DIALOGUE SERIES PARTNERS
INTRODUCTION

The federal government commitment to pursuing a renewed relationship with Indigenous peoples invites the opportunity for thoughtful reflection and discussion of the path forward to achieve a genuine relationship based on recognition and mutual respect.

Recognizing this opportunity, the Institute on Governance and Canadians for a New Partnership embarked in 2017 to convene a series of dialogues across Canada to enable Nations and leaders to share their vision in an open forum on four fundamental characteristics of a renewed relationship.

- Nation Building and Nation Re-Building: February 16-17, 2017 – Ottawa, Ontario
- Jurisdiction: April 25-26, 2017 – Vancouver, British Columbia
- Intergovernmental Fiscal Relationships: June 5-6, 2017 – Toronto, Ontario

This National Summit is the culmination of this partnership. The program for these two days is designed to convene a diverse group of thought leaders and practitioners with a vested interest in a renewed relationship to discuss the progress and impediments to date, with a view to drawing conclusions for all of the parties moving forward.

On behalf of the IOG and CFNP, we thank you for attending this important event!
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The Institute on Governance (IOG) is an independent, Canada-based, not-for-profit public interest institution with extensive experience in exploring and developing approaches to responsible and responsive governance in Canada and abroad. The Institute’s goal is to promote and share good practices, and offer solutions and continuous improvements in the capacity of organizations to deliver on their mission. We do this through our advisory services, original research and learning laboratory. We operate an Indigenous Governance practice encompassing each of these areas.

For us, governance is concerned with governance frameworks and strategies, how decisions important to a society or an organization are taken, and how accountability is managed. We believe that in order to resolve issues that are impediments to the development of Indigenous communities, it is important that communities define their own governance agendas so that they can have a more authoritative voice when engaging with others such as representatives from all areas of government, communities and organizations to discuss authority and jurisdiction and the creation of corresponding institutions and governance structures to support self-government.

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CANADIANS FOR A NEW PARTNERSHIP

Towards a better, stronger Canada: building a new partnership between First Peoples and all Canadians

Launched in September 2014, this registered charity is the result of the vision and determination of founder and President Stephen Kakfwi, former Premier of the Northwest Territories, and past President of the NWT Dene Nation.

CFNP’s view is that efforts, no matter how well intentioned, to improve the health, education and welfare of Indigenous peoples are destined to the same failures of the past unless we build a new Nation-to-Nation relationship and restore the trust that has been eroded by a litany of historic wrongs. Put simply, Canadians for a New Partnership is working to ensure that this latest opportunity to achieve reconciliation is not squandered. By engaging Canadians in dialogue about the relationship between First Peoples and others in Canada, and by honestly acknowledging our shared past and present circumstances, CFNP believes a foundation of trust and hope can be established.

CFNP seeks to:

• bring together leaders, new audiences, and resources to talk about the importance and need for a new relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples;
• inspire new ideas, partnerships, and commitments in education, health, business, and communities by facilitating new partnerships among stakeholders;
• amplify and advance a growing conviction among Canadians that the time for constructive, forward-moving action is now; and
• highlight the numerous achievements being made by Indigenous communities and individuals.

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Day 1: November 27

08:00-08:30 AM REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST/MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT by Kina Nimiwag Dance Group, Eagle River Drum

08:30-08:45 AM PROTOCOL: opening prayer and welcome to territory
Claudette Commanda

08:45-09:00 AM OPENING REMARKS
Maryantonett Flumian, President, IOG
Stephen Kakfwi, President, CFNP

09:00-10:45 AM THE INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVE

National Chief Perry Bellegarde, AFN
President Natan Obed, ITK
President Clément Chartier, MNC

Introduction by Kevin Loring, Artistic Director, Indigenous Theatre, National Arts Centre

National Chief Perry Bellegarde, President Natan Obed, and President Clément Chartier will speak to their vision of a renewed relationship.

10:45-11:00 AM NUTRITION BREAK

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11:00-12:15 PM  ASSESSING CANADA’S RESPONSE

Chaired by Harold Calla, Executive Chair, First Nations Financial Management Board

The Hon. Bob Rae, PC, CC, Oont, QC
Michael Ferguson, Auditor General of Canada

On June 5, 2017 at the nation-to-nation dialogue in Toronto, The Hon. Bob Rae stated that symbolic gestures of reconciliation are important, but they are not enough. Canada needs to support effective, equal self-government for First Nations and requires a vision and plan for how to achieve that vision. At the same dialogue, Mr. Ferguson remarked that since becoming AG a little over 5 years ago, his office has looked at a number of federal programs that are of particular interest for Indigenous people. The story of these audits is a story of frustration. The pace of improvement by federal departments is so slow as to be almost imperceptible.

Michael Ferguson and Bob Rae will share their respective experiences in reviewing the progress and impediments to Canada’s progress toward to a renewed relationship with Indigenous peoples.

12:15-01:30 PM  LUNCH

Featuring a presentation by

01:30-2:00 PM  DIALOGUE SERIES IN REVIEW

Over the past year, the IOG and Canadians for a New Partnership convened a series of dialogues across Canada to provide an open forum to articulate the characteristics of a nation-to-nation relationship, as defined by Indigenous leaders and government departments – as well as identify key issues, challenges and opportunities. The Nation to Nation Series Summary Report describes the key concepts and recommendations put forward by participants throughout the dialogue process.

The following video will provide participants with an overview of the series.
One of the key recommendations made by Indigenous leaders throughout the dialogues is to close the gaps between Canadian and Indigenous populations, including investing in youth. Participants emphasized the need to give Indigenous youth hope and a vision for their futures and the futures of their communities. Moderated by former Prime Minister Paul Martin, Indigenous youth leaders will discuss their vision of the future of a renewed relationship.

