:45 am	Opening Comments Gathering Co-Chairs: Sylvia Cloutier and Naomi Tatty	Ballroom
9:00 am	Voices of Survivors Panel: Search and Recovery of Missing Children	Ballroom
10:00 am	Opening Remarks: Kimberly Murray, Independent Special Interlocutor	Ballroom
10:15 am	Participant Dialogue and Sharing	Ballroom
10:45 am	Wellness Break	Foyer
11:00 am	<p>Panel: National Resources & Strategies to Support the Search of and Recovery of Missing and Disappeared Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ David Russell, National Coordinator, Residential Schools, Indigenous Services Canada ▪ Patrick Ballay, Director, Program & Partnerships Missing Children and Unmarked Burials, Settlement Agreements and Childhood Claims Branch, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ David Aglukark, Program Manager, Missing Inuit Children from Residential Schools at Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) 	Ballroom
12:00 pm	Lunch	Lounge & Restaurant
1:00 - 2:15 pm	Interactive Breakout Sessions	
	<p>Session 1: Northern Perspective: Search and Recovery of Missing Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joanasie Akumalik, Nanilavut Project Manager, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) 	Ballroom A
	<p>Session 2: Explore Use and Application of Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maegan Courchene, Project Manager, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Indian Residential School Project ▪ Brennan Manoakesick, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) 	Ballroom B

Wednesday January 31st, 2024

Time	Event	Location
1:00 - 2:15 pm	Interactive Breakout Sessions (cont'd)	
	Session 3: Know History: Where to Start Your Search for Records <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ryan Shackleton, Founder and CEO, Know History ▪ Ashley Henrickson, Director of Outreach and Partnerships, Know History 	Ballroom C
2:30 pm	Wellness Break	Foyer
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Interactive Breakout Sessions	
	Session 1: Northern Perspective: Search and Recovery of Missing Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joanasie Akumalik, Nanilavut Project Manager, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) 	Ballroom A
	Session 2: Explore Use and Application of Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maegan Courchene, Project Manager, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Indian Residential School Project ▪ Brennan Manoakesick, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) 	Ballroom B
	Session 3: Know History: Where to Start Your Search for Records <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ryan Shackleton, Founder and CEO, Know History ▪ Ashley Henrickson, Director of Outreach and Partnerships, Know History 	Ballroom C
6:00 - 8:00 pm	Dinner and Cultural Sharing	Lounge

