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NATIONAL EVENT

MARCH 27-30, 2014

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Survivors will receive, with registration, a \$10 off coupon for the purchase of one T-shirt.



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A Message from the TRC COMMISSIONERS



PHOTO L-R: Commissioner Marie Wilson, Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair and Commissioner Chief Wilton Littlechild.

Welcome

to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) Alberta National Event in Edmonton from March 27 to 30, 2014. We acknowledge that this historic gathering is taking place within traditional Treaty 6 Plains Cree territory.

TRC events provide an important opportunity for those affected by the legacy of the Indian Residential Schools to share their experiences with the Commission and the public. They also serve to educate Canadians about the country's 130-year history of residential schools, and their legacy for Aboriginal communities and Canadian society as a whole.

This TRC National Event is the seventh and final National Event mandated by the 2007 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement.

In preparation, the TRC has held public hearings in Red Deer, Slave Lake, High Level, Maskwacis (formerly Hobbema), Lethbridge and Calgary.

Survivors from these and adjacent communities shared their experiences with the Commission in public and private sessions. Most of these hearings were webcast on www.trc.ca, where the Alberta National Event will also be webcast, with large numbers of people tuning in from all over the world. Survivors and their family members shared many personal and emotional truths, as well as hope for change and reconciliation.

In this same spirit of openness, the TRC Alberta National Event in Edmonton will offer a unique opportunity for all Canadians, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, to hear first-hand the experiences of those who attended the schools, to bear witness to the legacy of the residential school system, and to celebrate Aboriginal culture. It is free and open to everyone.

We welcome you to Edmonton as we continue on this national journey for truth, healing and reconciliation.

Respectfully,

Justice Murray Sinclair
CHAIR

Chief Wilton Littlechild
COMMISSIONER

Dr. Marie Wilson
COMMISSIONER

A Message from the FIRST NATIONS IN ALBERTA

On behalf

of Treaty 6, 7, and 8 First Nations I'd like to personally welcome each of you, whether you are a participant, a visitor, or a volunteer at the final Truth and Reconciliation National Event. I would also like to thank the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), on their efforts to right the wrongs of the past. We commend the Commission for their effort to document the stories, which will be preserved in history so that the stories are told and retold in Canada's school curriculum.

We are gathered here for a few days to learn the truth about what happened in the residential schools and to document the experiences so that all Canadians are correctly informed about what happened in the schools. It will be a painful time, but we must continue the work and adapt, remaining motivated, responsive and being open to new ideas.

Our TRC is confronting a time of many changes and they are working on meeting these changes during a time of larger nation-wide and global change. You will have a chance to hear the truth as painful as it may be, but you will also have an opportunity to meet resilient First Nation individuals who are seeking reconciliation; to find forgiveness and healing for themselves, their families and their communities.

In closing, I'd like to thank each of you for attending the Alberta National Event and bringing your experience to our gathering. You, as family, clan and community leaders, have the vision, the knowledge, the wherewithal and the experience to help us pave our way into the future. You are truly our greatest asset today and tomorrow, and we could not accomplish what we do without your participation. Throughout this event, I ask you to stay engaged, keep us proactive and help us shape the future of Healing. My personal respect and thanks goes out to all of you.

Chief Cameron Alexis
REGIONAL CHIEF OF ALBERTA
ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

CONFEDERACY TREATY 6



CONFEDERACY TREATY 7



CONFEDERACY TREATY 8



Bentwood Box

The TRC Bentwood Box reflects the strength and resilience of Residential School Survivors and their descendants, and honours those Survivors who are no longer living.

The Box will travel with the TRC to all of its seven National Events throughout Canada.



As the Box travels with the Commission to different provinces and territories, offerings will be made to it to commemorate personal journeys toward healing and reconciliation.

At the end of the TRC's mandate, it will be housed in the National Research Centre at the University of Manitoba.

Throughout the TRC National Event, the Bentwood Box will be on site for the Commissioners Sharing Panels, Honorary Witness Ceremonies and during the Expressions of Reconciliation.



Carved by Coast Salish artist Luke Marston, the TRC Bentwood Box is a lasting tribute to all Indian Residential School Survivors.

Steamed and bent from a single piece of red cedar, the carved panels represent the unique cultures of former First Nations, Inuit and Métis students. The artist pays respect to his own grandmother by depicting her residential schools experiences at Kuper Island in the carvings.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
6am	Lighting of the Sacred Fire	Assembly Level Patio
9:30 am-2:30pm	Education Day <i>for pre-registered students and classes</i>	Hall D; Salons 2, 3 and 8-11
10am-noon	Welcome to the Territory, Opening Ceremonies, Induction of Honorary Witnesses	Hall A
11am-noon	How to Share your Truth	Salon 4
1:00pm-2:30pm	Youth Panel & Student Tribute to Survivors (video link)	Hall A
1pm-2pm	How to Share your Truth	Salon 4
2:30pm-4pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel	Hall A
3pm-4:45pm	Churches Listening Circle	Churches Listening Area, Hall B
4pm-6pm	Call to Gather, Expressions of Reconciliation, Induction of Honorary Witnesses and Honorary Witness Reflections	Hall A



PHOTO: St. Joseph's Indian Industrial School - Male students. High River, Alberta, ca 1896. David Ewens Collection / Library and Archives Canada / PA-182258]

DAILY PROGRAMMING

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
8am-5pm	Survivor Registration	Assembly Foyer
9am-5pm	Learning Place	Hall B
9am-5pm	Displays and Artisans	Hall B
9am-6pm	Private Statement Gathering	Hall C
11am-5pm	Churches Listening Area	Hall B



