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Settlement approved for Survivors of Indian Day Schools

Last month the Federal Court approved a nation-wide class action settlement to compensate survivors for harms suffered while attending Federal Indian Day Schools and Federal Day Schools. The settlement includes compensation for eligible Survivor Class Members ranging from \$10,000 to \$200,000 based on the level of harm experienced as well as the creation of a Legacy Fund of \$200 million to support commemoration projects, health and wellness projects, and language and culture initiatives.

"Today, we are proud to announce that justice has been served for the students of Federal Indian Day Schools and Federal Day Schools," stated lead plaintiffs Roger Augustine, Claudette Commanda, Angela Sampson and Mariette Buckshot.

"This settlement is a turning point for all who have suffered and continue to suffer from their experiences, and from their family members' experiences. It is a milestone on our path to healing. With this settlement, we will continue to work towards reclaiming our languages, cultures and traditions, for our children and our grandchildren. We would like to thank and honour Garry McLean who dedicated so much and for so many years to make this settlement happen. He would be so proud to see what has been accomplished today."

This approval marks an important step forward on the journey of reconciliation and healing with Indigenous Peoples, stated Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Carolyn Bennett.

"The mistreatment of Indigenous children is a tragic and shameful part of Canada's history that has had devastating effects on generations of families. Canada is deeply committed to reconciliation and healing and will continue the important work of making amends for past wrongs."

Survivors will be able to apply for compensation. However, compensation will not be issued until after the implementation date. Claims for compensation will begin to be processed for compensation 120 days from August 19, 2019, subject to any appeals that are brought. More

information will be available in the coming weeks.

The Claims Form is available for review on the Indian Day School Website or by contacting Class Counsel. Class Members will have two and a half years to complete the Claims Form. To be eligible for compensation, Survivor Class Members must have attended one of the identified Day Schools listed on Schedule K. More information about the Claims Process and Schedule K can be found at indiandayschools.com/en/.

Class Members have until November 18, 2019 to opt-out of the Settlement by removing themselves from the Class. Opting out is a serious and permanent decision. Those choosing to opt-out of the Settlement will receive no compensation from this Settlement but will retain the right to bring an individual claim against Canada at their own cost for harms suffered, if they wish to do so. Anyone choosing to opt out must complete and submit the Opt Out Form by November 18, 2019.

Gowling WLG, counsel to the class, urges all those potentially impacted to become informed about the Settlement and their rights relating to it.

"Firstly, I would like to thank the Creator for the strength and perseverance of all who helped and supported this process, meegwetch," stated lead plaintiff Margaret Swan. "I acknowledge Mr. Garry McLean for his courageous efforts to move this case forward, the law firm that agreed to take on this case when no else would and the federal government for finally signing an agreement. No amount of money will ever compensate for the damage Day Schools caused our people for generations and the trauma we are working hard to repair. All you have to do is look around in the different western systems that continue to oppress us to see this damage and trauma, including in the child welfare system, justice system and health system."

More information is available at indiandayschools.com.

Legal and mental health support is available to all class members. Class Counsel is committed to supporting Class Members through the Claims Process. Class Members can receive help filling out their Claims Forms at no cost to them by calling the Gowling WLG call center



at 539-3815 or email dayschools@gowlingwlg.com.

Further, Class Counsel is currently working with the Claims Administrator, Deloitte, to schedule a series of information sessions in communities across the country. A list of information sessions will be available on the Indian Day School Website in the coming weeks.

Mental health counselling and crisis support is available to Class Members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through Hope for Wellness Hotline. Contact Hope for Wellness at 1-855-242-3310 or through their online chat at www.hopeforwellness.ca. Counselling is available in English, French, Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut, on request.

"This Federal Court decision is a recognition of the hard work undertaken by all sides toward finding a lasting and meaningful resolution for former students of Federal Indian Day Schools and their families," concluded Minister Bennett. "The advocacy, perseverance, and commitment of survivors of Federal Indian Day Schools to right past wrongs will not be forgotten."

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APTN rolls out fall programming

(Sept. 16, 2019) – In celebration of its 20th anniversary on Sept. 1, 2019, APTN presents its Fall 2019 schedule and announces the launch of APTN lumi, an Indigenous-focused streaming service. The fall lineup and streaming service offer new and original programming, returning favourites and compelling documentaries.

The new fall season, which started earlier this month, rolls-out on APTN linear channels and APTN lumi until the end of December and includes the following programs:

First Contact – Season 2 (Premieres September 17)

This reality show takes a group of six non-Indigenous Canadians and immerses them into Indigenous Canada for the first time. As the group travels deep into Indigenous communities across Canada, their perceptions are challenged, and their prejudices are confronted as they learn about a world they never imagined they'd see.

Taken – Season 4 (Premieres in Cree October 2; in English October 12)

For its last season, this true crime documentary series continues its important work of solving the disappearance and honouring the lives of Canada's MMIWG, with an additional focus on missing and murdered Indigenous males.

The Other Side – Season 5 (Premieres October 30)

Opening the door to the spirit world can have

unexpected results. No matter what Jeff Richards, paranormal investigator Michaela Shannon and spirit guide Tom Charles discover, they work use the wisdom of Indigenous traditions to help the living and the dead on their journeys. Shot in the Maritimes (N.S. and PEI), this season is one of the best and spookiest yet!

French-language Original Programming

Policier autochtone – Season 1 (Premiered September 9)

Every week, this series follows the unusual daily realities of police officers in four different Indigenous communities. The series illustrates the social and cultural challenges they face as they do their best to foster peace and understanding.

Première Ligne – Season 2 (Premiered September 9)

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Indigenous-language Original Programming

Our People, Our Land – Season 4 (Premieres September 16 in Inuktitut)

Our People, Our Land looks at the relationship

and juxtaposition between modern lifestyles and the ancient traditions of the Inuit.