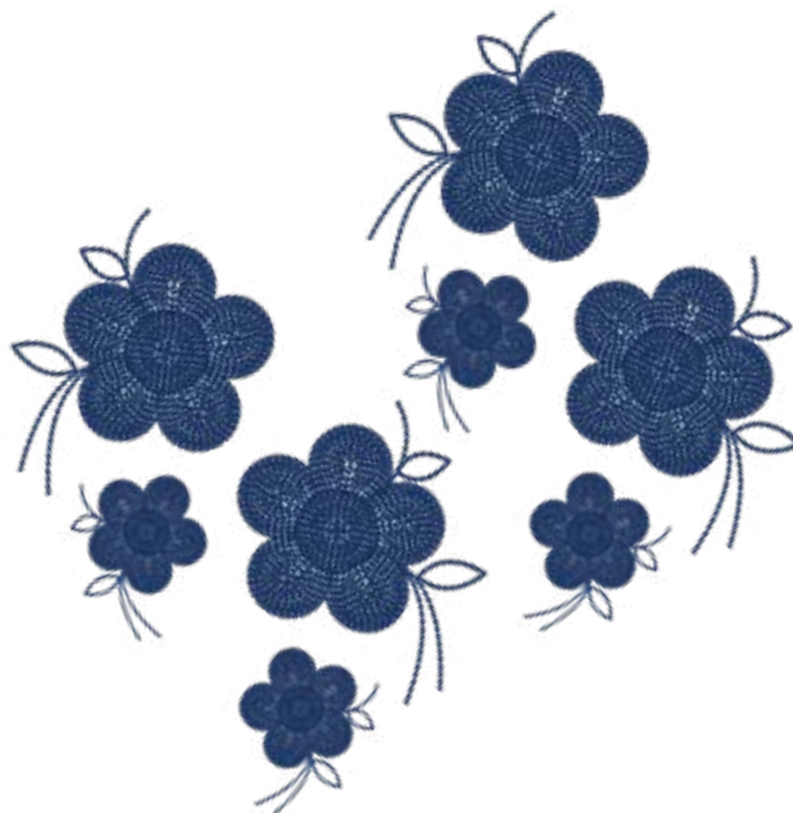


Thursday February 1, 2024

Time	Event	Location
8:00 am	Breakfast	Lounge & Restaurant
9:00 - 10:15 am	Interactive Breakout Sessions	
	Session 1: National Advisory Committee (NAC) Panel: Working Together in the Search and Recovery of Residential Schools Missing Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Rebekah Jacques, Citizen of Métis Nation of Ontario, Forensic Pathologist ▪ Lillian Elias, Inuvik, N.W.T. ▪ Andrew Martindale, Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia 	Ballroom A
	Session 2: Health and Wellness Exercises	Ballroom B
	Session 3: Survivors Sharing Circle, National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR)	Ballroom C
10:15 am	Wellness Break	Foyer
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	Interactive Breakout Sessions	
	Session 1: National Advisory Committee (NAC) Panel: Working Together in the Search and Recovery of Residential Schools Missing Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Rebekah Jacques, Citizen of Métis Nation of Ontario, Forensic Pathologist ▪ Lillian Elias, Inuvik, N.W.T. ▪ Andrew Martindale, Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia 	Ballroom A
	Session 2: Health and Wellness Exercises	Ballroom B
	Session 3: Survivors Sharing Circle, National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR)	Ballroom C
12:00 pm	Lunch	Lounge

Thursday February 1, 2024

Time	Event	Location
1:00 pm	Voices of Youth Panel: Search and Recovery of Missing Children	Ballroom
2:00 pm	Starblanket Cree Nation: Qu'Appelle Indian Residential School Ground Search Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gerard Wolfe, Coordinator, Indian Residential School Ground Search Project ▪ Sherrie Bellegarde, Project Coordinator Indian Residential School Ground Search Project 	Ballroom
2:30 pm	Wellness Break	Foyer
3:00 pm	Participant Dialogue and Sharing	Ballroom
3:30 pm	Facilitator Highlights from Interactive Breakout Sessions	Ballroom
3:45 pm	Closing Remarks: Kimberly Murray, Independent Special Interlocutor	Ballroom
5:30 - 7:30 pm	Dinner and Cultural Sharing	Lounge & Restaurant



Gathering Co-Chairs



**Sylvia
Cloutier**

Sylvia Cloutier is a performer, actor, musician, playwright, television and theatre producer, director, motivational speaker and mother from Kuujuaq, Nunavik (Northern Quebec), currently residing in Montreal.

Over the course of her illustrious twenty-five-year career as a singer, she has performed nationally and internationally both as a solo artist and in collaboration with many esteemed artists and ensembles including Tafelmusik, the National Art Center Symphony Orchestra and Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal.

A recent graduate of the National Theatre School in Montreal as the Indigenous artist-in-residence (2018-2020). Cloutier is the co-founder of the Inuit performing arts company Aqsarniit; served as Artistic Director of Qaggiq theatre company in Iqaluit from 2004-2009; and as theatre project manager in Kuujuaq, Nunavik (2008-2010).

Building on her talent and expertise in both theatre and music, Cloutier began writing, producing and directing for stage and screen in 1999. She has developed live shows for the 1999 Inauguration of Nunavut in Ottawa and the Arctic Inspiration Prize, and concerts for festivals Alianait (2005-2019) and Toonik Tyme (2003-2018), and the Papal visit (2023) in Iqaluit. Sylvia has also been a producer for six Inuktitut television series. She also produced and co-created the musical production TULUGAK (2011-2014), collaborating with Inuit artists from Canada and Greenland. She is also the creator of the play HUSH (2018-present) in collaboration with Clea Minaker. Director of AUKKAUTI a play written by Inuit from Nunavik and revised by Inuit Elders with Aaqsiq Theatre Company.



**Naomi
Tatty**

Naomi Tatty life's commitment is to community work and advocacy. She is a loving mother of two beautiful adult children and the doting daughter to her elderly parents whom she spends much of her time caring for. On top of these demanding roles in her professional life and her family commitments, Naomi spends a remarkable amount of time caring for community. She is an advocate for Inuit culture as she shares her knowledge of Inuit traditions and Inuktitut language. She advocates for the underserved through being a spokesperson for issues affecting Inuit such as Tuberculosis. She is often fund raising to support family or community members in times of need. Naomi is a respected seamstress, always willing to help and share her knowledge. She is a gatekeeper, a guide and always greeting friends with a big smile and hug. In 2022, Naomi won the Pauktuutit Inuk Woman of the Year award for her service to Inuit families across Canada.

