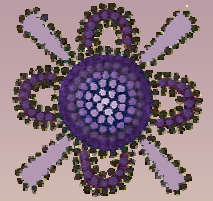


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INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

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A word from your liaison officer

It is a genuine pleasure to work as the Indian Residential Schools Liaison Agent for the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC). My work consists of supporting the survivors and their families in the processes related to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. It also consists of ensuring linkages between the Indian residential school survivors, the various First Nations organizations as well as the different government ministries that are involved in the Settlement Agreement.

In this bulletin, you will find information on the Settlement Agreement and its components in addition to upcoming activities.

I hope that you will find this document to be beneficial to you and I invite you to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Martine Gros-Louis Monier
Liaison Agent - Indian Residential Schools
FNQLHSSC

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✿ Brief background overview ✿

In 1874, the Government of Canada, in collaboration with various religious organizations, proceeded with the creation of the “Indian residential school system” for which the objective was to “foster the integration” of First Nations children into Canadian society.

In 1920, attending residential schools became mandatory for all First Nations children between the ages of 7 and 15 years. In these institutions, it was forbidden to speak one’s native language or practice one’s culture – both of which were seen as inferior. Consequently, some felt completely uprooted, far removed from their families, isolated from their communities – sometimes for

several months at a time. The institutions were responsible for protecting the children and some positive experiences have been reported by former students who appreciated their stay in the residential schools. However, despite this fact, many were subjected to physical and sexual abuse by adults in positions of trust.

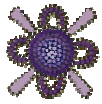
The Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples denounces the tragic heritage given to the survivors of the Indian residential schools.

Since September 19, 2007, an Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA) has been in effect.

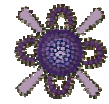
Outdoor university (1938 - Vieux Comptoir, midway between Waskaganish and Chisasibi)



Photograph: *Sur les traces des Amérindiens*, Les Publications du Québec



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Common Experience Payment - CEP

The CEP recognizes the experiences of former students of the Indian residential schools.

If you have stayed in a residential school that is recognized by the Agreement, you must file an application for the CEP.

The application forms are available on Service Canada's website located at www.servicecanada.gc.ca.

You can also contact Service Canada's CEP call centre:

Toll free number: 1-866-699-1742

Important: you have until September 19, 2011, in order to submit a CEP application.

Independent Assessment Process (IAP) – Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat (IRSAS)

Website: www.iap-pei.ca

IMPORTANT: The IAP applications will be accepted until September 19, 2012.

* It is recommended to retain the services of a lawyer in order to support you in an IAP process.

You can consult the list of lawyers involved in the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement:

Website of the Settlement Agreement: www.reglementpensionnatsindiens.ca

Your choice of lawyer is a personal process.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada – Indian Residential Schools Resolution

Website: www.ainc-inac.gc.ca

Indian Residential Schools Settlement

Telephone number: 1-866-879-4913

Website: www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca

Health Support Services for Former Indian Residential School Students and Their Families

Coordinator for the Quebec region:

Telephone: 1-877-583-2965

Website: www.healthcanada.gc.ca/irs

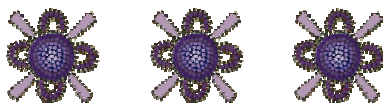
24-hour helpline: 1-866-925-4419

Contact information for Resolution Health Support Workers

The community-based Resolution Health Support Workers (RHSW), as well as Elders, provide former students of the Indian residential schools and their families with first-line support services for the Independent Assessment Process (IAP) or during court hearings as well as referral services.

These services are available before, during and after the application for the Common Experience Payment (CEP), the claim for compensation related to the Indian residential schools of the IAP and during participation in the events of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) or Commemoration.

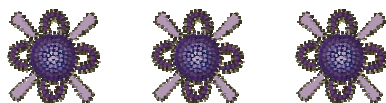
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the community-based (RHSW) and Elders - Quebec region

This list is subject to change since new RHSW and/or Elders from various communities will be joining the team over the course of the upcoming months. For more information on this issue, or to have access to emotional or cultural support in a location near you, we encourage you to contact the IRSRHSP Regional Coordinator at Health Canada – Quebec region, at (514) 496-9452.

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Organizing information workshops Indian residential schools



Organize information sessions upon request on the implementation of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement with the help of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC) and its partners.

The goal of these sessions is, on the one hand, to provide communities with the opportunity to receive information, and on the other hand, to support the survivors and their families in the processes related to the Settlement Agreement.

Please inform us of your needs!

General information:

The Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement and its components:

- Common Experience Payment - CEP
- Independent Assessment Process - IAP
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada - TRC
- Commemoration
- Health support services for former students

Specific information:

- Institutions unrecognized by the Agreement - Article 12
- Re-examination procedure in the CEP application
- National and community events related to Truth and Reconciliation - Schedule N
- Commemoration Policy Directive - Schedule J
- Others: _____
- _____

Please check the appropriate boxes and return the form either by mail at the following address:

Martine Gros-Louis Monier
First Nations of Quebec and Labrador
Health and Social Services Commission
250, place Chef Michel-Laveau, suite 102
Wendake (Québec) G1V 2H7
or by fax at 418 842-7045.