Uakallanga! – Season 2 (Premieres September 23 in Inuktitut)

Uakallanga means 'wow' or 'impressive' in Inuktitut and this show will have you saying just that! Look at how Inuit craftspeople make traditional – often innovative – objects using customary methods and demonstrate how they're still used today.

Launch of APTN lumi

This month, APTN brings the Indigenous stories and programming it's known for and delivers it to an OTT platform. APTN lumi gives viewers unprecedented access to an extensive, and ever-expanding, catalogue of programs in English, French and a variety of Indigenous languages.

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CHRT rules in favour of First Nations families

(Ottawa, ON): Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Perry Bellegarde said this month's ruling by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) is a major victory for fairness and justice that must be respected by Canada. The decision secures compensation for First Nations children unnecessarily apprehended and those denied essential services.

"The AFN will always stand up and fight for First Nations children and families. This ruling is another important victory," said AFN National Chief Bellegarde. "This is about our children, their safety, their right to be with their families, kin and communities and their right to quality of care. No government should be fighting these fundamental values. We have to work together to give life to this ruling, just as we worked together to secure First Nations control over child welfare with the passing of Bill C-92 in the last session of Parliament. This is about forging a brighter future for First Nations children, and that's good for all Canadians."

The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal decision follows a hearing on April 25 and 26, 2019. The CHRT agreed with the AFN's submissions and has ordered Canada to provide compensation of up to \$40,000 to: all First Nation children who were unnecessarily apprehended on or after January 1, 2006; all parents or grandparents of children unnecessarily apprehended on or after January 1, 2006 and all children denied an essential service (Jordan's Principle) between December 12, 2007 and November 2, 2017.

It is estimated that approximately 54,000 children could benefit from this ruling. Individuals can opt out of the compensation scheme, and a process is to be established to provide compensation for minors upon reaching the age of majority. The CHRT has ordered Canada to begin discussions with the AFN and the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, partners in the joint complaint at the CHRT, to establish an independent process for distributing compensation to the children and parents or grandparents covered by this decision.

AFN Manitoba Regional Chief Kevin Hart, who oversees the Child Welfare portfolio for AFN, said Canada's response to the ruling will indicate whether or not there is commitment to reconciliation and justice for First Nations children and families: "We are urging Canada not to seek a judicial review of this ruling, and to work with us to implement it. The CHRT has issued seven compliance

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Election 2019: Honouring Promises

(Ottawa, ON) – In advance of the October 21 Federal Election, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Perry Bellegarde launched *Honouring Promises: 2019 Federal Election Priorities for First Nations and Canada* to provide a path forward for parties and candidates in the federal election. The document identifies a comprehensive set of commitments federal parties must make to First Nations to work together to build a stronger Canada.

"This country was founded on promises between First Nations and the newcomers to share the land and work together in the spirit of partnership and mutual respect," said National Chief Bellegarde. "First Nations want federal parties to commit to the promises we are setting out today so we can move forward together. Our plan is ambitious and bold because we are making progress and we must maintain momentum. Canadians understand that First Nations priorities are Canada's priorities. Honouring these promises will benefit everyone."

Honouring Promises begins with a call for action on the global priority of climate change and preserving the natural world – a promise to the next seven generations. It shows how to build a stronger Canada through healthy and educated First Nations citizens living in safe and secure communities, and fully participating in the economy in ways that strengthen the national economy and sustain the environment.

Honouring Promises speaks to justice for First Nations, and a Canada where First Nations law is recognized as equal to common law and civil law, where First Nations rights and Treaties are recognized, respected and implemented.

"This election is taking place at a turning point in our shared history," said National Chief Bellegarde. "This is our time to commit to action to save our planet and ourselves, to commit to ensure all children are equipped to build a prosperous future, and to commit to a promise that health, education, the economy and justice systems will work for everyone. The plan we call *Honouring Promises* points the way to real, transformative change. The time to act is now."

The *Honouring Promises: 2019 Federal Election Priorities for First Nations and Canada* document, and other information on First Nations priorities and concerns, can be found at afn.ca.

Meanwhile, Grand Chief Arlen Dumas and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) are outraged at Progressive Conservative Andrew Scheer's disrespectful use of the words "hold hostage" when

discussing Indigenous peoples and the implementation of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in a recent debate of federal party leaders.

Mr. Scheer noted that the implementation of UNDRIP would block and "hold hostage" natural resource projects that affect the livelihood of Canadians.

"Mr. Scheer's comments are an affront to our First Nations and our citizens who significantly contribute to the Canadian economy," said AMC Grand Chief Arlen Dumas.

"First Nations have an inherent right to control the lands they have long lived and worked on, and UNDRIP is a key tool to ensure that our rights are upheld and respected by the Canadian government. It is incredibly disappointing that one of the party leaders who wants to represent Canada holds this discriminatory view and outlook of UNDRIP and of First Nations people. Citizens of this country should be very wary of supporting any party candidate who does not respect and understand the sovereign and Treaty rights of First Nations people in Manitoba or Canada."

Both Green Party Leader Elizabeth May and NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh were critical of Scheer and his choice of words.

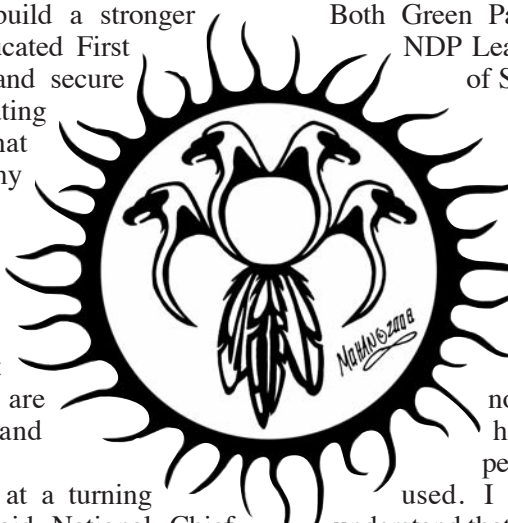
"The language you are using is so inappropriate when talking about Indigenous Canadians," said May.