Gathering Speakers



**David
Aglukark**

David is from Arviat, Nunavut and is currently the Program Manager, Missing Inuit Children from Residential Schools at Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. In his role he collects data on Inuit children who died and/or went missing while attending residential school and oral history. He retired from the RCMP in 2021 after serving 25 years. David is a graduate of the Nunavut Sivuniksavu and resides in Iqaluit with his family.



**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 and currently resides in Iqaluit. He is the Project Manager of Nanilavut Project with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, an Inuit Organization. Nanilavut means "Let's find them" in Inuktitut. His role is to find Inuit graves across southern Canada. Many Inuit contracted the TB epidemic, and were sent to southern Sanatoriums, where they died and did not return home. He is passionate about helping Inuit locate graves of those who never return home. Helping them and finding a grave allows the person found-releases their soul and then they can begin resting peacefully.



**Patrick
Ballay**

Patrick Ballay is Director of Community Programs and Partnerships for the Settlement Agreement and Childhood Claims Branch in Crown-Indigenous Relation and Northern Affairs Canada. Patrick has over 20 years of experience working on Indigenous and Arctic issues including several years working in the Implementation of Modern Treaties in Eastern Canada and Nunavut. Patrick has a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Concordia University in Montreal. He is a very keen outdoorsman and has lived in Ottawa for over 25 years.



Gathering Speakers



**Sherrie
Bellegarde**

Sherrie Bellegarde is a 41 year old mixed nēhiyaw (Cree), Anishnabē (Saulteaux), and Nakota (Assiniboine) mother and wife from the Star Blanket Cree Nation located in the heart of the File Hills Agency in Treaty 4 Territory of southern Saskatchewan. She currently resides on-reserve with her husband of 15 years and partner for 22 years, Sheldon Poitras, and is a proud mother of 6 children and a grandmother of 3. She has been involved with the Star Blanket Cree Nation Indian Residential School Ground Search Project in some form since its inception: volunteering in its beginning in 2021 with preparation for ground scanning, then as a Lead Researcher spearheading research efforts for data compilation and documentation review associated with the former Qu'Appelle Indian Residential School (QIRS), and currently as one of the Project Coordinators, helping to plan, organize, and implement project efforts. While Sherrie has never attended residential school, she is an intergenerational survivor with connections to the former QIRS as she had family attending since the early years of its opening on both sides of her family: Bellegarde and Bellerose on her father's side, McKay/Desnomie and Keewatin/Nokusis on her mother's side. As a teenager in the 90's, it was a common threat of behaviour correction to be told, "We'll send you to the residential school if you don't listen!", something that she's grateful for having never occurred, and attendance remained a choice, not an enforced law in that time before the QIRS finally closed its doors in 1998. Sherrie holds a Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Psychology and an Indigenous Studies Diploma from the First Nations University of Canada.



**Maegan
Courchene**

Maegan comes to us from the non-profit and political advocacy organization Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. (MKO). MKO provides a collective voice on inherent, Treaty, Aboriginal, and human rights issues. MKO serves and represents twenty-six (26) First Nation communities in Northern Manitoba. The MKO First Nations are signatory to Treaties 4, 5, 6, and 10.

Maegan is the Project Manager of the MKO Path Forward for Investigations of Former Indian Residential School Sites (Path Forward) Project. She is a proud Anishinaabe woman from Lake Manitoba First Nation and Sagkeeng First Nation. She holds a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning and a Bachelors Degree in Native Studies and Environmental Studies with the University of Manitoba.

Gathering Speakers



**Lillian
Elias**

Lillian is 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.



**Ashley
Henrickson**

Ashley is the Director of Outreach and Partnerships at Know History. She works closely with Indigenous governments, museums, and organizations across Canada to develop research and project plans that meet their unique goals. She oversees Know History's national outreach and engagement efforts with local communities, providing crucial support in project management, written communications, and conference planning. Previously, Ashley served as the Museum Educator at the Galt Museum and Archives and Fort Whoop-Up, where she played a key role in educating students and community members about Indigenous and settler history.



