



FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT EDUCATION GATHERING PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE  
 FANTASYLAND HOTEL APRIL 24 (7 PM) – 26 (1PM) 2023



**THEME - DECOLONIZING EDUCATION: TRUTHING OUR WAY FORWARD**

TIME	MONDAY, APRIL 24 – PRE-CONFERENCE								
12:00 – 2:00 P.M.	EDMONTON RIVER VALLEY WALK – DR. DWAYNE DONALD								
2 GROUPS 3:00 – 4:00 PM / 4:15 – 5:15 PM	SESSION 2 – PIPE CEREMONY TEACHINGS FOR THOSE WHO IDENTIFY AS FEMALE– ELDER ALSENA WHITE (ROOM 6)				CANCELLED SESSION 1 – INUIT DRUM DANCING TEACHINGS – ELDER DAVID SERKOAK (BALLROOM)				
TIME	MONDAY, APRIL 24 (EVENING)								LOCATION
5:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration								Foyer
7:00 – 8:15 PM	Grand Entry, Welcome to the Territory and Announcement of the Grand Entry First Nations Opening Prayer – Kehte-aya Bob Cardinal Welcome to the Gathering – CASS CEO David Keohane								Ballroom
8:15 – 9:00 PM	Opening Keynote: Dr. Dwayne Donald								
9:00 – 11:00 PM	Reception (appetizers only; no meal and no alcohol will be served)								
TIME	TUESDAY, APRIL 25								LOCATION
7:00 – 7:45 AM	Pipe Ceremony (men’s and women’s pipes)								Room 6
7:00 – 8:15 AM	Registration and Buffet Breakfast								Foyer
8:15 – 9:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions, Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement Gold Sponsor Acknowledgement Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marie Battiste (Virtual)								Ballroom
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Wellness and Networking Break								
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM SESSION 1  2-hour sessions Natural wellness breaks built within sessions; refreshments with light snacks are available outside the halls.	Room 6 Sharing Circle	Room 9 and 10 (2 groups) Sharing Circle	Room 16 Sharing Circle	CANCELLED  Inuit Intergenerational Teachings and Dialogue	Room 12 Sharing Circle	Room 7 Table Groups	Room 14/15 Sharing Circle	Ballroom Table Groups	Room 5 Table Groups
	1.1 Blackfoot Intergenerational Teachings and Dialogue	1.2 Cree Intergenerational Teachings and Dialogue	1.3 Dene Intergenerational Teachings and Dialogue		1.5 Métis Intergenerational Teachings and Dialogue	1.6 Tapwew wiya (He speaks the Truth) Asokanihkewak-TheyBuildBridges "Building Bridges of Understanding through the Truth, and Bridges of Trust and Hope through Reconciliation Kevin A. John	1.7 Fostering Reconciliation in Canada - Legacy of Hope Foundation  Teresa Edwards	1.8 Understanding and Finding Our Way - Decolonizing Canadian Education - Film produced by Dr. Verna St. Denis  Angie Caron and Ian Krips	1.9 Métis Education and Why It Matters  Lisa Cruikshank and Holly Brandsma