"First of all, you use language like hold hostage, I mean that's just incredibly disrespectful off the top," said Singh.

Prime Minister Trudeau was not in attendance at the debate but he later stated, "I deplore the perspective and the language that he used. I think it's really important to understand that Indigenous Canadians are part of the fundamental fabric of our society."

"We're moving forward on proposals to allow Indigenous communities and Indigenous investors to purchase the Trans mountain pipeline expansion but that's why at the same time, we're listening very carefully to the Indigenous communities who have concerns and even opposition towards projects like that."

The federal leader debate was held on Thursday September 12, 2019 in Toronto by *Maclean's* and CityTV. Bill C-262 - the legislation to enact UNDRIP in Canada, a bill put forward by NDP MP Romeo Saganash, did not pass through the Senate this spring following opposition from Conservatives worried of legal consequences. Mr. Scheer continues to defend his statement.



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Amazing Race Canada an opportunity for conversation, says Indigenous winner

By Brent Wittmeier, University of Alberta

(Folio.ca) - Having trained as an ultramarathon runner, James Makokis knows winning a race means refusing to slow down.

The family doctor and University of Alberta assistant clinical professor would be justified in taking a break, having just been crowned winner of *The Amazing Race Canada* with his husband Anthony Johnson.

"Yesterday was 11 hours and we were functioning on five hours' sleep," Makokis said September 15, having just wrapped up a three-day press junket following the victory.

After using their appearance on the CTV reality show to confront stereotypes and raise awareness of complex issues facing Indigenous people, the two-spirit couple said they are now focused on building a new cultural healing centre for Kehewin Cree Nation.

In the meantime, Makokis will also have to manage a hectic schedule. In addition to returning to his patients at clinics in south Edmonton and at a clinic at Kehewin - roughly three hours east of the city - Makokis is hosting a two-spirit sweat ceremony this month, all while a

documentary film crew follows him around.

Restoring harmony

Johnson and Makokis emerged as fan favourites early in the popular show, which took them by complete surprise.

The Indigenous couple found creative ways to make an impression, like wearing handmade red skirts to highlight the disproportionate cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women.

Makokis attributes their popularity in part to their positive team name, Team Ahkameyimok, the Plains Cree phrase he translates as, "Don't give up, keep going, use whatever you have to get something done." It's a message he's heard wherever he's gone, as fans of the show are eager to tell him about their own cultural concepts of stick-to-itiveness in the face of adversity.



James Makokis and Anthony Johnson win *The Amazing Race Canada*. (Photo: CTV/Bell Media)

Ahkameyimok t-shirts and apparel to Australia, Paris and Africa.

Reality shows like *First Contact Canada* have explicitly attempted to showcase the complexity of Indigenous life in Canada. Makokis said appearing on *The Amazing Race Canada* provided an incredible opportunity to do something similar, yet with an audience that might not have been expecting to think about things like treaties and water.

"It was a national setting, in people's homes as they're watching with their family," he said. "At every stage, there was an opportunity to share something that would never have been shared."

Speaking up

Makokis might have been new to reality TV, but he's long been a skilled public speaker and advocate.

He regularly talks about his two medical practices, one geared toward transgender people and the other to the integration of traditional Cree practices and ceremony into health care. Marginalization, discrimination and lack of access to health care are constant themes of his work, which doesn't always fit into five-second sound bites.

"Being on *The Amazing Race Canada* has helped to distil messages into very succinct ways, if necessary," he said. "Yet there's so many pieces to the puzzle that we're going to have a lot of things to say."

Makokis knows he'll have plenty of time for those longer conversations. But as he continues to power through a busy schedule, he looks back to his training as a sleep-deprived U of A nutrition student pulling all-nighters at the Rutherford Library.

"The life of the student is perfect preparation and training camp for being a successful team on *The Amazing Race Canada*," Makokis said. "It gave us a lot of the skills to persevere and keep going while being sleep deprived and hungry."

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ANFC hosts Youth and Elders Gathering in Jasper

By Terry Lusty

Twenty-two years have passed since its origins in 1997, and the annual Youth and Elders Gathering at the Palisades Centre on the outskirts of Jasper, Alberta, is still going strong.

The gathering brings youth and elders together in a warm and friendly environment that helps Indigenous as well as non-Indigenous people share wisdom and knowledge. The shared experience builds character and ensures the transition of Native culture and history in a meaningful, positive and constructive fashion which aids in the molding of future leaders who walk the good road.

The gathering is held in the heart of the Canadian Rockies and as expressed by Kody Taylor, a key player in facilitating portions of the event, it is intended "to bring one youth and one elder from each of the friendship centres for a four-day weekend where we share teachings among each other. We learn from each other as youth and as elders and share what we know."

From August 15 to 18, activities ranged from campfire circles, storytelling, craft-making, discussions about reconciliation and the residential schools and medicine picking outings in the wonderful outdoors, to an evening of rib-tickling comedy as well as a talent show that brought forward some of the hidden talent from across the community.

To be as inclusive as possible, each day started with a welcome pipe ceremony in the early morning before another welcoming activity commonly known as breakfast.

The celebrants for the pipe ceremony were elders Morris Little Wolf from Piikani Territory in southern Alberta and David Matilpi from Peace River country to the north.

Youth and elders were separated into groups who competed with one another to seek, gather and produce select plants and natural medicines within a given time frame. At one of the evening campfires, the bannock challenge saw the perennial champion team under Marlene Gervais triumphantly reclaim the crown once again.