PHOTO: Morley Indian Residential School, United Church of Canada Archives 93.049P/796.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
8:30am-9am	Expressions of Reconciliation	Hall A
9am-10:30am	Honorary Witness Talking Circle	Hall A
9am-11am	Sharing Circle 1	Salon 4
9am-11am	Sharing Circle 2	Salon 11
10am-11:45am	Churches Listening Circle	Churches Listening Area, Hall B
10:30am-12:30pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel	Hall A
9am-10:30am	<i>Jingle Dress First Dance</i> Film screening, Q&A	Salon 10
10:30am-12:30pm	<i>Rhymes for Young Ghouls*</i> Film screening, Q&A	Salon 10
11:30am-1:30pm	Reconciliation Lunch	Hall D
1pm-2:30pm	Interfaith Panel	Salon 9
1pm-3pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel	Hall A
1:30pm-3:30pm	National Research Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Panel	Salon 8
2pm-4pm	Sharing Circle 3	Salon 4
2pm-4pm	Sharing Circle 4	Salon 11
4pm-6pm	Call to Gather, Expressions of Reconciliation, Honorary Witness Reflections	Hall A
7pm-9:30pm	Free Concert	Hall D

⁸Rated PG14. Contains violence, substance abuse, alcohol. Viewer discretion is strongly advised.

DAILY PROGRAMMING

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
6am	Sunrise Ceremony	Sacred Fire site
8am-5pm	Survivor Registration	Assembly Foyer
9am-2:30pm	Films	Salon 10
9am-5pm	Learning Place	Hall B
9am-5pm	Displays and Artisans	Hall B
9am-5pm	Churches Listening Area	Hall B
9am-6pm	Private Statement Gathering	Hall C

FREE CONCERT

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING SOME OF ALBERTA'S MOST GIFTED PERFORMERS.

FEATURING:

Country artist and 2014 JUNO nominee

NATHAN CUNNINGHAM

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

- WT Goodspirit and Prairie Thunder
- Sila Singers
- Drums of the 4 Directions
- Phyllis Sinclair
- Asani
- Souljah Fyah
- Red Power Squad
- Leela Gilday
- Cris Derksen

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 AT 7pm
HALL D AT THE SHAW CENTRE

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
9am-10am	Expressions of Reconciliation	Hall A
9am-11am	Sharing Circle 5	Salon 4
9am-11am	Reconciliation and Collective Memory in a Divided Society	Salon 8
9am-11am	Sharing Circle 6	Salon 11
10am-11:45am	Churches Listening Circle	Churches Listening Area, Hall B
10am-noon	Commissioners Sharing Panel	Hall A
10am-noon	Feathers of Hope: Youth Voice in First Nations Issues	Salon 9
1pm-3pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel	Hall A
1pm-3pm	It Matters to Me: A Town Hall on Reconciliation	Salon 8
1pm-3pm	<i>Rhymes for Young Ghouls</i> * Film screening, Q&A	Salon 10
1pm-4pm	'(official denial) trade value in progress'	Salon 9
2pm-4pm	Sharing Circle 7	Salon 4
2pm-4pm	Sharing Circle 8	Salon 11
3pm-4:30pm	<i>Jingle Dress First Dance</i> Film screening, Q&A	Salon 10
4pm-6pm	Call to Gather, Expressions of Reconciliation, Honorary Witness Reflections	Hall A
7pm-9:30pm	Talent Night	Hall A

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DAILY PROGRAMMING

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
6am	Sunrise Ceremony	Sacred Fire site
8am-5pm	Survivor Registration	Assembly Foyer
9am-5pm	Films	Salon 10
9am-5pm	Learning Place	Hall B
9am-5pm	Displays and Artisans	Hall B
9am-5pm	Churches Listening Area	Hall B
9am-6pm	Private Statement Gathering	Hall C

PROSPECTOR FILMS PRESENTS A JEFF BARNABY FILM

“A powerful condemnation of abuse that also manages to entertain - no small feat.”

~ NATIONAL POST



DATES: March 28 at 10:30am and March 29 at 1pm
LOCATION: Salon 10

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2014

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
9am-10am	Expressions of Reconciliation	Hall A
9am-11am	Sharing Circle 9	Salon 4
9am-11am	Sharing Circle 10	Salon 11
10am-10:30am	Extinguishing of the Sacred Fire	Sacred Fire site
10am-12pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel	Hall A
10am-12pm	Survivors in Solidarity: Éloge Butera and Robbie Waisman	Salon 8
10am-11am	A Musta Be: Mashihkly Maskwa Iskewew reading	Salon 9
10am-11:45am	Churches Listening Circle	Churches Listening Area, Hall B
10:30am-noon	<i>Jingle Dress First Dance</i> Film screening, Q&A	Salon 10
11:30am-1:30pm	Reconciliation Lunch	Hall D
1pm-3pm	Commissioners Sharing Panel	Hall A
1pm-3pm	Sharing Circle 11	Salon 4
1pm-2:30pm	Pearls of Wisdom: Recovering Indigenous Women's Honour (KAIROS)	Salon 8
1pm-3pm	Broken Hearts Workshop	Salon 9
1pm-3pm	Sharing Circle 12	Salon 11
4pm-5pm	Call to Gather, Honorary Witness Reflections	Hall A
5pm-6pm	Survivor Birthday Celebration & Closing Ceremony	Hall A

DAILY PROGRAMMING

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
6am	Sunrise Ceremony	Sacred Fire site
9am-noon	Survivor Registration	Assembly Foyer
9am-3pm	Films	Salon 10
9am-3pm	Learning Place	Hall B
9am-3pm	Displays and Artisans	Hall B
9am-3pm	Churches Listening Area	Hall B
9am-6pm	Private Statement Gathering	Hall C



CELEBRATION OF FIRST NATIONS HOCKEY

Hockey was a life-saver for many who attended Indian Residential Schools. There are many great hockey players who got their start at these schools.