**03:30-04:00 PM** DAVID ZIMMER, MINISTER OF INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

David Zimmer, MPP, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Government of Ontario

Self-serve refreshments available (brought to you by Mitacs)

**04:00-05:00 PM** THE WAY FORWARD IN CONVERSATION

Introduction by Chief Councillor Marilyn Slett, Heiltsuk Nation

Miles Richardson, OC, National Consortium for Indigenous Economic Development

The Hon. Carolyn Bennett, PC MP, Minister of Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs

**05:00-06:30 PM** COCKTAIL RECEPTION, Lantern room

Brought to you by the Royal Bank of Canada, featuring cultural programming by Kina Nimiwag Dance Troup, Eagle River Drum
06:30-09:00PM  DINNER

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Ovide Mercredi, OM

DAY 2: NOVEMBER 28

08:00-08:30 AM  BREAKFAST

Lead sponsor remarks

08:45-10:30 AM  A WAY FORWARD IN PERSPECTIVE

Chaired by The Right Honourable Joe Clark, CC, Canada’s 16th Prime Minister

Ovide Mercredi, OM

Regional Chief Isadore Day, Chiefs of Ontario

The Hon. Gwen Boniface, COM OOnt, Canadian Senator for Ontario

Panelists will take stock of lessons learned from their experiences that can serve to inform efforts moving forward. What is required to achieve a renewed relationship?

10:30-10:45 AM  NUTRITION BREAK

Sponsored by CN Rail

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FRAMING A NEW ROYAL PROCLAMATION

Many of the ideas that emerged from our dialogues echoed the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples calling for a new Royal Proclamation. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action #45 and #46 also call for a Royal Proclamation of Reconciliation and a Covenant of Reconciliation respectively. Leaders will discuss framing a new Royal Proclamation.

LUNCH

FORGING A NEW PATH: REVIEWING THE THEMES

Some of the key characteristics that emerged over the course of the dialogue sessions in establishing a new relationship with the Crown include:

- Indigenous self-government founded in self-determination, legal capacity and access to resources;
- the recognition of inherent Aboriginal and Treaty rights, as well as the ability to exercise and implement inherent rights and responsibilities;
- treaty renewal and treaty implementation;
- fiscal arrangements and resource revenue sharing; and closing the social and economic gaps faced by Indigenous peoples.

Panelists will provide unique insights into what actionable steps and changes are required for establishing a renewed relationship.
02:30-02:45 PM  NUTRITION BREAK
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Remarks by nelligan o'brien payne

02:45-04:00 PM  IDENTIFYING ACTIONABLE STEPS

Chair by Michael Hudson

With a view to collectively draw conclusions and identify actionable steps for all of the parties moving forward, panelists will provide their perspective on a way forward.

Sean Willy, President and CEO, Des Nedhe Development
Howard Grant, Executive Director, First Nations Summit
Regional Chief Morley Googoo, NS/NFLD
Chief Wayne Christian, Shuswap Nation Tribal Council

04:00-05:00 PM  KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Introduction by Sean Willy, President and CEO, Des Nedhe Development
Hon. Jane Philpott, PC, MP Minister of Indigenous Services

05:00-05:15 PM  END OF SESSION CLOSING REMARKS
ANDRE BEAR
Andre is a Cree, Two-Spirited young man from the Nehiyawak peoples in Treaty 6 Territory. He is the youngest of his siblings at 22 years old, both him and his two older sisters were raised by their single mother, both on reserve and within the inner city of Saskatoon. Formerly the Male Co-Chair of the Assembly of First Nations National Youth Council, he now stands as an Executive member on the AFN National Youth Council. Andre is also proud to be the Male Youth Representative of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, which is better known as the FSIN Indian Government of Saskatchewan. His greatest passion is within Cree spirituality, his traditional history and language, where he consistently participates in ceremonies under the direction of both Cree and Dakota Elders. Andre is currently in his third year in the Indian Teacher Education Program at the University of Saskatchewan, where he hopes to become a high school teacher for Indigenous students.

NATIONAL CHIEF PERRY BELLEGARDE
Perry Bellegarde was elected as the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) on December 10, 2014, after a career spent making measurable progress on the issues that matter most to First Nations people. First elected as Councillor and then Chief of Little Black Bear First Nation, Treaty 4 Territory, he also served as Tribal Chair of the Touchwood-File Hills-Qu’Appelle Tribal Council, and as Chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) and Saskatchewan Regional Chief for the Assembly of First Nations.

National Chief Bellegarde is a strong advocate for the implementation of Inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. He has made presentations at the national and international levels in many forums, including the United Nations Committee for Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and various United Nations bodies on the subject of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

In 1984, Perry Bellegarde became the first Treaty Indian to graduate from the University of Regina with a Bachelor of Administration. In 2012, he completed Certified Corporate Board Training through The Directors College sponsored by the Conference Board of Canada and McMaster University’s DeGroote School of Business. National Chief Bellegarde is the recipient of the Queen’s Jubilee Medal (2012), Saskatchewan Medal (2005), Queen’s Jubilee Medal (2002) and Confederation Medal (1992). He has been honoured by several Chiefs and Elders who have acknowledged him as their adopted son, and he honours them by carrying their teachings forward as he works toward the implementation of Inherent, Aboriginal and Treaty rights, self-determination and a shared vision for a more just and inclusive Canada.

HON. CAROLYN BENNETT

Dr. Bennett has previously served as the Critic for Public Health, Seniors, Persons with Disabilities, the Social Economy, and Aboriginal Affairs. In 2003, she was named Minister of State for Public Health.

