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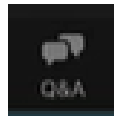
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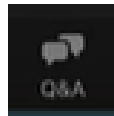
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Background on today's webinar:

- In late March 2024, the MLC Midwest-Canada Relations Committee Officers traveled to Edmonton, Alberta, for a legislative exchange with the Legislative Assembly of Alberta
- One of the group's meetings were with Minister Rick Wilson, Alberta's Minister of Indigenous Relations
- Connection between Ministry's work and MLC Resolutions from 2022
 - [2022 Resolution on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives](#)
 - [2022 Resolution in Support of the Protection and Return of Indigenous Remains and Property](#)
- Part of these resolutions were ongoing education and reporting to committee members and interested others
- Today we will see presentations from four Ministry employees on the province's work in these vital areas
- Questions, answers, and discussion among participants

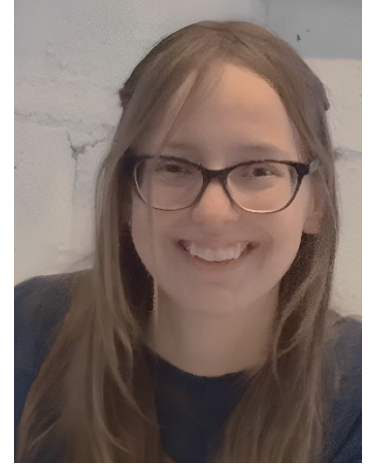
MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES

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Alberta Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Roadmap



Indigenous Women's Initiatives
Indigenous Relations
July 2024

Land Acknowledgment

We respectfully acknowledge that we are coming together virtually on Treaty 6 territory in Edmonton. We acknowledge the diverse Indigenous peoples who share a deep history with this land, and we acknowledge, honour and respect the wisdom of the Elders, past, present and future.

Indigenous Women's Initiatives



- Leads ministry actions aimed at improving social and economic outcomes of Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people.
- Leads the Government of Alberta's response to MMIWG2S+.

National Inquiry – Final Report June 2019

1. Historical, multigenerational and intergenerational trauma
2. Social and economic marginalization
3. Maintaining the status quo and institutional lack of will
4. Ignoring the agency and expertise of Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people

Alberta's Response to MMIWG2S+

2020

- Established the Alberta Joint Working Group on MMIWG

2021

- *113 Pathways to Justice: Recommendations of the Alberta Joint Working Group on MMIWG*

2022

- Released the Alberta MMIWG Roadmap
- Established the Premier's Council on MMIWG2S+

MMIWG Roadmap

Pathway 1

Community Connections, Healing and Cultural Supports

1.1

Healing and strengthening relationships

1.2

Commemorating MMIWG2S+ people

1.3

Recognizing and protecting Indigenous languages and cultures, including their connection to the land

1.4

Improving Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ peoples wellness through accessible and culturally safe health services, including mental health and addictions

Pathway 2

Education, Economic Independence and Infrastructure

2.1

Creating and expanding leadership, education and training programs serving Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people

2.2

Increasing and improving opportunities to create and maintain economic independence

2.3

Making sure housing, transportation, communication and internet, and other types of infrastructure are available to meet the needs of Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people

Pathway 3

Community Wellness and Improving the Justice System

3.1

Improving violence prevention, safety programs, victim services, including addressing human trafficking

3.2

Increasing protection of children and youth through culturally safe prevention and services

3.3

Addressing inequities in health, well-being and services

3.4

Improving the justice system and law enforcement to meet the needs of Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people

Pathway 4

Accountability to and Inclusion of Indigenous Women, Girls and 2S+ people

4.1

Ongoing MMIWG2S+ engagement and inclusion in government process

4.2

Provide public information, training and education about MMIWG2S+ issues

4.3

Provide education and training to government employees to include Indigenous perspectives in the development of program and services

4.4

Collecting accurate data to understand the issues to advance safety and prevent violence

4.5

Reviewing and reporting on progress of actions on safety and violence prevention

MMIWG Roadmap

Pathway 1

Community connections, healing and cultural supports

Goal: Provide supports to Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people to address historical, multigenerational and intergenerational trauma.