The Edmonton Oilers will honour First Nations hockey players in a special celebration, Sunday, March 30 when they take on the New York Rangers.



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SACRED FIRE

The lighting of the Sacred Fire in June 2010 at the start of the TRC's first National Event, in Winnipeg, MB, was an emotional beginning to a landmark event, and a symbol of strength and warmth for everyone who participated.

Ashes from the Winnipeg Sacred Fire were transported by members of the Indian Residential School Survivor Committee to Inuvik, NT, where they were added to the Sacred Fire that burned during the TRC Northern National Event in June/July 2011. From there, ashes were taken to the Atlantic National Event in Halifax (October 2011), to the Saskatchewan National Event in Saskatoon (June 2012), to the Quebec National Event in Montreal (April 2013) and the British Columbia National Event in Vancouver (September 2013).

At the close of the BC National Event, ashes from the Sacred Fire were entrusted to Chief Wilton Littlechild, Alberta Representative on the TRC Survivor Committee. They will be added to the Sacred Fire that will burn in Edmonton for the duration of the TRC Alberta National Event.

DATE: **Thursday, March 27, 2014**

BEGINS: **6am**

LOCATION: **Sacred Fire Site, Shaw Centre Assembly Level Patio**

The Lighting of the Sacred Fire happens before we begin each National Event to ensure that the Spirits and the Teachings guide and protect us while the Commission does its work.



Chief Wilton Littlechild transfers the sacred ashes to Brenda Reynolds, representative of the Alberta National Event planning committee. PHOTO: Linnea Hansen

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.
- Traditionally, it is the responsibility of the men to ensure the Fire burns all day and all night.
- A Sacred Fire is separate from a cooking or camp fire; please do not throw garbage or cigarette butts into the Sacred Fire.
- Please refrain from using drugs or alcohol near the Sacred Fire and for the duration of the TRC Alberta National Event.

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE SACRED FIRE

- If you wish to share a prayer or offering, please ask the Firekeeper about the protocols.

SHARE YOUR TRUTH

The TRC National Event offers many ways for you to share your truth with the Commission.

COMMISSIONERS SHARING PANEL

Commissioners Sharing Panels provide an opportunity for Survivors, Intergenerational Survivors, former teachers, those who worked in the schools, or anyone else who wants to speak publicly about the affect of the schools on their lives to share their truth directly with the Commissioners of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

* Registration: begins March 26 in the Assembly Level Foyer

* Members of the public and the media may witness.

DATES: March 27-30 **LOCATION:** Hall A
BEGINS: See Program at a Glance

SHARING CIRCLES

Facilitated by members of the TRC Indian Residential School Survivors Committee (IRSSC), Sharing Circles enable Survivors, their family members, former staff and anyone else affected by the residential schools to share their truth with others in a public setting.

* Registration: begins March 26 in the Assembly Level Foyer

* Members of the public and the media may witness.

* Separate sharing circles will also be held in the Churches Listening Area.

DATE: March 28-30 **LOCATIONS:** Salon 4 and Salon 11
BEGINS: See Program at a Glance

PRIVATE STATEMENT GATHERING

Those wishing to share their experiences with the TRC in a private and confidential setting can do so. The Private Statement Gathering Area, located in Hall C, has individual rooms where private statements may be video or audio recorded. Health Supports will be available.

* Registration: begins March 26 in the Assembly Level Foyer

DATE: March 27-30 **LOCATION:** Hall C
BEGINS: See Program at a Glance



PHOTO: Confirmation class, S. John's Indian Residential School, Wabasca. Anglican Church of Canada Archives. P75-103-S3 (77)

HOW TO SHARE YOUR TRUTH INFORMATION SESSION

Your statement is very important and can help Canadians understand the legacy of Residential Schools. Those who lived, attended and worked at the schools are given a voice through the statement gathering process.

This workshop will provide information on how you can share your experience. The three statement-gathering options will be discussed: private statement-gathering; sharing circles; and Commissioners' sharing panels. The role of Health Supports will also be discussed.

DATE: March 27
BEGINS: 11am and 1pm
LOCATION: Salon 4

Education Day

The TRC is pleased to welcome students from across Alberta to Education Day. Two thousand students will participate in educational activities dealing with the residential schools.

On Thursday, March 27, all displays and activities will be reserved for school groups until 2:30pm. Students will be given priority access for Education Day activities.