As for the talent show which featured singers, dancers, storytellers and more, the ultimate winner was Lloydminster resident Levi Wolfe for his traditional rendering of a couple of drum songs. To that end, the young man demonstrated quite well his potential as a 'future leader' in the broad Alberta community.

A relaxing activity for most participants was an out-on-the-land excursion when youth and elders alike climbed into a yellow school bus and headed off to nearby Lake Annette for one afternoon. They pulled out some fishing rods to try their luck at some traditional hunting for those elusive water critters that



Youth and elders from Alberta's Native Friendship Centres shared a wonderful experience in the Rocky Mountains near Jasper in mid-August.

just never seemed to appear. It's still a mystery whether the fishermen left much to be desired or if the lake had simply been 'fished out' already. Be that as it may, participants made light of it all and just enjoyed the opportunity to be out there in such a beautiful location among a great bunch of compatriots.

This, of course, brings to mind the tremendous thrill experienced by all the early risers who, prior to the day's proceedings, took the time and effort to head out on an early morning run and/or walk in that almighty fresh morning mountain air. Ahhh, yes, so invigorating! One just can't beat that, especially for those who hail from an urban centre that's chock-full of concrete, steel and fume-filled toxic air thanks to all the rush-hour traffic and smokestacks that insist on poisoning our precious atmosphere. Truly makes one wonder what the heck we're doing in those concrete

jungles when Creator provides such terrific escapes like the rural countryside, and more especially, those gorgeous mountain areas.

Last, but certainly not least, this writer would be remiss were he not to include accolades to the cooking staff at the Palisades Centre who daily turned out sumptuous meals that more than adequately sustained each and every one of us out there with nutritious meals, which included bison and salmon! And of course, appreciation goes to the Alberta Native Friendship Centres for hosting this wonderful gathering.



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Treaty 6 Recognition Day celebrated in Edmonton

By Terry Lusty

Historically, August 23 has always been a significant date for First Nations and other Indigenous groups, who recognize it as the time when a special relationship was forged between First Nations people and the Crown with the signing of Treaty No. 6 in central Alberta in 1876.

On Friday, August 23, Edmonton's City Hall foyer came alive again as delegates and the public turned out in droves to witness Mayor Don Iveson proclaim Treaty 6 Recognition Day and present a signed proclamation to that effect to Grand Chief Wilton Littlechild from Maskwacis First Nation.

"It is important for us to come and reflect and renew the bonds of friendship that are at the heart of the treaty and re-express the city's sincere commitment to upholding the treaty spirit," Mayor Don Iveson said at the ceremony.

In turn Grand Chief Littlechild expressed the importance of the occasion as a 'partnership' and 'relationship' between Treaty 6 area residents and various government levels as well as the general public-at-large.

The occasion began with a prayer in Cree from Elder Cecil Crier, with many dignitaries in attendance for the noon hour event.

In this time of reconciliation promotion, Treaty 6 Recognition Day is an endearing sign of advancing a friendship that promotes good relations amongst all peoples and a better understanding of that relationship and the history behind it explained the Grand Chief.

Echoing that relationship was Alberta's Minister of Indigenous Relations, Rick Wilson.

Wilson added to his own delivery at the day's event that his government colleagues are open to doing Treaty 6 land acknowledgements but that it isn't part

of policy. Still, several Alberta's MLAs make a point of including it when they appear and speak at public functions, using the common opening, "we are on Treaty 6 land" or "Treaty 6 Territory."

A number of other dignitaries shared the day and the podium, including MP Amarjit Sohi, MP Randy Boissonnault, and several Treaty 6 chiefs from surrounding communities.

Alonso Paul, a young high school student from the Paul First Nation west of Edmonton, was pleased to present a piece of his artwork to the Mayor and another piece by Svetlana Okovacki artist was presented to Grand Chief Littlechild.

The day concluded with a closing prayer from Cree Elder George Saddleback from Maskwacis First Nation.



Treaty 6 Grand Chief Wilton Littlechild led the grand entry as part of the Treaty 6 Recognition Day at Edmonton City Hall. Councillor Aaron Paquette joined the procession along with Mayor Don Iveson and others.

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orders against Canada since its original ruling in January 2016. It is time for Canada to stop obstructing fairness and justice for First Nation children and provide them the care and opportunity they deserve. Today is a good day for First Nations children and we will continue to protect and stand up for them."

Bill C-92, *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families*, affirms First Nations jurisdiction over First Nations child welfare and creates space for First Nations laws and practices regarding their families. Jordan's Principle is a child-first principle ensuring First Nations children get necessary services when they need them, and that these services are not denied because of jurisdictional disputes. It is named in memory of Jordan River Anderson, a First Nations child from the Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba.

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Men of Spirit exhibit at Bearclaw



Bird with Young by Carl Ray

(ANNews) – The extraordinary image that appears on the cover of this month's *Alberta Native News* is a detail of *Thunderbird Transformation* by Carl Ray, one of the gifted Men of Spirit whose newly acquired works will be featured at Bearclaw Gallery in Edmonton from September 21 – October 2.