Prior to her election, Dr. Bennett was a family physician and a founding partner of Bedford Medical Associates in downtown Toronto. She was also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. Her fight to save the Women’s College Hospital of Toronto inspired her to enter politics.

Carolyn is an active representative of Toronto–St. Paul’s. She has organized over 75 town halls, quarterly meetings, information sessions on parliamentary affairs, and special activities for her constituents since 2000. She and her office have assisted hundreds of constituents with their immigration, tax, pension or employment insurance concerns.

She speaks passionately about Canada and citizens’ participation in the democratic process. She advocates for health, the environment, women’s involvement in politics and persons with disabilities; She is also known for her strong support of Israel.

In 1986, Dr. Bennett received the Royal Life Saving Society Cross—a Commonwealth award recognizing her more than 20 years of distinguished service. In 2002, she was the recipient of the coveted EVE Award for contributing to the advancement of women in politics and in 2003 received the first ever CAMIMH Mental Health Champion Award. Carolyn was the first recipient of the National Award of Excellence for Outstanding Leadership and Dedication to Injury Prevention and Safety promotion in Canada.

Carolyn is the co-author of Kill or Cure? How Canadians Can Remake Their Health Care System.
She and her husband, Peter O’Brien, a successful Canadian producer, have two sons, Jack and Ben.

**GWEN BONIFACE**

A police leader, lawyer, and educator, Gwen Boniface is globally recognized for bringing justice and equity to a wide range of issues and having a profound impact on women in policing. She became the first woman appointed as Commissioner of the OPP, and the first female President of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

She served for three years as the Deputy Chief Inspector of Ireland’s Garda Síochána Inspectorate, tasked with bringing reform to the national police service. She then took on the role of Transnational Organized Crime Expert with the United Nations Police Division, where she advanced the fight against organized crime in conflict and post-conflict countries, while also being a member of the UN Counter Terrorism Integrated Task Force.

She served as Commissioner on the Law Commission of Canada for five years, during which time she participated in independent research, study, and debate on the modernization of a wide range of issues. She also served on the Board of Governors of the Law Commission of Ontario from 2011 to 2014.

Ms. Boniface has worked tirelessly to repair relationships with First Nations communities, initiating many reforms to promote Aboriginal policing. As a consultant on policing and justice issues, both internationally and domestically, she provided services to universities, municipalities, government, and non-profit organizations in areas of human rights, policing, and justice.

She is a long-time member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), where she served as Deputy Executive Director. In addition, she was the founding President of the Canadian Police Chiefs International Service Agency, a non-profit organization created to address sexual exploitation of children.

Ms. Boniface was invested into the Order of Ontario in 2001 in recognition of her service for the province and her work with First Nations communities. She also received the United Nations Peacekeeping Medal, and was awarded an honorary doctorate of letters from Nipissing University in 2006.

**CLÉMENT CHARTIER**

Clément Chartier QC, is President of the Métis National Council. Chartier received his law degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1978, was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in 1980 and received the Queen’s Counsel designation in 2004. During his political career, Chartier has held a number of executive positions in Indigenous political bodies, including: Native Youth Association of Canada Executive Director, 1973; Association of Métis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan (AMNSIS) Vice-President, 1982–85; Métis National Council (MNC) Chairperson, 1983 and 1984/85; MNC Ambassador on International Issues, 1993–96; MNC President, 2003 to present; World Council of Indigenous Peoples President, 1984–87, Vice-President, 1993–97; and Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MNS) President, 1998–2003.

A strong advocate for Métis rights, Chartier was the defendants’ lawyer in R. v. Grumbo (1996), which briefly affirmed Métis Aboriginal hunting rights throughout Saskatchewan, and in R. v. Morin and Daigneault (1996), which upheld the Aboriginal fishing rights of Métis in northern Saskatchewan and in R. v. Belhumeur (2007) which confirmed Métis fishing rights in southern Saskatchewan. He also served as MNC counsel in its intervention in the 2003 Supreme Court of Canada R. v. Powley appeal, which recognized Métis Aboriginal hunting rights in Ontario.


**WAYNE M. CHRISTIAN**

Wayne M. Christian is of Secwépemc ancestry. He is a proud father of seven children and twenty-five Grandchildren. Kukpi7 (Chief) Christian was re-elected for his 6th consecutive 2-year terms as Chief of Splatsin January 5th 2016. Kukpi7 Christian has worked for over 40 years in establishing healing and health systems for the Indigenous Nations of BC. Christian is currently one of the Tribal Chiefs of the Secwépemc Nation representing 9 of the 17 communities of the Secwépemc Nation with responsibilities for Sts’matlth (Children) & Aboriginal Title and Rights.

One of Christian’s greatest strengths is commitment that is firmly rooted in the values, principles and traditions of the Indigenous Nations. His leadership philosophy is based on inclusiveness, historical perspective, a strong belief in our sovereign land title and rights that are governed by our laws, our values, culture, traditions and our connection with all of creation, he believes strongly that the solutions to the issues in the communities are rooted in the minds, hearts and spirits of the People who will deal with the government’s legislative genocide.