Adding of residential schools: Article 12 of the Agreement

If you have attended an institution that is "unrecognized" by the Settlement Agreement, you have the opportunity to request that the facility be added to the list of Indian residential schools in Quebec.

Caution: Your request will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria in article 12 of the Agreement.

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

- ◇ Children were placed in a residence away from the family home by or under the authority of the Government of Canada for the purpose of education; and
- ◇ The Government of Canada was jointly or solely responsible for the operation of the residence and care of the children resident there.

Since September 2007, three schools have been added to the official list that can be consulted at: www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca

How is the request made?

Request by mail to the following address:

Residential School Settlement, suite 3-505
133 Weber St North
Waterloo (Ontario) N2J 3G9

Request on the website of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement:

www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca

Click on "Contact the Administrator", then on "Request Additional Residential School Be Added To List of Recognized Schools".

Request by telephone (with technical support) : 1-866-879-4913

Request Additional Residential School Be Added To List Of Recognized Schools

If you attended a residential school that is not on the list of recognized schools, you may request that an institution be added to the list.

Please click [here](#) to view the list of schools that have already been suggested.

Required Fields*

Last Name* First Name* Middle
Address* City*
Province / State* Prov Postal Code Country* Country Zip Code
Phone
Business Ext.
Birth Date Email
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Page from the Agreement's web site where to fill the request to add a residential school

Submit the name of the residential school you think should be added to the list of recognized schools, and add any relevant information about it. The Government will research the proposed institution and determine whether it should be added to the list of recognized residential schools.

Name of the residential school you think should be added to the list of recognized schools.*

List relevant information why it should be added to the list.*

Submit

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

The TRC contributes to ensuring the recognition for the experiences of the former students of the Indian residential schools of Canada and fostering the reconciliation and healing of those who are impacted by the Indian residential school experience.

The TRC is chaired by the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair, commissioners, Ms. Marie Wilson (photo) as well as Chief Wilton Littlechild.

Sources:

- ◇ Truth Healing Reconciliation brochure
- ◇ Schedule « N » Settlement Agreement
- ◇ www.trc.ca



Photograph: Martine Gros-Louis Monier

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Events



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First national event

The commissioners have announced that the first of seven national events by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) will be taking place in Winnipeg on June 15-19, 2010.

The event will take place at "The Forks", which is considered to be a national historic meeting site for the First Nations.

The next activities will be held in Alberta, British Columbia, the Maritimes, Northern Canada, Quebec, and Saskatchewan over the course of the next five years. The objectives targeted by these activities are as follows:

- ◇ Education of the Canadian public on the Indian residential school system.
- ◇ Participation of the Canadian public in the Truth and Reconciliation process.

- ◇ Pay tribute to those who were affected by the Indian residential schools.
- ◇ Offer the possibility to individuals to make a declaration to the TRC.
- ◇ Celebration of regional diversities.

Source: Derived from the press release disseminated on December 11, 2009, entitled "Truth and Reconciliation Canada announces details for first Nations Event".

National Aboriginal Day at The Forks



Photograph: Jean-Baptiste Lévêque

Memory book and statement gathering

The TRC offers the possibility to former students of the Indian residential schools to share their stories with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada with the help of a Memory Book in electronic format.

In the Memory Book, you will find a description of the elements to be included as well as information on the resources that are available to you and suggestions with respect to themes to be addressed.

For those who wish to participate in this process, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada is inviting you to download the book, fill it out and then return it along with the consent form to the following address:

By mail:

Statement Gathering
Truth and Reconciliation Canada
1500 - 360 Main Street
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3Z3

By fax: (204) 984-5915

The document is available on the website of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada at: www.trc.ca.

Some individuals who participate in this process will require support. A helpline is at your disposal:

Toll free: 1-866-925-4419

24 hours per day / 7 days per week

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC)

Toll free number: 1-888-872-5554 (1-888-TRC-5554)

Fax: (204) 984-5915

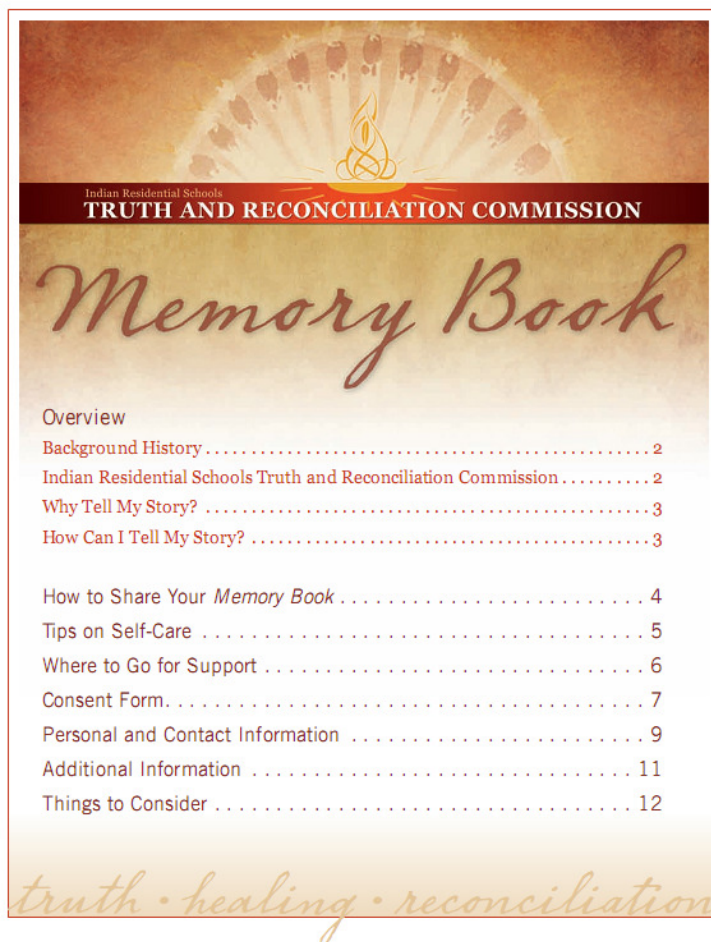
Address: 1500-360 Main Street, Winnipeg (Manitoba) R3C 3Z3