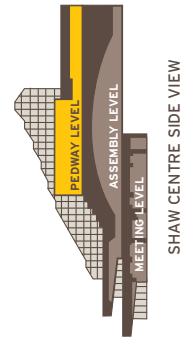
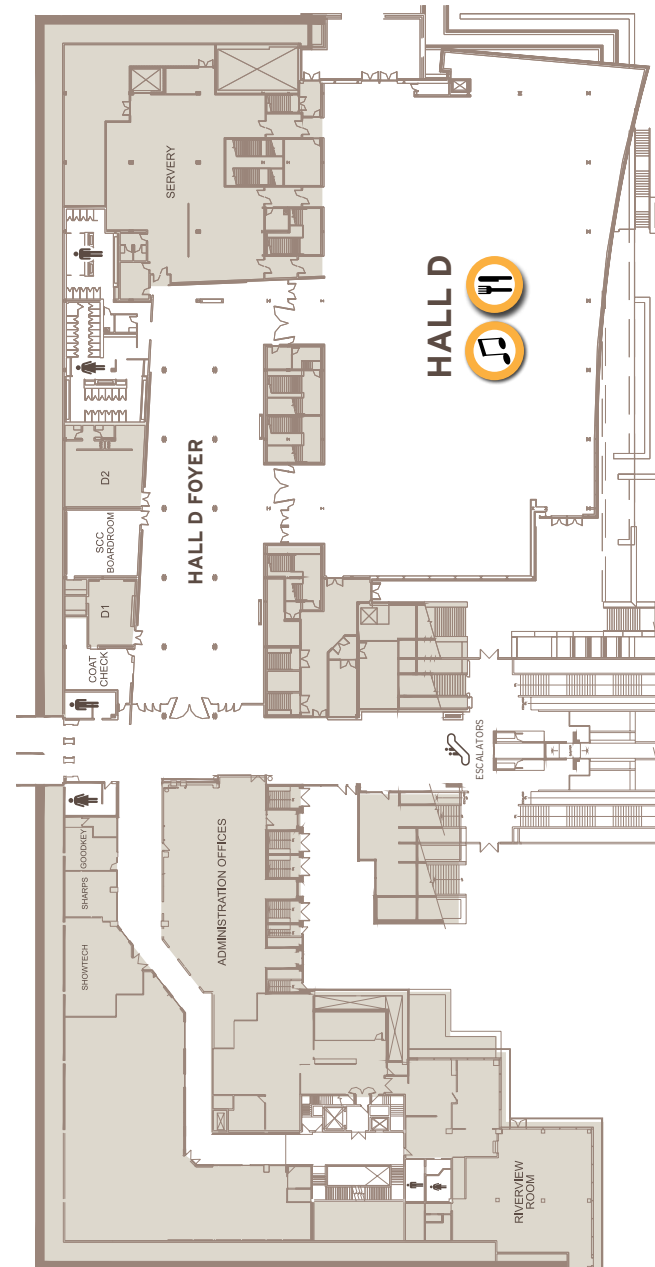
DATE: March 27, 9:30am to 2:30pm