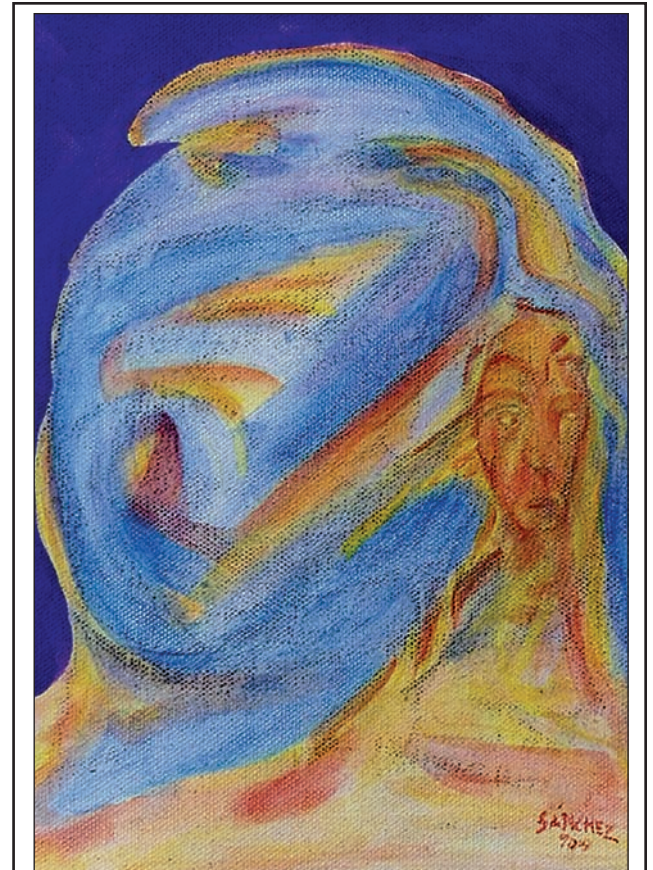
His works will be exhibited alongside an amazing collection of new works by Joseph Sanchez, one of the quintessential artists of our time, a founding member of the (1974) Professional Native Indian Artists Association known as the Indian Group of Seven.

Acclaimed as both an artist and curator Joseph's vast list of achievements include Director and Chief Curator of the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Sanchez is truly a "Man of Spirit" and his beautiful sense of spirituality and mysticism is evident in all his work.

Of the current exhibition, Sanchez explains, "I call this work *Grandmothers and Angels* referring to the spirits that protect and guide us and to the elders who we must listen to in these times of great challenges. The power of the folding- twisting-moving lines is an illustration of dimensions that are a reality to Indigenous man, recently being discovered by science. They speak of the shaman walking between the veils of reality and the spirit world. I dive uninhibited into the unknown forsaking the conscious for a glimpse of the energy and color that lies dormant in indigenous man."

Sanchez continues, "Given the damage our planet has sustained, and continues to sustain, it is up to people today to sing the songs asking for forgiveness from the Creator, to ask for balance and blessings in our prayers, and to humbly and truthfully display kindness and love of all that exists on our Mother Earth and Father Sky. Humans must look to the nurturing spirit to save our home."

'Men of Spirit' featuring the works of Joseph Sanchez and Carl Ray will be on exhibit at Bearclaw Gallery in Edmonton from September 21 to October 2, 2019. The gallery is conveniently located in the



Song of the Ancestors by Joseph Sanchez is currently on exhibit at Bearclaw Gallery.

Oliver Arts District at 10403 124 Street. Check out their website at bearclawgallery.com.

Métis Veterans receive apology from Canada

On September 10, 2019, Federal Minister of Veterans Affairs Lawrence MacAuley made an historic announcement in packed room at the Royal Canadian Legion in Regina, SK.

"Métis across Canada valiantly participated in military service, and their courage and contributions are a source of honour to their families, their communities, and to all Canadians," stated Minister MacAuley. "They

served in the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War and as recently as in Afghanistan as well as in other conflicts and humanitarian efforts around the globe.

"Looking back, it is clear that the pre- and post-Second World War experiences some Métis Veterans faced may have negatively affected their successful re-establishment in civilian life following the Second World War. Many experienced prejudices, poverty, and

a relative lack of pre-war education, vocational skills, and work experiences.

We apologize that the benefits offered to Veterans after the war were not well designed to meet Métis Veterans' specific needs. For example, many Métis Veterans did not possess the required pre-requisites to access education and training.

"We regret that our country has taken three-quarters of a century to address the concerns of Métis Veterans who joined Canada's call to arms to enter the Second World War. They left this

country not knowing the enemy they would face, nor the countries and people they were to defend. They were, nonetheless, instrumental in Canada's action to protect basic rights and freedoms around the globe.

"To this end, I am pleased that the Government of Canada has allocated \$30 million to recognize Métis Veterans of the Second World War for their pre- and post-war experiences and to support commemorative initiatives that promote awareness and appreciation of Métis Veterans' sacrifices and contributions among the Métis People as well as the general Canadian public.

"On behalf of all Canadians, we thank the Métis who served our country valiantly during the Second World War. They deserve our respect and we say thank you to them, their families, and the Métis Nation for the sacrifices that they made."

MNC Minister of Veterans Affairs and MMF President David Chartrand responded on behalf of the Métis Nation.

He stated, "I thank Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister Lawrence MacAuley for today's statement and apology to our Métis Veterans and the legacy left for future generations. They have shown great leadership taking action to correct the wrongs done to our Métis Nation Veterans who joined Canada's call to arms only to be met with broken promises upon their return. After three quarters of a century of inaction by other Governments, and years negotiating acknowledgement and compensation, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Government is the first to keep the promise. With today's act, Canada fully recognizes our Métis Veterans' sacrifices and takes a historic step towards reconciliation."



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New graphic novels available for youth

Two graphic novels developed for First Nations and Métis youth will help start conversations about suicide prevention. More than 100 Indigenous youth from across Alberta, in addition to First Nation and Métis producers, writers and artists, were engaged in the development of the stories. The result reflects Indigenous voices and respects First Nations and Métis cultures and traditions.

"Youth suicide is a tragedy and these new tools share a message of hope, reflect Indigenous voices and respect the uniqueness of First Nations and Métis cultures and traditions in our province," stated Alberta Minister of Children's Services Rebecca Schultz. "The novels were created by and for First Nations and Métis youth and provide an opportunity for honest conversation about youth suicide and, most importantly, support and encouragement to reach out and ask for help if you need it."