He is known as a tireless and passionate advocate for recognition of Aboriginal title and rights at the political and grassroots levels for the Indigenous Nations and communities, he believes that the children are our future and the future is right now. Whatever it takes the time is now.
THE RT. HON. JOE CLARK

Joe Clark is a Canadian statesman, author, and corporate director, active in international development and business. He was elected eight times to the House of Commons of Canada, and is a former Canadian Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Minister of Constitutional Affairs, and Acting Minister of National Defence and of Justice. He is vice-chairman of the Global Leadership Foundation, and a member of the Inter-American Dialogue, and the Friends of the Inter-American Charter. Mr. Clark serves on the boards of Triton Logging Inc, Globe Scan Inc, Stratus Royalty Corporation, Pearson College of the Pacific, the Stern Stewart Institute, on the Supervisory Board of Meridiam Infrastructure Managers S.a.r.l., and on the advisory boards of Save the Children Canada, SOS Children’s Villages Canada, Canada Without Poverty and other Canadian and international organizations. He is an Honorary Witness of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, seeking to heal the trauma of abuse of young Aboriginals in residential schools in Canada. He co-founded the underwater forestry company CSRD in Ghana, was founding chairman of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa, which co-ordinated the Commonwealth campaign against apartheid, served as Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Cyprus, and has led international election and governance teams in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Middle East. Mr. Clark is a Companion of the Order of Canada, a member of the Alberta Order of Excellence and l’Ordre de la Pleiades, and the first recipient of the Vimy Award. Born in High River, Alberta, he has been awarded honorary degrees by several Canadian and international universities and colleges. He is the author of Canada: A Nation Too Good to Lose (1994), and, in 2013, the best-selling How We Lead: Canada in a Century of Change, published in French in 2014 as Agir de concert: Le Canada dans un monde en mouvement. Joe Clark speaks French and English, and is married to the Canadian author and lawyer Maureen McTeer, who specializes in law and public policy sectors at the local level and provincially. His main focus at all tables with government is First Nation rights, and in the public forum via speaking engagements.

ONTARIO REGIONAL CHIEF ISADORE DAY, WIINDAWTEGOWININI

Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day is from Serpent River First Nation, Ontario, which is located in the North Channel of Lake Huron. Born in Elliot Lake and raised in the North, Regional Chief Isadore Day worked in construction, commercial fishing, and in the social services setting. Regional Chief Day’s post-secondary education consists of Social Work, Business and Public Administration and Governance. He and his partner Angela raise their girls in the North and are committed to ensuring that the North remains a key grounding in their lives. He is strong in his commitments to his community and all treaty regions.

He has been Chief of Serpent River FN since being elected in 2005. Regional Chief Day has a combined total of ten years in leadership. Public service ideas and dedication have seen him involved in various boards, committees, and volunteer positions over the past 15 years. With a list of diverse attributes and skills, Regional Chief Day has been welcomed at many tables to share in efforts to make constructive change for the Anishnabek and First Nations at the Regional and National level in recent years. Known as hard hitter on the issues, he has a demeanor that seeks to find ways to highlight and uplift the dignity of others.

Today, Regional Chief Day is quite active on many files in all policy sectors at the local level and provincially. His main focus at all tables with government is First Nation rights, health, social, economies, infrastructure, Quality of Life –

CLAUDETTE COMMANDA

Claudette Commanda is an Algonquin from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation located in the province of Quebec. Claudette is an alumni of the University of Ottawa Faculty of Common Law and Faculty of Arts.

She has dedicated the last 30 years promoting First Nations people, history, culture, language, traditional knowledge and rights in various capacities: University of Ottawa student, professor, member and chair of the aboriginal education council; and in the public forum via speaking engagements.

She is a professor for the University of Ottawa’s Institute of Women’s Studies; Faculty of Education; Faculty of Law; and the Aboriginal Studies Program teaching courses on: First Nations Women; Native Education; First Nations People and History; Indigenous Traditions; and Decolonization.

In addition, she is the Executive Director for the First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres, a national organization with the mandate of protecting, promoting and revitalizing First Nations languages and cultures.

She is inducted into the Common Law Honour Society, served two appointed terms as a Board of Governor for the First Nations University of Canada, and served three elected terms on the Kitigan Zibi Band Council.

Most recently appointed as the first “Elder in Residence” for the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa and to the University of Ottawa Board of Governors.

She is the mother of four children and grandmother of ten grandchildren.
and overall, Nationhood based on all facets of what a nation embodies. He sees political justice as being the main goal for First Nation leaders and is emphatic that the Indian Act is colonial oppression and at the root of what must change in all First Nations. He is practical with both high level policy and is a strong grassroots First Nation leader.

Gabrielle Fayant originates from Fishing Lake Metis Settlement, Alberta and identifies as a proud Metis woman, a woman of Lii Michif Otipemisiwak. Currently living in Ottawa, ON, the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples, Gabrielle has worked with a number of national, provincial and local Indigenous and youth serving organizations, groups and councils. She has worked in various capacities for organizations such as the Aboriginal Healing Foundation (AHF), Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC), the National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC), Métis Nation of Ontario’s (MNO) Infinite Reach Program, KAIROS Canada, and the Circle’s Ontario Indigenous Youth Partnership Program (OVIPP).

Inspired by the Idle No More Movement in 2012, Gabrielle along with a team of Indigenous youth began an initiative called Assembly of Seven Generations (A7G) that supported youth through cultural events and celebrations and developed an empowerment program called ReachUp! North. For her commitment and work over the years, Gabrielle was honoured with the 2015 Indspire Métis Youth Award and the 2016 JS Woodsworth Individual Leadership Award. Gabrielle is also the co-host and producer of the Michif Hour on CKCU-FM, a radio how that talks about Metis history and contemporary realities while spotlighting Metis artists, past and present.

Michael Ferguson was appointed Auditor General of Canada on 28 November 2011. Prior to this appointment, he served in a variety of roles in the Government of New Brunswick, including five years as Comptroller, five years as Auditor General of New Brunswick, and one year as Deputy Minister of Finance and Secretary to the Board of Management.