LOCATION: Hall D, Salon 3, Salons 5-11



PHOTO: School band, Kuper Island School. British Columbia Archives, D-05991

SHAW CENTRE PEDWAY LEVEL

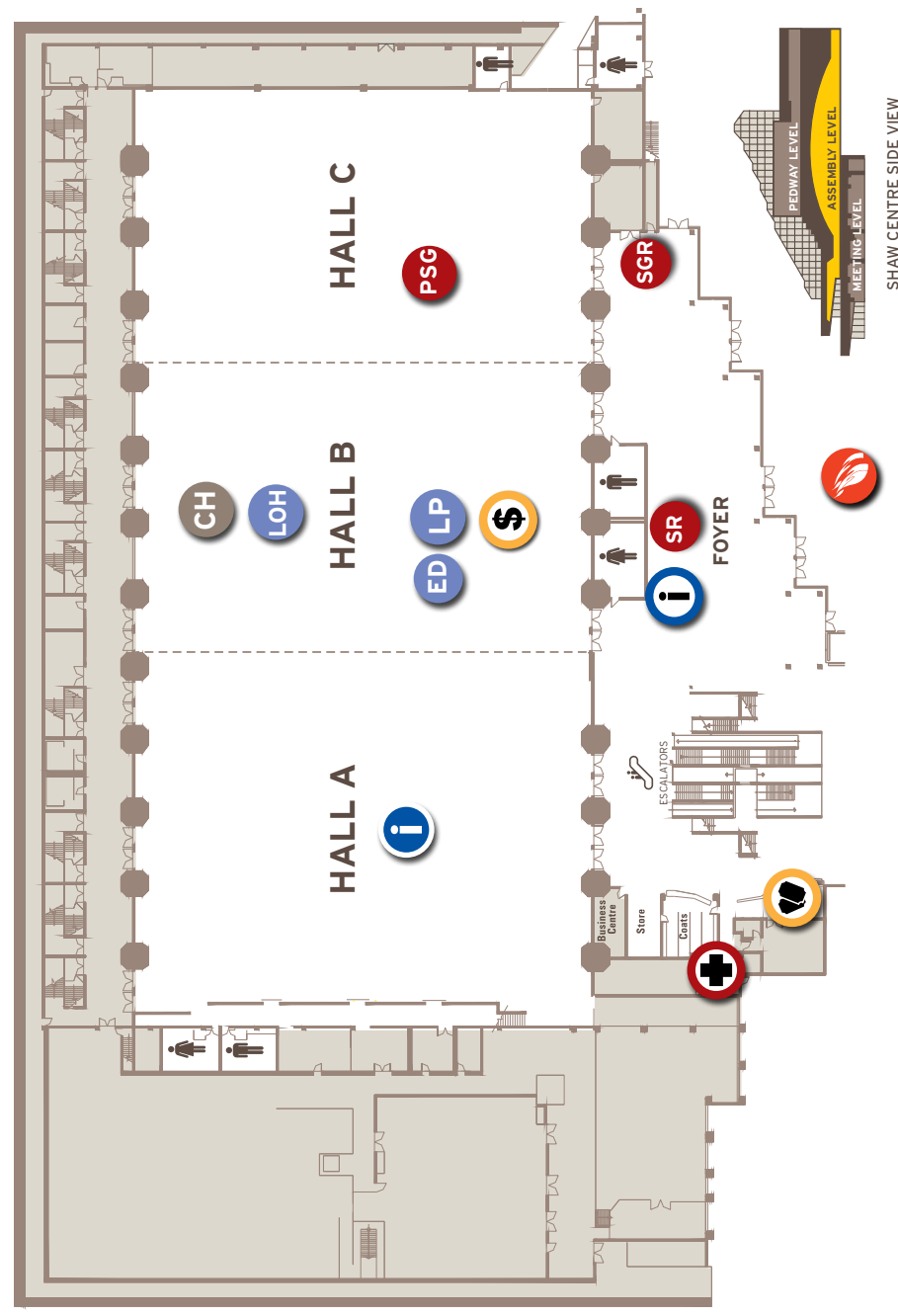


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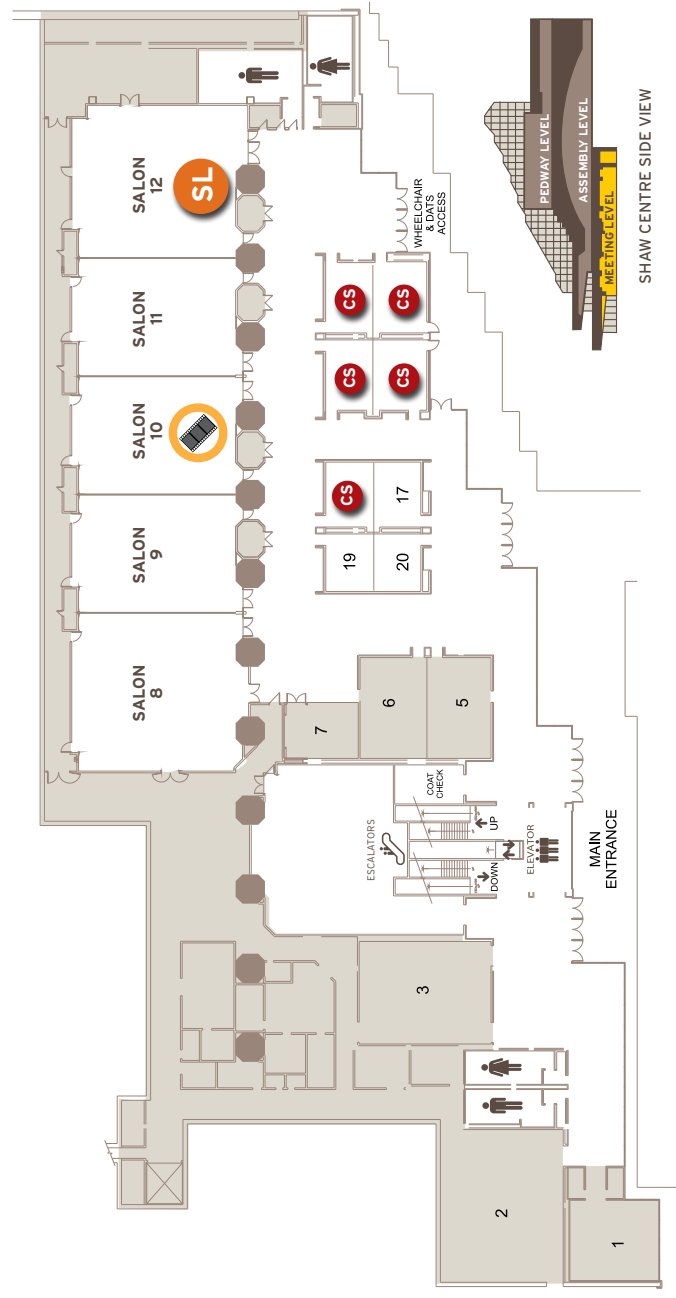


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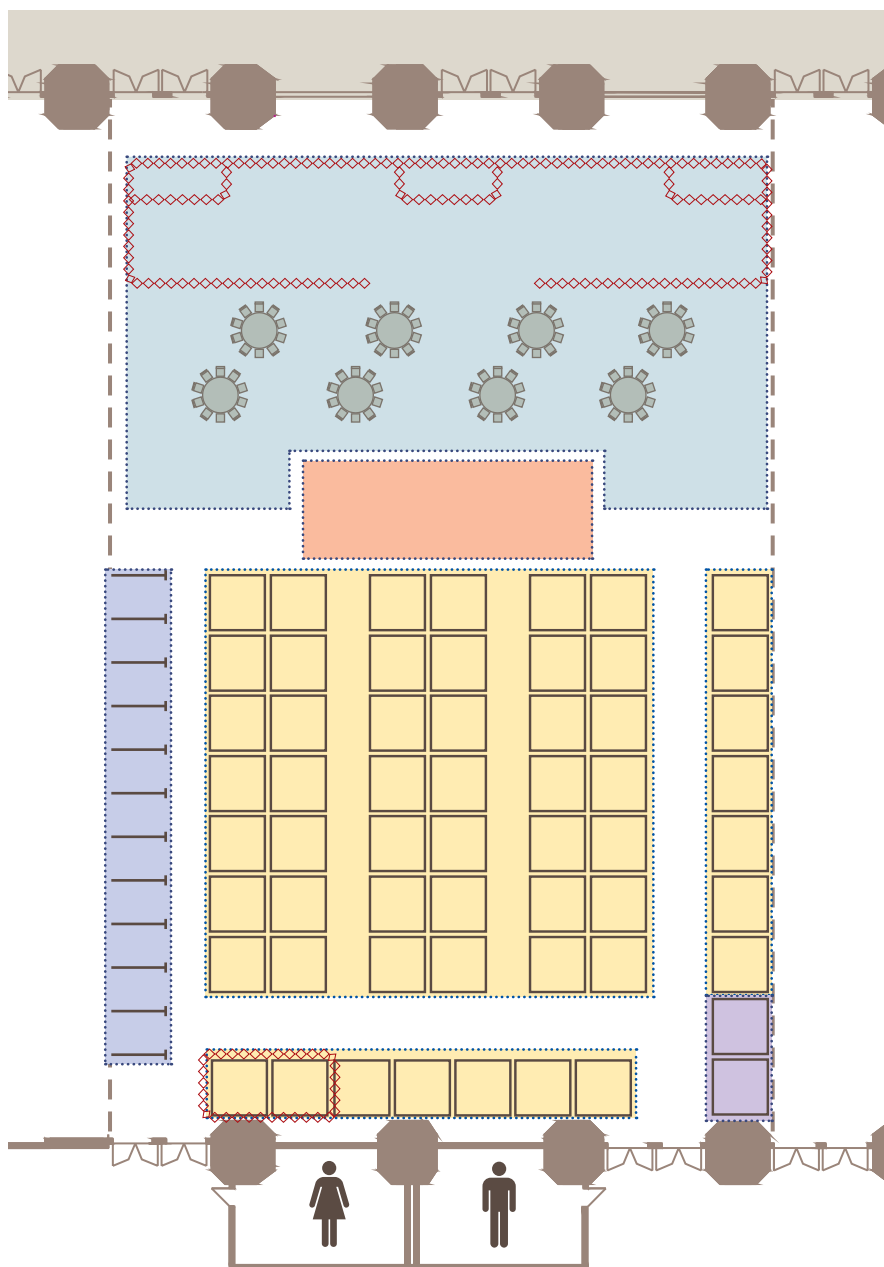
SHAW CENTRE ASSEMBLY LEVEL