**Dr. Rebekah
Jacques**

Rebekah Jacques, a citizen of the Métis Nation of Ontario, currently works as a forensic pathologist at the London Health Sciences Centre in Ontario and as an investigating coroner with the Office of the Chief Coroner. She is also an Assistant Professor at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, Western University where she teaches on subjects such as trauma, postmortem examinations, and the role of pathologists as expert witnesses. In her career, Rebekah has focused on the ethics of how legal and medical investigations engage with Indigenous peoples, including how information about cause of death can be better shared to support healing.



Gathering Speakers



**Brennan
Manoakesick**

Brennan Manoakesick is the Director of Intergovernmental Relations with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, he has been working in several leadership roles within MKO. Originally from Garden Hill First Nation and Ebb and Flow First Nation in Manitoba, Brennan has been married for over 15 years to his loving wife Leona and is a proud parent of two young men.



**Andrew
Martindale**

Andrew has extensive experience with the use – and limitations – of ground search technologies, including ground-penetrating radar. He is a professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia. Andrew has worked in partnership with the Musqueam First Nation and the Penelakut First Nation to make ground search technologies more accessible to communities engaged in searches of unmarked graves and other burial sites. His academic research, conducted primarily in Tsimshian territory, has focused on the importance of oral history. He is a member of the Canadian Archaeological Association Working Group on Unmarked Graves.



**David
Russell**

David joined the federal public service in 1997 just as hundreds of residential school survivors began filing lawsuits against Canada and churches. Except for six years when he served as the British Columbia regional director responsible for Indian Act reserve lands, environmental management and economic development, David has supported Canada's response to the legacy of residential schools. Since June 2021, he has been the national coordinator on residential schools at Indigenous Services Canada.

David is from Nova Scotia and studied at Carleton University where he met his wife of 30+ years. They have four kids and now live on the swiya traditional territory of the shíshálh Nation in British Columbia.

Gathering Speakers



**Ryan
Shackleton**

Ryan is the founder of Know History, Canada's largest historical research firm. Ryan has 20 years of experience working as a public historian and has led large, complicated research files for First Nations, Metis, and Inuit governments. He has worked on Truth Commissions, Residential School Files, and more recently has been supporting the work of the Office of the Special Interlocutor, and First Nations researching their Missing Children and Unmarked Burials. Ryan is an expert in developing research plans, gaining access to historical documents, and organizing research teams. In addition to his expertise in archival strategies Ryan has also conducted extensive fieldwork with more than 200 oral history interviews and Traditional Knowledge and Land use interviews. He works to ensure community ownership and access to their history through negotiating access at archives and museum institutions. He is a Professional Member of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals, and Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographic Society. Ryan lives in Ottawa, with his wife and two young children.



**Gerard
Wolfe**

Gerard Wolfe is from Muskowekwan First Nation, with roots from his father's side, in the South Chicago Line Métis Settlement of Lestock, Saskatchewan. Gerard is blessed to be married into the Starblanket Cree Nation and residing in the beautiful lands of Wa-Pii-Moos-Toosis with his wife Bobbie-Joe Starr and family. He is a proud father and grandfather, blessed with three beautiful granddaughters.

As a former Muskowekwan Indian Residential School, Day School Student, Gerard was never given the opportunity to learn his language, culture and identity until now. Thankfully, Gerard is now connecting with his Anishinaabe (Saulteaux) and Lakota (Assinaboine) roots, along with his wife's Cree traditions and protocols.

Gerard Wolfe is currently one of the Project Coordinators of the Starblanket Cree Nation Ground Search Project. Gerard is a Social Worker, alumni of the University of Regina, majoring in Research, Sociology and Indigenous Studies.

Gerard has a background in Youth Corrections Facility Work, Youth Addictions Treatment Programming, Child Protection/Prevention Management and Child counselling, working with families fleeing domestic violence.



Acknowledgement and Appreciation

The Office of the Independent Special Interlocutor is pleased to have partnered with Outcrop Group for its sixth National Gathering: Northern Voices.

Special thanks to Survivors, families, Indigenous Leaders and community members who are leading this Sacred work. We appreciate the dedication of the Health, Wellness and Cultural Supports along with volunteers who are assisting at this National Gathering.

We sincerely thank our dedicated Gathering Co-Chairs, Sylvia Cloutier and Naomi Tatty, for assisting the Office of the Independent Special Interlocutor.



Closing National Gathering and Release of Final Report



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