12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch – Keynote Speakers: Andrew Stobo Sniderman & Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii) – Valley of the Birdtail, An Indian Reserve, A White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation								
1:30 - 2:30 PM SESSION 2 1-hour sessions	Room 5 Table Groups	Room 9 Table Groups	Room 10 Table Groups	Room 14/15 Sharing Circle	Ballroom Table Groups	Room 6 Table Groups	Room 16 Sharing Circle	Room 7 Table Groups	Room 12 Table Groups
	2.1 Beyond the Covers of Valley of the Birdtail, An Indian Reserve, A White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation  Andrew Stobo Sniderman & Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii)	2.2 Truth and ReconciliACTION in a Good Way – CBE's Journey  Lori Pritchard, Andrea Holowka and Michelle Ranger	2.3 Our Journey to Truth From Head to Heart: The Role of Relationships, Language, and Truth in Grande Yellowhead Public School Division  Sandra Davenport, Jennifer Albrecht and Carra Aschenmeier	2.4 Treaty 6, 7, 8 Educators Alliance and IKWC - Information Session  Chester Auger, Bill Shade, Jody Kootenay and Clayton Kootenay	2.5 Our Journey To Truth and Reconciliation - The Irma School Story  Elder Alsen White, Elder Clifford Cardinal, Maby Grinde, Darren Grosky, Jenny Thomson and Irma School students	2.6 Honouring the Voices of Indigenous Teachers and School Leaders in Alberta School Communities  Melissa Purcell and Dr. Dwayne Donald	2.7 "Coming Together" Medicine Hat Public School Division First Nations, Metis & Inuit Education Team  Darrell Willier, Shirley Boomer and Courtney Lagasse	2.8 The Indigenous Sports Heroes Education Experience  Crystal Clark and Janice Smith	2.9 Connecting with Métis Culture Through Language  Lisa Cruikshank and Kimmy Fraser-Airhart
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Wellness and Networking Break								
3:00 - 4:00 PM SESSION 3 1-hour sessions	Ballroom Table Groups	Room 9 Table Groups	Room 10 Table Groups	Room 7 Table Groups	Room 14/15 Sharing Circle	Room 16 Sharing Circle	Room 12 Table Groups	Room 6 Table Groups	Room 5 Table Groups
	3.1 First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education through a Land-Based Lens  Byron Johnson and Vance Quinn	<b>CONTINUATION</b>  3.2 Truth and ReconciliACTION in a Good Way – CBE's Journey  Lori Pritchard, Andrea Holowka and Michelle Ranger	<b>CONTINUATION</b>  3.3 Our Journey to Truth From Head to Heart: The Role of Relationships, Language, and Truth in Grande Yellowhead Public School Division  Sandra Davenport, Jennifer Albrecht and Carra Aschenmeier	3.4 Connecting Our Community  Meaghan Lehr	3.5 The High Prairie School Division-The Intentional Interconnectedness of Indigenous Culture and Curriculum  Laura Poloz, Kienan Wilson, Ann and Allen Koski, Jamie Chalifoux and Julia Sander	3.6 Stoney Nakoda Language Resource Initiative  Cherith Mark	3.7 An Indigenous Approach to Coaching Basketball  Darrell Willier	3.8 Curriculum Content in Alignment with 'Decolonizing Education: Truthing Our Way Forward'  Crystal Clark and Janice Smith	3.9 Finding Our Wings: Our small school's journey towards Truth and Reconciliation  Lynda Minoose, Shauna Muskego, Madison Strong and Andrea Farrell
5:30 – 6:00 PM 6:00 – 7:30 PM 7:30 – 8:30 PM	Banquet Mix & Mingle Banquet Dinner Keynote Speaker: Andrea Menard								Ballroom

TIME	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26	LOCATION
7:00 – 7:45 AM	Pipe Ceremony (men’s and women’s pipes)	Room 6
7:00 – 8:15 AM	Registration and Buffet Breakfast	Foyer
8:15 – 9:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions, Opening Prayer Gold Sponsor Acknowledgement: <b>Keynote Speaker: Dr. Verna St. Denis</b>	Ballroom
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Wellness and Networking Break	
10:00– 11:00 AM	Truthing Our Way Forward - Circle Protocol / Sharing Circles	Ballroom / Room 6
11:00 – 11:10 AM	Transition Break	
11:10 – 11:50 AM	<b>Closing Keynote: Sharon Morin</b> Witness to Education Gathering and Calls to Action	Ballroom
11:50 AM – 12:10 PM	Closing Prayer, Closing Ceremony and Retirement of the Flags	
12:10 – 1:00 PM	Lunch and Prize Draws	

Delegates will receive a copy of a book [Valley of the Birdtail, An Indian Reserve, A White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation](#), authored by **Andrew Stobo Sniderman & Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii)**.

[Legacy of Hope Foundation](#) exhibits “**Killing the Indian in the Child: Generations Lost & Youth on Reconciliation - Imagine A Canada**” will be available for viewing individually and/or in a session.

There will be a beautiful Indigenous **Artisan Market Place** for some unique opportunities to shop and support local Indigenous artisans. The Market Place is in the hallway space by the banquet office outside Room 16.

In appreciation for the presenters sharing their expertise, CASS will donate to the **Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association**.

We are proud to go green, finding a balance between saving trees and providing delegates with enough information before hand to ensure smooth movement from session to session. ***Please download and print documents you feel you will need. Printed copies will not be provided at the Gathering.*** Please also bring your reusable cup or water bottle to reduce waste.

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