SHAW CENTRE MEETING LEVEL



THE LEARNING PLACE (HALL B)



-  Church Archives & Listening to Survivors Area
-  Indian Residential School Adjudication Secretariat (IAP)
-  TRC Research Area & Missing Children Project
-  Legacy of Hope Display
-  Vendors & Educational Displays
-  Privacy Curtains

VENDORS

- A Bead at a Time
- Gail Chamberlain
- RAMIS
- Silversmith Craft
- Threads of Heritage
- Kanatan Aski
- Alpaca & Natural Fiber
- Etchiboy
- TD Fashion Link
- Little Bear Trading
- Indianheart Creations
- Tammy Beauvais Designs
- Eagle Spirit Designs
- Spirit Dancer
- Cree Spirit Crafts
- Fatty Legs & Bear Paw Media
- Denise Williams
- Culture Shock Interactive Gallery
- Brian Hardown Music
- Mig Mag 1st Nations Clothing
- Moonstone Creations

EDUCATION DISPLAYS

- NWT Department of Education, Culture and Employment
- Indian Residential Adjudication Secretariat
- Government of Canada
- Project of Heart
- Assembly of First Nations - Indian Residential School Unit
- Health Canada
- Resolution Health Support Program /Health Canada
- Aboriginal Health Programs
- National Research & Analysis
- Library and Archives Canada
- Feathers of Hope
- KAIROS
- Canadian Human Rights Commission
- National Research Centre for Truth and Reconciliation
- Inspirit Foundation
- Mukwa Teepees
- City of Edmonton

THE LEARNING PLACE

DISPLAYS

Through posters, photographs and videos, you can explore the history of residential schools in Canada, with a particular focus on the experience from Alberta. The TRC Research team, Archivists from the Anglican, United, Presbyterian and Catholic churches, and Library and Archives Canada will be on site to share information and collections.

CHURCHES LISTENING AREA

This is a supportive place where Survivors and their family members can share their experience with church representatives (Anglican, Presbyterian, Catholic and United Church) and receive a personal apology.

See Page 33 for details.

100 YEARS OF LOSS DISPLAY

Developed by the Legacy of Hope Foundation, this display aims to raise awareness about the history and legacy of residential schools. More specifically, it's designed to: educate Canadians (young, Aboriginal, non-Aboriginal, and new Canadians); challenge stereotypes; and foster inquiry, dialogue and action.

VENDORS

Arts & Craft Vendors will have items for sale.

DATES: March 27-29, 9am to 5 pm
March 30, 9am to 3pm

LOCATION: Hall B

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

See page 23 for a complete list.

DATES: March 27-29, 9am to 5pm
March 30, 9am to 3pm

LOCATION: Hall B

THE Missing Children PROJECT



PHOTO: Funeral procession, Kenora, Ontario 1941. / Archives de la Société historique de Saint-Boniface, Collection générale de la SHSB, SHSB 1274

Working with Survivors and Aboriginal organizations, the TRC's Missing Children Project is documenting the deaths and the burial places of children who died while attending a residential school. To date, the TRC has identified the names of, or information about, more than 4,100 children who died of disease or accident.

Visit the Missing Children booth in the Learning Place.



PHOTO: Children from the Saddle Lake Reserve en route to the Methodist Industrial School in Red Deer. Library and Archives Canada / PA-040715

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014

WELCOME TO THE TERRITORY, OPENING CEREMONIES and INDUCTION OF HONORARY WITNESSES

Join First Nations leaders and other representatives who will welcome Survivors and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada to Edmonton for the Alberta National Event. This will be followed by the induction of Honorary Witnesses – prominent public figures who will bear witness to the truths of the residential school Survivors and share with others what they have heard and learned.

DATE: **March 27**
BEGINS: **10am**

LOCATION: **Hall A**

HOW TO SHARE YOUR TRUTH INFORMATION SESSION

Your statement can help Canadians understand the legacy of Residential Schools. Those who were affected by the schools are given a voice through the statement gathering process.

This workshop will provide information on how you can share your experience through private statement gathering, a sharing circle or a Commissioners' sharing panel. The role of Health Supports will also be discussed.

DATE: **March 27**
BEGINS: **11am & 1pm**

LOCATION: **Salon 4**



PHOTO: Old Sun School. Anglican Church of Canada Archives / P75-103-S7-167

YOUTH PANEL & STUDENT TRIBUTE TO SURVIVORS

—VIDEO LINK

Five youth panelists reflect on the impacts of residential schools and their hopes for the future. A listener panel including the Alberta Youth Advocate and a TRC Commissioner responds. Followed by an uplifting student tribute to Survivors — in spoken word, song, dance, and gestures of thanks.

DATE: **March 27**
BEGINS: **1pm**

LOCATION: **Hall A**

CALL TO GATHER

Come together for a summary of the day's activities, Expressions of Reconciliation, and any announcements about activities to come. The day's Honorary Witnesses will reflect on their experiences.