As the President of the Institute on Governance, Maryantonett Fluman is responsible for the development of the Institute’s vision and strategic direction, project and partnership development, and the fostering of programs to promote public discussion of governance issues.

She is a seasoned senior executive at the Deputy Minister level in the Canadian federal Public Service with more than 20 years of large-scale operational experience in the economic, social and federal/provincial domains. She is internationally recognized for her work as a transformational leader across many complex areas of public policy and administration such as labour markets, firearms, fisheries, and environmental issues. She was the first Deputy Minister of Service Canada. Her current research focuses on leadership, collaboration, governance, and the transformational potential of technology primarily in the area of citizen-centered services. Maryantonett spent the last three years at the University of Ottawa initiating programming for the development of senior public service leaders.

Maryantonett received a Bachelor of Arts and a Master’s Degree in history and completed comprehensive exams towards a PhD in the same subject at the University of Ottawa. She sits on the advisory board of the Harvard Policy Group, John F. Kennedy School of Government, and the advisory group of nGenera’s Government 2.0: Wikinomics, Government and Democracy research program.

Morley Googoo is Regional Chief for Newfoundland and Nova Scotia and currently holds the Youth, Language Culture, and Arts, Truth and Reconciliation 94 Calls to Action, Sports and Recreation portfolios for the Assembly of First Nations. Morley is Mi’kmaq from the Waycobah First Nation, located in Unama’ki (Cape Breton), Nova Scotia. Morley began his political career at the age of 19 when he was elected to Council and went on to serve as Chief of Waycobah for a total of 19 years.

Morley has always promoted Youth programs and is proud to have been instrumental in Waycobah assuming jurisdiction over their education with their school moving from federal control to a new building built and administered under the Mi’kmaq (Education) Kina’matnewey self-government agreement. During his time as Chief, starting at age 24, Waycobah built a state of the art Health Centre and over 100 houses in the Community. He initiated, and continues to coordinate, the Unama’ki Christmas social and reintroduced the Mi’kmaq Summer Games to the province.

Morley has dedicated his entire adult life to serving Mi’kmaq people and practices his Mi’kmaq ways of prayer each day by giving thanks to the Creator. He helped develop a mission statement for his community: “To improve the overall Quality of Life and Well-Being of all community Members,” which he has personally adopted. Morley is the proud father of five children and is committed to helping his family, his community and the nation to be proud to being Mi’kmaq and First Nations in Canada.
CELESTE HALDANE
Celeste Haldane was appointed Chief Commissioner in April 2017. Prior to this, she served as an elected Commissioner for three two-year terms commencing in 2011.

Celeste is a practising lawyer and holds an LL.M. in Constitutional Law from Osgoode Hall Law School [York University], and an LL.B. and B.A. both from the University of British Columbia. In 2015 she began her Doctorate at UBC in Anthropology & Law.

The provincial government appointed her to serve on the UBC Board of Governors and the Legal Services Society. Celeste is the first Indigenous chair of the Legal Services Society. Celeste is an active member of the Canadian Bar Association and the Indigenous Bar Association. She is a 2015 alumni of the Governor General’s Canadian Leadership Conference.

Celeste is a member of the Sparrow family from Musqueam and is Tsimshian through Metlakatla. She previously served as the Chair of the Musqueam Land Code Committee, a member of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, the Housing & Capital Committee, and the Matrimonial Real Property Committee. Celeste is the proud mother of three and grandmother of two.

HON. FRANK IACOBUCCI
The Honourable Frank Iacobucci has had a varied career in private practice, academia, government and the judiciary. He was born, raised and educated in Vancouver, British Columbia, where he received his B. Comm. and LL.B. from the University of British Columbia. He went on to receive his LL.M. and Dip. Int’l L. from Cambridge University. He began his career in 1964 as a lawyer at a large New York firm. In 1967, he joined the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, and was a Professor of Law there until 1985. He successively served as Vice-President, Internal Affairs, Dean of the Faculty of Law, and Vice-President and Provost of the University. In 1985, Mr. Iacobucci was appointed Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General for Canada; in 1988, Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Canada; and in 1991, a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Honourable Frank Iacobucci retired from the Supreme Court of Canada in June 2004 and served as interim President of the University of Toronto from September 2004 until June 2005. On July 1, 2005, he joined Torys LLP as Counsel and currently serves on a number of boards. He was the Federal Government’s Representative in the negotiations leading to the settlement agreement in 2005 relating to Indian Residential Schools, which is the largest financial settlement in Canada. In February, 2013 he submitted his report as an independent reviewer for the Ontario government on First Nations Representation on Ontario juries. He has also acted for the federal government and the Ontario government on major matters involving alleged terrorists, Aboriginal people, Afghan detainees, and other issues. He is also representing the Province of Ontario in its negotiations with the Chiefs of the Matawa Council on the Ring of Fire and recently completed a comprehensive report prepared for Police Chief William Blair of the Toronto Police Service that relates to encounters of police with people in crisis.

He has authored or co-authored numerous books, articles and commentaries on a variety of legal and other subjects and is the recipient of numerous awards and honours in Canada and abroad, including honorary degrees in Canada and Italy, and his election as an Honorary Fellow of St. John’s College, Cambridge. He was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada in July 2007.
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**KEVIN LORING**

Kevin Loring was named the NAC's first ever Artistic Director of Indigenous Theatre on June 15, 2017 in an emotional ceremony attended by family, friends and artists who celebrated this milestone in Canadian theatrical history.

The President and CEO of the National Arts Centre, Peter Herrndorf first raised the idea of an Indigenous Theatre at the NAC in the 2015-2020 strategic plan, a ground-breaking idea that grew from research and outreach the NAC's English language. Herrndorf first raised the idea of an Indigenous Theatre at the National Arts Centre in 2010, when Mr. Loring was serving as the NAC's Playwright in Residence.