"To see the collective experiences and personal insights shared so openly with us by First Nations and Métis youth in these graphic novels is truly inspirational," added Jason Luan Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.

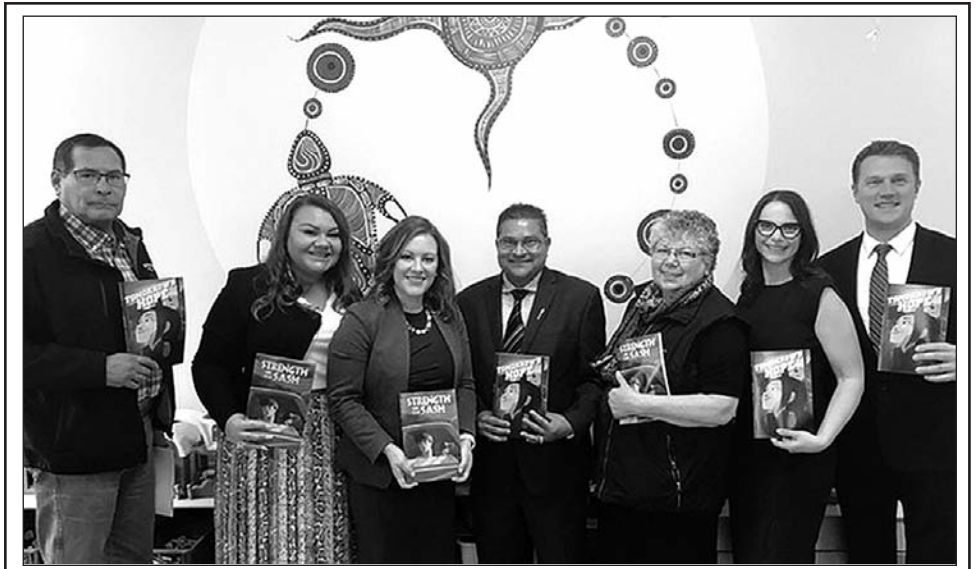
"These novels open the door to difficult discussions about suicide, while also sharing important messages of strength and hope and the power of community. This tool will help break down stigma and help others reach out to find their own pathway to wellness."

"We are pleased to partner with the Alberta

government in preventing youth suicide and to share our newly developed guide as an additional resource to support Indigenous communities in developing life-promotion strategies and activities," remarked Mara Grunau, executive director, Centre for Suicide Prevention.

Alberta has one of the highest rates of youth suicide in Canada, and the rate for Indigenous youth is 5 to 6 times higher than for non-Indigenous youth. It is hoped that these stories will spark important conversations. Watch *Strength of the Sash* and see all the videos and graphic novel versions at alberta.ca/indigenous-youth-suicide-prevention.

Be aware that these stories might be hard to watch, particularly if you or someone you know has attempted suicide, or if a loved one has died from suicide. After watching, you may want to plan to discuss your feelings with a friend, family member, trusted adult, therapist or counsellor – or call the



(L to R) Elder Travis Plaited Hair, Jennifer Houle-Famakinde, Minister Rebecca Schulz, MLA Peter Singh, Elder Gloria Laird, Mara Grunau and MLA Jeremy Nixon support the launch of new suicide prevention graphic novels for First Nations and Métis youth.

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This project was made possible through incredible support of the Indigenous Story Studio, Suicide Prevention Centre, Canadian Mental Health Association, Métis Calgary Family Services, Métis Nation of Alberta Youth Annual General Assembly, Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement, Beaver/Tallcree First Nations, Cadotte Lake First Nation, Peavine Métis Settlement, Ponoka Health Services and Samson Community Wellness.

First Nation, Métis and Inuit leaders applaud Bill C-92

On September 10, 2019, Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Indigenous Services announced that the *Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families* will come into force in its entirety on January 1, 2020. This legislation was co-developed with Indigenous partners with the goal of keeping Indigenous children and youth connected to their families, communities, and culture.

The Act affirms the inherent right of First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities to move forward with legislation to exercise jurisdiction over child and family services at a pace that they choose.

"The coming into force of this Act is the fulfillment of a promise that we will do better for the Indigenous children in this country," stated Minister O'Regan. "It is a promise to Indigenous families and communities that we are determined to make things right. Bill C-92 will put into law what Indigenous peoples across this country have been asking of governments for decades: that their inherent jurisdiction be affirmed. We are dedicated to positive change, and the coming into force of this bill will help achieve that."

The Act puts in place national principles such as the best interests of the child, cultural continuity, and substantive equality to help guide the provision of Indigenous child and family services across all jurisdictions. Most importantly, the Act provides an opportunity for Indigenous peoples to choose their own solutions for their children and families and emphasizes the need for the system to shift from apprehension to prevention.

"This is a critical step forward for First Nations and their families. I am very pleased we now know when this important legislation will come into force and form part of Canadian law," remarked Assembly of Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde. "This legislation affirms First Nations jurisdiction, which is crucial to First Nations building their own

systems based on their own governance, laws and policies.

"We must now focus on prevention over apprehension and keeping children close to their cultures and families. We need everyone to support this approach, and we need proper investments to make it a reality. With more than 40 000 indigenous children in care, the time is long overdue for First Nations to finally regain responsibility over our children."

"Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami welcomes news that Bill C-92, An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families, will come into force on January 1, 2020," added Natan Obed, ITK President. "Inuit are committed to working on a distinctions

basis toward the implementation of the legislation with the goal of achieving tangible change in the lives of Inuit children and families."

"The Act marks a real turn in the approach to protecting our Métis Nation children, youth and families," added MNC President Clément Chartier. "Enabling our governments to exercise jurisdiction over child and family services is a critically important first step in this direction."

The Act is the result of extensive engagement with First Nations, Inuit and Métis organizations, as well as Treaty Nations, self-governing First Nations, Provinces and Territories, experts and those with lived experience, including Elders, youth and women.