DATE: **March 27**
BEGINS: **5pm**

LOCATION: **Hall A**

TRC Indian Residential School Survivor Committee (IRSSC)

This committee serves as an advisory body to the TRC.



BACK L-R: John Banksland, John Morrisseau, Eugene Arcand, Madeleine Basile, Lottie May Johnson, Rebekah Ugi Williams
FRONT L-R: TRC Commissioner Chief Wilton Littlechild, Doris Young, Barney Williams Jr., Gordon Williams, Terri Brown

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INDUCTION OF HONORARY WITNESSES

A highlight of TRC National Events is the induction of Honorary Witnesses, prominent public figures who undertake to bear witness to the truths of the residential school Survivors and share what they have heard and learned with others.

DATE: **March 28**
 BEGINS: **9am**

LOCATION: **Hall A**

IT MATTERS TO ME: A TOWN HALL ON RECONCILIATION

Take part in a moderated dialogue about reconciliation and why it matters to each of us. Special guests will begin the discussion. After that, the mic is open and you're invited to have your say.

DATE: **March 28**
 BEGINS: **1pm**

LOCATION: **Salon 8**

HONORARY WITNESS TALKING CIRCLE

The TRC's mandate calls for "ongoing reconciliation" involving survivors, governments, churches and "the people of Canada". Many prominent citizens are taking up the challenge as TRC "Honorary Witnesses". They join Survivors and others to exchange personal experiences of facing and sharing residential school truths. What ideas and actions can help move us forward in reconciliation?

DATE: **March 28**
 BEGINS: **9:00am**

LOCATION: **Hall A**

RHYMES FOR YOUNG GHOULS — FILM SCREENING, Q&A

See ad on p. 11 for details

DATE: **March 28**
 BEGINS: **10:30am**

LOCATION: **Salon 10**

INTERFAITH PANEL ON RECONCILIATION

What wisdom do people of faith have to offer about reconciliation? What do spiritual teachings demand with respect to justice for Aboriginal peoples? Panelists from different spiritual traditions discuss these questions and engage in dialogue with each other and the audience about the relationship between spiritual beliefs, healing and reconciliation.

DATE: **March 28**
 BEGINS: **1pm**

LOCATION: **Salon 9**

NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

A presentation and dialogue on the plans for the National Research Centre which will house the statements, documents and artifacts collected by the TRC. Have your say about the centre and the work it will do.

DATE: **March 28**
 BEGINS: **1:30pm**

LOCATION: **Salon8**

CALL TO GATHER

Come together for a summary of the day's activities, Expressions of Reconciliation, and any announcements about activities to come. The day's Honorary Witnesses will reflect on their experiences.

DATE: **March 28**
 BEGINS: **4pm**

LOCATION: **Hall A**

FREE CONCERT

See ad on page 9 for details

DATE: **March 28**
 BEGINS: **7pm**

LOCATION: **Hall D**

RECONCILIATION LUNCHES

Church sponsors have come together to provide two complimentary lunches for Survivors. All Survivors who register for the TRC National Event will receive a complimentary ticket. Just provide your ticket at the door.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY LUNCH FOR A SURVIVOR?

Or buy a ticket for yourself? Donations/ticket purchase at the t-shirt sales table on the Assembly Level. Thank you!

DATES: **March 28 and March 30**
 BEGINS: **11:30am - 1:30pm**

LOCATION: **Hall D**

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014

RECONCILIATION & COLLECTIVE MEMORY IN A DIVIDED SOCIETY

As we progress towards an era of reconciliation, how can we bridge the divide between Aboriginal and settler people who often have very different memories and understandings of this country's past and present? Academic experts from First Nations, Métis and settler backgrounds discuss the issues.

DATE: March 29
BEGINS: 9am

LOCATION: Salon 8

FEATHERS OF HOPE: YOUTH VOICE IN FIRST NATIONS ISSUES

Three "Youth Amplifiers" from Ontario's Office of the Child and Youth Advocate walk workshop participants through their work and speak to the importance of youth voice in policy and program at the community, provincial, federal and First Nations level. A highly interactive workshop.

DATE: March 29
BEGINS: 10am

LOCATION: Salon 9

'(OFFICIAL DENIAL) TRADE VALUE IN PROGRESS'

This is an interactive project by artist Leah Decter and curator Jaimie Isaac. Since 2010 the project has invited Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to consider reconciliation, decolonization and our colonial past and present by responding to Stephen Harper's 2009 statement 'We also have no history of colonialism'. Those present are invited to view the piece and participate by sewing and writing their responses.

DATE: March 29
BEGINS: 1pm

LOCATION: Salon 9

CALL TO GATHER

Come together for a summary of the day's activities, Expressions of Reconciliation, and any announcements about activities to come. The day's Honorary Witnesses will reflect on their experiences.

DATE: March 29
BEGINS: 4pm

LOCATION: Hall A

TALENT NIGHT

Calling all performers — share your gifts! Bring your drum, song and your voice to the stage for an evening of laughter, sharing and inspiration. Register to take part in the Registration Area on the Assembly Level.

DATE: March 29
BEGINS: 7pm

LOCATION: Hall A



FEATHERS OF HOPE

**A First Nations
Youth Action Plan
"to make hope real"**

Don't miss the Feathers of Hope Youth Forum at the Alberta National Event!

**Saturday, March 29
10 am to noon
at Edmonton's Shaw
Conference Centre**

The Feathers of Hope Action Plan is rooted in the voices of more than 160 First Nations youth from 64 First Nations communities in northern Ontario, and supported by the Ontario Advocate for Children & Youth.

provincialadvocate.on.ca

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2014

A MUSTA-BE: MASKIKIY MASKWA ISKWEW
READING AND DIALOGUE

Written by Jane Heather and Old Earth Productions, this play tracks four Native women through the traumatic and historical intergenerational paths of institutionalization. Followed by an open dialogue with actors and writers.