Mr. Loring is an accomplished Canadian playwright, actor and teacher, and was the winner of the Governor General's Award for English Language Drama for his outstanding play, *Where the Blood Mixes* in 2009. The play explores the intergenerational effects of the residential school system. It toured nationally and was presented at the National Arts Centre in 2010, when Mr. Loring was serving as the NAC's Playwright in Residence.

A Nlaka'pamux from the Lytton First Nation in British Columbia, Loring created the Songs of the Land project in 2012 in partnership with five separate organizations in his home community. The project explores 100-year-old audio recordings of songs and stories of the N'lakapamux People. Loring has written two new plays based on his work with the community including *Battle of the Birds*, about domestic violence and power abuse, and *The Boy Who Was Abandoned*, about youth and elder neglect.

A versatile artist and leader Loring has served as the co-curator of the Talking Stick Festival, as Artist in Residence at the Vancouver Playhouse Theatre, as Artistic Director of the Savage Society in Vancouver, as a Documentary Producer of *Canyon War: The Untold Story*, and as the Project Leader/Creator, and Director of the Songs of the Land project in his home community of Lytton First Nation.

**THE RT. HON. PAUL MARTIN**

The Right Honourable Paul Martin was Prime Minister of Canada from 2003 to 2006 and Minister of Finance from 1993 to 2002. During his tenure as Minister of Finance, he erased Canada's deficit, subsequently recording five consecutive budget surpluses and set Canada's debt-to-GDP ratio on a steady downward track. He was the co-founder of the Finance Ministers’ G-20, and in September 1999 was named its inaugural chair.

During his tenure as Prime Minister, Mr. Martin introduced a ten year plan to improve health care and reduce wait times; signed agreements with the provinces and territories to establish the first national early learning and child care program and created a new financial deal for Canada's municipalities. Under his leadership the Canadian Government reached an historic deal with Aboriginal people of Canada to eliminate the existing funding gaps in health, education and housing known as the Kelowna Accord.

After leaving politics, Mr. Martin founded the Martin Family Initiative (MFI) focusing on the early childhoods and elementary and secondary education of Indigenous children and youth. The mission of MFI is to walk alongside Indigenous experts, communities and leaders to improve educational opportunities from birth through to secondary school for Indigenous children in Canada.

Before entering politics, he had a distinguished career as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The CSL Group Inc.

**OVIDE MERCREDI**

Ovide Merc idi is a Cree born in the northern community of Grand Rapids. He served his community as Chief of Misipawistik Cree Nation from 2005 to 2011. He was a councillor for three years after his terms as Chief.
A graduate of the University of Manitoba with a law degree, he practiced criminal law and later specialized in constitutional law as an advisor to Manitoba Chiefs. In 1989, he was elected Regional Chief of the Assembly of First Nations for Manitoba. He became a key strategist for the Assembly during the time of the Meech Lake Accord constitutional reform discussions. He also had a strong leadership role in helping to resolve the Oka Crisis in 1990.

Mercredi was elected as National Chief for the Assembly of First Nations in 1991. During his first term, he led the negotiations for the First Nations in the Charlottetown Accord. He became a key strategist for the Assembly during the time of the Meech Lake Accord constitutional reform discussions. He also had a strong leadership role in helping to resolve the Oka Crisis in 1990.

In addition to serving as a lawyer and politician, he co-authored In the Rapids: Navigating the Future of First Nations with Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond in 1993 and published a collection of poetry in 2015 called My Silent Drum. Mercredi has received honorary degrees from Bishops University, St Mary’s University, the University of Lethbridge and Athabaska University. He received the Order of Manitoba in 2005.

NATAN OBED
Natan Obed is the President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the national organization representing Canada’s 60,000 Inuit. Originally from Nain Nunatsiavut, he obtained his B.A. with honors in English with a concentration in Native Studies from Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts. He has devoted his entire professional career to help improve the wellbeing of Inuit. As a strong advocate and negotiator, he has helped to protect Inuit rights, culture, knowledge, language, and environment in Canada. In his spare time, he cools off on the ice with a game of hockey.

MAATALII OLATIK
Maatalii Aneraq Okalik is a very proud Inuk from Nunavut. Maatalii promotes Inuit languages, culture and practices, suicide prevention, education, empowerment, and reconciliation. In her role as President of the National Inuit Youth Council from 2015-2017 she represented Inuit youth in Canada from the Inuvialuit, Nunavut, Nunavik, and Nunatsiavut regions, building awareness and understanding of the circumstances of Inuit youth locally, nationally, and internationally. Maatalii has been recognized for her youth advocacy by being awarded a 2017 Indspire Award, a 2016 Qulliit Status of Women Award, and the inaugural United Nations First Generation Award.

Maatalii is a public servant for the Government of Nunavut and is currently the Chief of Protocol with the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs and formerly worked at the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

Maatalii is hopeful that within her lifetime, she will see more Indigenous Peoples speaking their languages and continuing to celebrate their cultures as well as have the same level and quality of essential services as other Canadians. This, she believes, will be achieved due to the leadership of government and due to the passion and capacity of Indigenous youth across the country.

JANE PHILPOTT
Jane Philpott was first elected as Member of Parliament for Markham-Stouffville in October 2015. She served as Minister of Health between 2015 and 2017, and was appointed Minister of Indigenous Services in August 2017. Jane became a doctor more than 30 years ago to improve people’s lives. She entered politics to build a healthier society. For her, a seat in the House of Commons is not the target, but a tool—a tool she could use to improve her community and her country.