This historic Bill affirms the jurisdiction of all Indigenous Peoples with regards to child and family services. According to Census 2016, Indigenous children represent 52.2% of children in foster care in private homes in Canada, despite accounting for only 7.7% of the overall population of children under 15.

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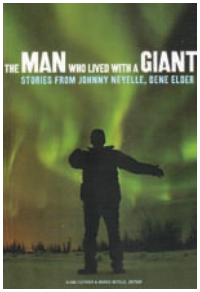
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Book Review



The Man Who Lived with a Giant: Stories from Johnny Neyelle, Dene Elder

Review by Deborah Shatz

The Man Who Lived with a Giant is a precious collection of traditional and personal stories told by Johnny Neyelle, a Dene Elder from Déline, Northwest Territories. It is a gem of a book, recently published by University of Alberta Press, that contains the wisdom of the Dene elders in the voice of a Dene elder.

The reader is immediately transported to a time when the earth was new, when dinosaurs roamed the land, when people had superpowers and could change their shape to suit any given circumstance. The journey is filled with wonderful supernatural creatures, their adventures, and their geography.

The second part of the book shifts from legends about ancient Denendeh characters to stories about more recent ancestors. The stories cover three generations of community love, family bonds, integrity and relationships intertwined in tales about hunting, cooking, building relationships and living a traditional lifestyle.

Johnny Neyelle used storytelling to teach Dene youth and others to understand and celebrate Dene traditions and knowledge. His recorded stories were meticulously translated by his son Morris Neyelle and editor Alana Fletcher to blossom into this beautiful memoir, which is truly a guide to being.

Johnny's voice makes these stories accessible to readers young and old, and his wisdom reinforces the right way to live - in harmony with people and places. Storytelling forms the core of Dene knowledge-keeping, making this a vital book for Dene people of today and tomorrow, researchers working with Indigenous cultures and oral histories, and all those dedicated to preserving Elders' stories.

The Man Who Lived with a Giant is a treasure trove of information. In the Introduction, Morris Neyelle describes the importance of preserving the Elders' stories and that his goal for presenting this book to the

world is for young people to read it and learn the important history and lessons of the Dene. Johnny Neyelle explains that "the Elders knew if you grab hold of a story and put it in your heart, you will benefit from it in the future." These stories are meant to be grabbed, cherished and learned from.

Johnny's wife also famously told her sons that in the past people had great powers that would help them survive on the land. "But my sons," she said, "if you are not gifted like that, the stories that your beta is giving to you are like a road he has made for you to follow. It's a long road with no end. That's the kind of road he has built. To walk on this road does not mean everything will work out for you. There will be problems, disasters, heartaches and pains to go through but God willing, you will make it to the very end where you will see your grey hair. That's what your dad is talking about."

In *The Man Who Lived with a Giant*, (ISBN-13: 978-1772124088) editors Alana Fletcher and Morris Neyelle have given the world an invaluable road map, a gift from Johnny Neyelle that will help guide the people of Denendeh and everyone else to a positive life.

Naming ceremony shared at Calgary Public Library

(Calgary) - On a warm Monday morning in early June, colourful song and dance filled Central Library's Patricia A. Whelan Performance Hall as Jared Tailfeathers was gifted a new name.

To an audience of community members, Jared's family, colleagues, and the public, Elder Clarence Wolfleg led a naming ceremony in the Patricia A. Whelan Performance Hall. Following a smudge, the Elder put his hand on Jared's head and told the story of Jared's new name, first in Blackfoot, then English. For the first time, Jared heard his new name.

"My name is Sikomh Komii, which means Calling Crane," says Jared, Program Coordinator for Indigenous Placemaking at Calgary Public Library.

In Blackfoot culture, a name is given when a person has done something worthy of note, or they also can get a name from an ancestor or relative who has passed on. A person can earn different names throughout their life, based on their accomplishments, spiritual transfers, and family history. Traditionally, Blackfoot people went by their one given name; the convention of first names and family names came from settlers.

For Jared, who works as a facilitator, artist, and community connector, his first Blackfoot name

reflects his extensive work in Indigenous arts and culture.

"Your name is a way of telling you who you are, and telling other people who you are. It means you did something," Jared says.

"Or an Elder sees something powerful in that name and it connects with you."

"It's a gift, and it's supposed to represent gifts and strengths that I have and can share. It's a powerful name that I have to do justice for, and so it's a very important thing for me."

When Jared learned that Elder Clarence Wolfleg had a name for him, Jared felt it was important to share his naming ceremony with the public.

"I'm half Indigenous, so half my family is always asking questions," says Jared, whose late father was a member of the Blood Tribe, and whose mother has English and Scottish heritage. Jared grew up in Calgary, making regular visits to see his dad's family on the Kainai Nation in southern Alberta.

"I thought this was a good opportunity for me to participate in my traditions and help other people be educated and show them what a fairly standard ceremony for Indigenous people is like," Jared says.



Jared Tailfeathers at his naming ceremony.

In addition to educating others, Jared wanted to hold a public ceremony because for so many years, Indigenous people could not share their culture.

"People need to remember that ceremonies like this were not allowed, they were outlawed, even less than 100 years ago," Jared says.

At the ceremony, Elder Clarence — whose own name is Miiksika'am, which means Red Crane — told the story behind Jared's new name. Years ago, there was a camp of the Niitsitapi people, where Elder Clarence and other people were in ceremony for days, transferring knowledge and skills to the next generation.

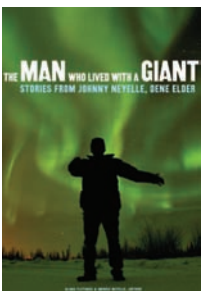
When it came time for the transfer of the last bundle, the people looked east and saw four cranes circling silently above. As the cranes spread out, one came down from the sky and called four times, and then the four cranes went in four directions. The last one gave a loud call as he came close.