DATE: March 30
BEGINS: 10am

LOCATION: Salon 9

SURVIVORS IN SOLIDARITY

Éloge Butera survived the genocide against Tutsis in Rwanda and became a lawyer and human rights activist. Robbie Waisman survived the Buchenwald concentration camp and became a businessman, community leader and educator. Together, they share powerful lessons about the perils of indifference and the road to reconciliation.

DATE: March 30
BEGINS: 10am

LOCATION: Salon 8

BROKEN HEARTS WORKSHOP

Creating Hope Society presents the Broken Hearts Workshop for Aboriginal parents at risk of losing their children to the child welfare system. The workshop provides an opportunity for dialogue and information exchange.

DATE: March 30
BEGINS: 1pm

LOCATION: Salon 9

PEARLS OF WISDOM: RECOVERING INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S HONOUR

In many Indigenous societies, women and girls were considered pearls of wisdom. This session will explore ways Indigenous communities can embrace cultural traditions to address internalized violence and recover the honour of Indigenous women and girls.

DATE: March 30
BEGINS: 1pm

LOCATION: Salon 8

CALL TO GATHER, REFLECTIONS BY HONORARY WITNESSES, AND SURVIVOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The final Call to Gather features reflections by Honorary Witnesses, and a celebration to acknowledge all of the Survivors who were never able to celebrate their birthdays while attending residential school. The TRC and special guests would like to wish you all a Happy Birthday!

DATE: March 30
BEGINS: 4pm

LOCATION: Hall A

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

FILM SCREENINGS

A variety of films will be screened during the Alberta National Event. A complete list of films and screening times will be posted online and in the screening venue.

DATES: March 28 & 29, 9am-5pm; March 30, 9am-3pm

LOCATION: Salon 10

HIGHLIGHTS:

Rhymes for Young Ghouls — Film and discussion with actor Glen Gould. (see ad p.11)

DATES: March 28, 10:30am-12:30pm; March 29, 1pm-3pm

Jingle Dress First Dance — Film and discussion

Chronicles the journey of Jules Koostachin (Cree, Attawapiskat) on her quest to dance at a pow wow in ceremonial dress in honour of three generations of women harmed by the residential school system. Discussion with Producer/Director James Buffin (March 28, 29, 30) and Jules Koostachin (March 29, 30).

DATES: March 28, 9am-10:30am; March 29, 3-4:30pm, March 30, 10:30am-noon

CHURCHES LISTENING AREA

This is a supportive place where Survivors and their families can share their experience with church representatives (Anglican, Presbyterian, Catholic and United Church). You can register with the TRC to participate in one of the daily Listening Circles or go to the Churches Listening Area and request to meet one-on-one with a church representative.

DATES: March 27, 11am-5pm
March 28 and 29, 9 am-5pm
March 30, 9am-3pm

LOCATION: Churches Listening Area,
Hall B

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES

SL SURVIVOR LOUNGE

This is a space where Survivors are welcome to rest and relax. It is open all day.

DATES: **March 27-30** LOCATION: **Salon 12**
HOURS: **9am-5pm**

CS CULTURAL SUPPORT AREA FOR SURVIVORS

This is a designated area for event participants to access Elders who can provide cultural support services.

DATES: **March 27-30** LOCATION: **Salon 12**
HOURS: **9am-5pm**

HS HEALTH SUPPORT ON SITE

Health Canada Health Support Workers are available on site. Wearing **red vests** and **white vests**, they are here to provide immediate support through individual or family counseling, cultural supports such as Elders, or Aboriginal health support workers who will listen and provide information.

FIRST AID AND PARAMEDICS

HOURS: **March 27 and 30: 8am-5pm** LOCATION: **Assembly Level**
March 28 and 29: 8am-9pm See map p. 20

i INFORMATION BOOTHS

TRC Staff and Volunteers will be on site to assist you with any questions you may have. Also located here is transportation information and the Lost and Found.

HOURS: **9am – 5pm** LOCATION: **Foyer, Assembly Level**

i INTERPRETATION SERVICES

All activities that take place in the Forum — Panel Area will offer interpretation services in the following languages: Cree, Blackfoot, Stoney-Nakota, Dené, Inuktitut, French and English.

Professional Sign Language Interpreters will also be on site.

LOCATION: **Hall A**



The shape of the TRC logo

— a circle — reflects the Circle of Life.
In the Circle, we join together to share truth.

The flames sustain life in the Circle and provide safety and sustenance. Most importantly, the flames shed light on what needs to be shared in the Circle — the experiences of those affected by Indian Residential Schools.

The seven flames that make up the circle represent the seven sacred teachings: love, respect, courage, honesty, wisdom, humility and truth. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission draws on each of those teachings in the work of truth-gathering, truth-telling, reconciliation, and each TRC National Event is dedicated to one of them. **The Alberta National Event is dedicated to the sacred teaching of wisdom.**

**To get more information
about available health supports
call toll free:**

**HEALTH CANADA
IRS RESOLUTION SUPPORT PROGRAM
1-888-495-6588**

The 24-HOUR NATIONAL CRISIS LINE
is also available to provide
immediate emotional assistance:

1-866-925-4419

Teletypewriter: 1-800-267-1245 (Health Canada)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Special thanks to all Survivors who traveled from near and far to share their truth and to everyone who has come to witness this important occasion.

On behalf of the Survivors and the TRC, we would like to thank all those who supported and contributed to the success of the National Event.



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We would also like to express our appreciation to the volunteers that contributed to the success of the TRC National Event.

For a complete listing of the organizations that contributed visit trc.ca