Jane spent the first decade of her career as a doctor in Niger, West Africa. In 1998, she and her family moved to Stouffville, Ontario, where she served for 17 years as a family physician. She was Chief of Family Medicine at Markham Stouffville Hospital and Associate Professor in the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Medicine. Jane led the opening of the Health for All Family Health Team and the Markham Family Medicine Teaching Unit. In 2012, she completed a Master of Public Health degree at the University of Toronto.

Jane’s work to promote global health includes founding Give a Day to World AIDS in 2004 to raise money for people affected by HIV. She also helped launch Ethiopia’s first training program in Family Medicine through the Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration.

Jane’s greatest happiness and motivation comes from working in genuine partnership with others to address social inequities so that every Canadian has a fair opportunity to enjoy a life of dignity, wellness and peace.

BOB RAE
Bob Rae was elected eleven times to the House of Commons and the Ontario legislature between 1978 and 2013. He was Ontario’s 21st Premier from 1990 to 1995, and served as interim leader of the Liberal Party of Canada from 2011 to 2013.
He is working now as a lawyer, negotiator, mediator, and arbitrator, with a particular focus on First Nations, Aboriginal, and governance issues. He also teaches at the University of Toronto School of Governance and Public Policy, and is a widely respected writer and commentator.

An author of five books and many studies and reports, Bob Rae is a Privy Councillor, a Companion of the Order of Canada, a member of the Order of Ontario, and has numerous awards and honorary degrees from institutions in Canada and around the world.

Mr. Rae was born on August 2nd 1948, in Ottawa, Ontario. His parents were Lois Esther (George) and Saul Rae. He is married to Arlene Perly Rae, a writer and speaker, and they have three children. They live in Toronto.

**Miles G. Richardson**

Miles G. Richardson is a citizen of the Haida Nation and Canada. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Victoria in 1979. From 1984 to 1996, he served as President of the Haida Nation.

Richardson was a member of the British Columbia Claims Task Force. From 1991 to 1993, he was a member of the First Nations Summit Task Group, which is an executive body representing First Nations in BC. In October 1995, Richardson was nominated by the Summit and appointed as a Commissioner to the BC Treaty Commission. He was elected to a second term in April 1997. In November 1998, he was chosen as Chief Commissioner by agreement of Canada, BC and the First Nations Summit for a three-year term and was reappointed in November 2001.

In 2007, he was named an Officer of the Order of Canada. Currently, Richardson owns and operates his own business providing strategic advice on relationship building and business development between First Nations and the private sector; First Nations governance development; and sustainability policy and business development. Richardson is also the Director for the Consortium for Indigenous Economic Development at the University of Victoria.

**Marilyn Slett**

Marilyn Slett is a member of the Heilsuk Nation and is serving her ninth year as elected chief councillor. Marilyn has served two consecutive terms as an elected tribal councillor and is a former executive director of the Heilsuk Tribal Council.

She has completed the certificate in the administration of Indigenous governments and diploma in public sector management with the University of Victoria. Her regional representation includes current President of the Coastal First Nations/Great Bear Initiative and is the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations Women’s Representative on the National Assembly of First Nations Women’s Council.

**Fred Wien**

Fred Wien has an Honours B.A. in Political Studies and Spanish from Queen’s University (1962-66), and an M.A. and PhD. in Development Sociology, Government and Latin American Studies from Cornell University (1966-71). He served as Director of the Maritime School of Social Work at Dalhousie University from 1981-86. Between 1992-96, Dr. Wien served as the Deputy Director of Research at the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples where he headed the research program on employment and economic development.

At the national level, he has served as a member and chair of the Advisory Board for the Institute of Aboriginal Peoples Health (IAPH/CIHR). He is the Nominated Principal Investigator for a major research grant from CIHR for the project: “A Poverty Reduction Approach to Improving the Health and Well-being of First Nation Communities in TRC’s report in 2015. He also oversaw an active multi-million dollar fundraising program to support various TRC events and activities, and to allow survivors to travel to attend TRC events.

Senator Sinclair has been invited to speak throughout Canada, the United States and internationally, including the Cambridge Lectures for members of the Judiciary of various Commonwealth Courts in England.

He served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Manitoba. He was very active within his profession and his community and has won numerous awards, including the National Aboriginal Achievement Award, the Manitoba Bar Association’s Equality Award (2001) and its Distinguished Service Award (2016) and has received Honorary Doctorates from 8 Canadian universities. Senator Sinclair was appointed to the Senate on April 2, 2016.
Canada.” He is also the NPI for a CIHR-funded project on “Building a Social Policy Framework for the Health and Well-being of Mi’kmaq Communities in Nova Scotia.” He was made a Member of the Order of Canada in December 2015.

RILEY YESNO
Riley Yesno is an Eabametoong First Nation woman living in Thunder Bay, Ontario, where she attends high school. She is a strong leader who uses her voice to represent those who are underrepresented. She is a highly engaged community member, a youth facilitator, a public speaker, and a feminist. As a school board representative at the provincial level, she advocates on behalf of her peers. As a First Nations woman who has lived on reserve, she is most passionate about equity for Indigenous people in Canada, with a particular interest in missing and murdered Aboriginal women.

DAVID ZIMMER
David Zimmer was first elected to the Ontario legislature in 2003 as the MPP for Willowdale. He was re-elected in 2007, 2011 and 2014. He is currently serving as Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and was previously Minister of Aboriginal Affairs. Prior to that, he served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and the Attorney General.

Before entering politics, Zimmer was chair of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation, Canada’s largest community housing provider and the second-largest in North America.