The people asked, "What does this mean?" Elder Clarence said it was important like a blessing, that the cranes were giving their consent that the transfer was good. Elder Clarence thought it was fitting to answer the blessing of the crane that came on that day, and to call Jared Sikomh Komii, meaning Calling Crane.

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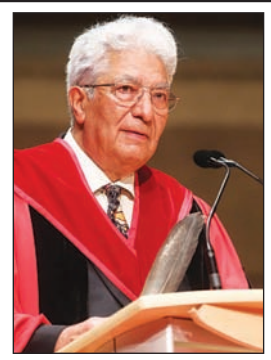
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Retired federal judge is heading back to university

By Helen Metella, University of Alberta



Retired Justice Tony Mandamin (Photo: Law Society of Ontario via Twitter)

(Folio.ca) - Among the thousands of new students on campus this week is one you wouldn't necessarily expect to see.

A 75-year old just-retired judge is heading back to campus.

Justice Leonard (Tony) Mandamin, who sat on the Federal Court of Canada bench for 12 years, will dive into another significant intellectual challenge—earning a master's degree in Native studies.

"I have a strong interest in the re-emergence of Aboriginal restorative justice," wrote Mandamin in his thesis proposal. He intends to identify the common elements of Aboriginal restorative justice initiatives across Canada so they will be recognized by the criminal justice system and adopted more broadly.

When he earned his LLB in 1982, Mandamin was one of the earliest Indigenous graduates of the U of A's law school. He went on to accumulate many firsts during a distinguished career as an Indigenous lawyer, a judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta for eight years and then the Federal Court.

While a young lawyer, he represented Indigenous clients across Alberta. As a provincial court judge and later as a Federal Court justice, he presided over traditional justice initiatives and dealt with numerous matters in which Indigenous perspectives were heard in the Canadian justice system, often for the first time.

In *R v. Badger*, a leading Supreme Court of Canada decision on the scope of Indian treaty rights, Mandamin

and his co-counsel represented three treaty Indian hunters charged for hunting without a licence or out of season, though their treaty assured them of the right to hunt for food. Despite Mandamin facing opposition from the attorneys general of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Canada, the court confirmed the continued existence of that treaty right, in a decision that is frequently cited.

"It was a milestone for treaties," said Mandamin. "The Supreme Court said that treaties are sacred and that the spirit and intent of treaties should be honoured."

In June 2018, the Law Society of Ontario presented him with an honorary doctorate for the myriad ways his leadership ensured an Indigenous perspective was included within the administration of justice in Canada, making special note of his role in developing the Federal Court's Aboriginal Litigation Guidelines. They recognize the important role of Indigenous elders and make sure elders are treated with respect during litigation.

"His career shows that he has been both imaginative and effective in creating legal initiatives for the betterment of Indigenous people," said David Percy, interim dean of the Faculty of Law, who has known Mandamin since the latter was a law student in the faculty.

Mandamin grew up on the Wiikwemikoong Unceded Indian Reserve on Manitoulin Island, Ont., and began advocating for Indigenous justice early. As Grade 10 student council president, he led a vote to reject his school principal's plan to have older student prefects report on children who spoke their own language—Anishinaabemowin—at his Indian reserve school.

He was inspired by the memory of an elderly council member who had once defied a government Indian

agent's demand that council meetings be conducted in English only.

"In the late 1950s and early 1960s, the predominant treatment of Indians had a very negative outlook on Indigenous culture," said Mandamin. "Language was suppressed, ceremony and celebration were discouraged."

But in the 1960s, Wiikwemikoong reintroduced its cultural festival, helping revive Indigenous culture. That inspired Mandamin to become involved in Indigenous activism and then to study law.

Among his other notable cases as a lawyer, Mandamin was counsel before the Indian Claims Commission in the Cold Lake First Nations Claim. Those First Nations had been expelled from their traditional hunting, trapping and fishing territories in 1954 so the federal government could establish the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range. Mandamin assisted them in their claim for compensation for many years.

The claim was accepted, and negotiations were underway when Mandamin was appointed to the Provincial Court of Alberta. Later compensation provided land, economic benefits and a multimillion-dollar settlement.

As a provincial court judge, Mandamin helped the Tsuut'ina First Nation establish a peacemaker court that still works with community peacemakers to resolve conflicts that give rise to criminal offences.

Mandamin also encouraged other Indigenous law students.

"I suspect that his record of employing six Indigenous articling students out of a total of seven remains a record to this day," said Percy.

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Naming ceremony

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Jared's naming ceremony was held on June 3, as part of Calgary Public Library's kickoff event for Indigenous History Month.

"The Library has taken great steps in the last few years to really follow through with truth and reconciliation and education," Jared says. "This was a special event for me personally, but it also meant a lot to be able to share it inside this lodge of education."

For Jared, who remembers feeling excited but nervous, the naming ceremony was a powerful way of showing him who he is.

"Like most Indigenous people, I've felt sort of an identity crisis, especially being mixed, growing up

feeling not white enough but not red enough," he says.

His new Blackfoot name is a step on an ongoing personal journey, of connecting with Blackfoot culture through language, arts, events, family, and community members.


Jared hopes that other people embark on their own journeys, listening and learning from each other. He's proud Calgary Public Library offers opportunities for everybody to do so, through Indigenous Placemaking, the Elders' Guidance Circle, and new programs.

"I hope that both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people feel comfortable enough to talk to each other about things and to continue to ask questions of each

other, hard questions and easy questions alike," Jared says.

"I encourage people to learn, to use the Library for what it's supposed to be used for. You should learn about all of your neighbours. There's so many people here, so many cultures and backgrounds, and there's more similarities than differences."

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