Email: info@trc.ca

Website: www.trc.ca

The printable Memory Book is available on the TRC's website (under the "What's new" thumbnail)

Important: Make a copy of your Memory Book as well as the consent form before returning it to the TRC.



Gathering of former students from the St-Marc-de-Figuery Indian residential school (1955-2010)

The St-Marc-de-Figuery Indian Residential School located in Amos opened its doors in November 1955.

Kakona project

A group of former Indian residential school students and their collaborators are soliciting your help to carry out the KAKONA project.

The objective of the KAKONA project is to gather the former students of the Indian residential schools and their families, encourage the healing processes and help those who wish to overcome the consequences and impacts related to this portion of their existence and allow them to undertake a process of reconciliation for the future generations.

The organizers would like to obtain your suggestions in order to ensure that the event is well planned.

Examples: Gathering location, favourable dates for this gathering, duration of the event, activities and organizations involved in the organization, resource people, volunteer participation and financial contributions.

Please contact Martine Gros-Louis Monier at the FNQLHSSC, she will be pleased to put you in contact with the organizers of this event.

Please note that this project is an initiative of Mr. Gilles Ottawa from the Atikamekw Nation – a survivor and a researcher on the residential schools issue for several years.

Classroom from St-Marc-de-Figuery (circa 1960)



Photograph: *Sur les traces des Amérindiens*, Les Publications du Québec

Collection of life stories

Following the success of the production of the documentary entitled "The Legacy of Quebec Indian Residential Schools", the FNQLHSSC is pursuing its objective to shed light on the experiences of the survivors and the repercussions resulting from the Indian residential schools. A collection of life stories will be distributed shortly.

This collection is a step towards truth - a message of hope, healing and reconciliation.

Also, an awareness and education process will be carried out among the public on the repercussions resulting from the Indian residential schools.

Did you know?

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) has changed its appellation to the "Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada". Henceforth, the abbreviation "TRC" will be used in both the English and French languages.

Witnessing the Future

In the month of October, at the home of the Governor General of Canada in Ottawa, a ceremony was held in honour of the survivors of the Indian residential schools.

You can in fact watch this ceremony on the TRC's website: www.trc.ca

Ceremony Witnessing the Future



Photograph: Office of the Secretary to the Governor General

Other resources

Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO)



As part of the healing process, CESO offers information sessions in order to help you manage your financial settlement.

The subjects are as follows:

- ◇ Personal finances
- ◇ Banking operations
- ◇ Investment
- ◇ Entrepreneurship
- ◇ Wills and estates
- ◇ Fraud and swindling

For more information, please contact the Liaison Agent at the FNQLHSSC at 418-842-1540, ext. 260, or contact CESO directly.

CESO: 1-800-561-0687

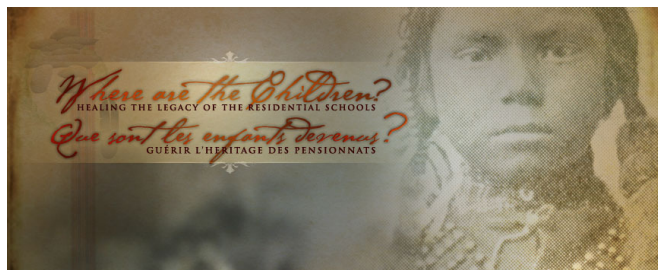
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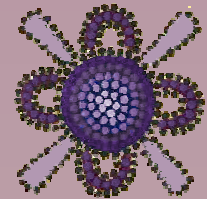
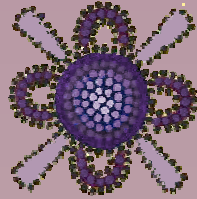
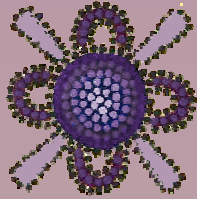
Legacy of Hope Foundation

Telephone: (613) 237-4806 or 877-553-7177

Websites: www.legacyofhope.ca

www.wherethechildren.ca





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