He has practiced law for many years in Toronto and has served as a part-time Crown Attorney. For 10 years, Zimmer was an administrative law instructor in the Law Society’s Bar Admission Course. He has extensive experience before administrative boards and tribunals and in the civil and criminal courts. Zimmer has also served as assistant deputy chairperson at the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.

Zimmer has served as a director of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and president of the Alzheimer Society of Canada. In 1993, Zimmer was awarded a Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation for his significant contribution in promoting research and awareness of Alzheimer’s disease.
Publications & Media

In bringing these diverse voices together, our goal has been to collect and report the findings in an accessible manner to assist leaders and decision makers from all parties as they work towards building a relationship based on mutual trust and respect.

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Panel video recordings provide an unedited recording of each speaker and panel for every dialogue.

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All reports and media are conveniently located at: iog.ca/characteristics-nation-nation-relationship/
The Indigenous Theatre at the NAC

The Indigenous Theatre will open during the 2019-2020 season and will mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the NAC. The Indigenous Theatre is the NAC’s commitment to fulfill the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to present a more complete portrait of the Canadian story.

When the NAC opened in 1969 it began with an English Theatre and a French Theatre Departments, thankfully today Canadians view themselves differently and the addition of an Indigenous Theatre at the NAC will help promote reconciliation through the arts.

The Indigenous Theatre at the NAC has the broad support of Indigenous artists across Canada and will be led by Kevin Loring, an accomplished Canadian playwright, actor and teacher, and the winner of the Governor General’s Award for English Language Drama in 2009.

A Nlaka’pamux from Lytton First Nation in British Columbia, Loring’s vision is to programme Indigenous works for the national stage in Ottawa, and to tour productions to First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities across Canada.

The NAC first opened in 1969 with the production of “The Ecstasy of Rita Joe,” a play written by George Ryga, a Canadian of Ukrainian descent. The play is the story of a young Indigenous woman and her boyfriend caught in the poverty trap in inner city Canada. Caught between the judicial system and the bureaucracy, she is raped, and the couple is murdered by a group of white men. Her body is left on stage, on Canada’s national stage—symbolizing the legacy of colonialism in Canada.

48 years after the play debuted at the National Arts Centre, Kevin Loring is building the first Indigenous Theatre Department in Canada’s home of the performing arts; a theatre he believes will be unique in the world.

The journey to this decision was thoughtful and deliberate and was guided by Indigenous artists, Elders and an Algonquin Advisory Council.

Over the past 10 years the English Theatre Department of the NAC has programmed at least one Indigenous play each year—to widespread acclaim. Then three years ago the English Theatre Department convened Indigenous leaders, artists, and students from across the country during three gatherings that included talking circles that were live streamed: The Summit (2014), The Study and The Repast (2015).

The idea of forming an Indigenous Theatre at the NAC was first raised by the President and CEO of the NAC, Peter Herrndorf at a gathering in Toronto in 2015.

After a lengthy search process that involved guidance from Indigenous artists, and inviting the search committee to visit the top candidates in their home communities, the NAC named Kevin Loring to be the first Artistic Director of Indigenous Theatre on June 15, 2017.

The news conference was one of the most memorable, and emotional moments in the NAC’s history, as Kevin Loring hugged his mother who had travelled from British Columbia to be with him, along with an Elder who had encouraged Loring to become an artist. At the media announcement Loring repeated a famous quote from Métis leader Louis Riel, “My people will sleep for one hundred years, but when they awake, it will be the artists who give them their spirit back.”

In his acceptance speech Loring said it was his “hope that the creation of the Indigenous Theatre Department at the NAC will act as a beacon to the young artists across the country. That it will inspire them to imagine their stories on our stages. Our stories are medicine. They can help to heal the wounds history leaves on us, so that we can truly move forward in a good way.”
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The FMB is a national First Nation Institution created by the First Nations Fiscal Management Act (FMA). The FMB supports First Nations in their pursuit of social and economic well-being through the development of strong governance and financial management systems.

What is the FMA?

The FMA was created by a First Nations-led initiative. The FMA is optional federal legislation that is outside of the Indian Act and provides a new pathway for First Nations working towards economic self-sufficiency. The FMA enables First Nations to leverage their own revenues similar to other levels of government. The FMA is the only legislation that provides First Nations with access to borrow through the First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA).

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BARRY CHRISTOFF

Barry Christoff is Vice-President of Indigenous Governance for the Institute on Governance. As a member of Saulteau First Nations in northeastern British Columbia, and a lawyer who has focused his career on joint First Nation and federal government initiatives, Barry is aware that listening, finding safe zones, and being respectful may assist in providing a foundation for positive change.

He has several years’ experience at the national level in the areas of strategic planning, issue identification, intergovernmental/sectoral relationship building, and good governance practices, including developing successful policy and legislative initiatives that resulted in positive institutional change and development. This experience was acquired through positions with the Assembly of First Nations’ head office in Ottawa, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in Ottawa, and the First Nations Financial Management Board in Vancouver. Barry is a team player with a broad range of experience working on complex Indigenous issues in challenging environments leading to positive Indigenous institutional development.

MADELEINE MEILLEUR

Madeleine Meilleur is a registered nurse and a lawyer specialized in labour law. She spent 25 years in politics at the municipal and provincial level. During her tenure as a member of provincial government, she held several portfolios including those of Attorney General, Community Safety and Correctional Services, Community Safety and Correctional Services, Community and Social Services and Culture, as well as Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs for 12 years. She recently retired from public life and is now a Senior Associate with the Institute on Governance.

We gratefully acknowledge that this gathering is being held on unceded Algonquin territory, and that the earlier sessions were held: on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples (Vancouver, BC); in the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, the Métis, and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (Toronto, ON); and on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq People (Halifax, NS).

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