The focus of this pathway is to support language, culture, community connections, healthy relationships and well-being.



Pathway 1 in Practice

Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative

An annual grant fund which provides grants of up to \$100,000 to support cultural and economic opportunities for Indigenous people and communities in Alberta.

MMIWG Roadmap

Pathway 2

Education, economic independence and infrastructure

Goal: Increase Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people's economic security by creating opportunities to meet their needs and participate in the economy.

The focus of this pathway is to improve employment, economic development, housing, transportation and income supports.



Pathway 2 in Practice

\$3 million to Niginan Housing Ventures

To operate up to 100 emergency shelter spaces.

Navigation and Support Centre in Edmonton

Staff provide Indigenous cultural supports and liaisons, connect people to shelter, housing and financial services, and help individuals obtain valid provincial identification.

MMIWG Roadmap

Pathway 3

Community wellness and improving the justice system

Goal: Improve wellness and justice systems through policies, processes, programs and services to increase safety and prevent violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people.

The focus of this pathway is violence prevention, safety, health, children and youth services, and justice.



Pathway 3 in Practice

Refocusing Healthcare in Alberta

Alberta is taking steps to transform its primary health care system to ensure the diverse perspectives of Indigenous peoples and residents of Alberta are represented, while working to address the unique challenges of each region.

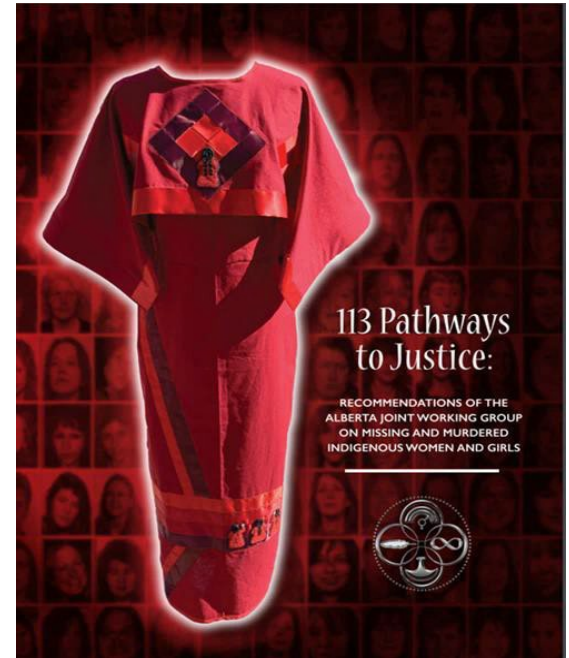
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Pathway 4

Accountability to and inclusion of indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people

Goal: Increase public awareness of and, government accountability for the inclusion of Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people's knowledge and experiences in government initiatives.

The focus of this pathway is data and research; increasing awareness of Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people's perspectives; and engagement with Indigenous women, girls, 2S+ people, families and survivors.



Pathway 4 in Practice

Premier's Council on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2S+ People

Works with government to align policies and programs with the pathways and principles in Alberta's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Roadmap.

Up to eight Indigenous women and 2S+ people, MMIWG2S+ family members, and experts; and four ex-officio members from Indigenous Relations, Justice, Health and Seniors, Community and Social Services.

MMIWG Roadmap – Guiding Principles

1. Equity measures and equality of outcomes
2. Decolonizing approach
3. Inclusion of MMIWG2S+ families and survivors
4. Indigenous-led and developed solutions
5. Consider distinctions-based needs and approaches
6. Culturally informed and safe
7. Trauma-informed approach



Community Support Fund

- Annual grant program supporting Indigenous-led community-based initiatives that address violence and increase safety and economic security of Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people.
- Applicants may receive up to \$200,000 per year. Multi-year funding will be considered.
- External Grant Review Committee: Indigenous women, 2S+ person and an Elder.
- 25 projects supported in 2023/24 intake.

Why is this work important?

- Responsibility as government
- Collective and personal responsibility
- Advance reconciliation

Questions



Protection and Return of Indigenous Remains and Property

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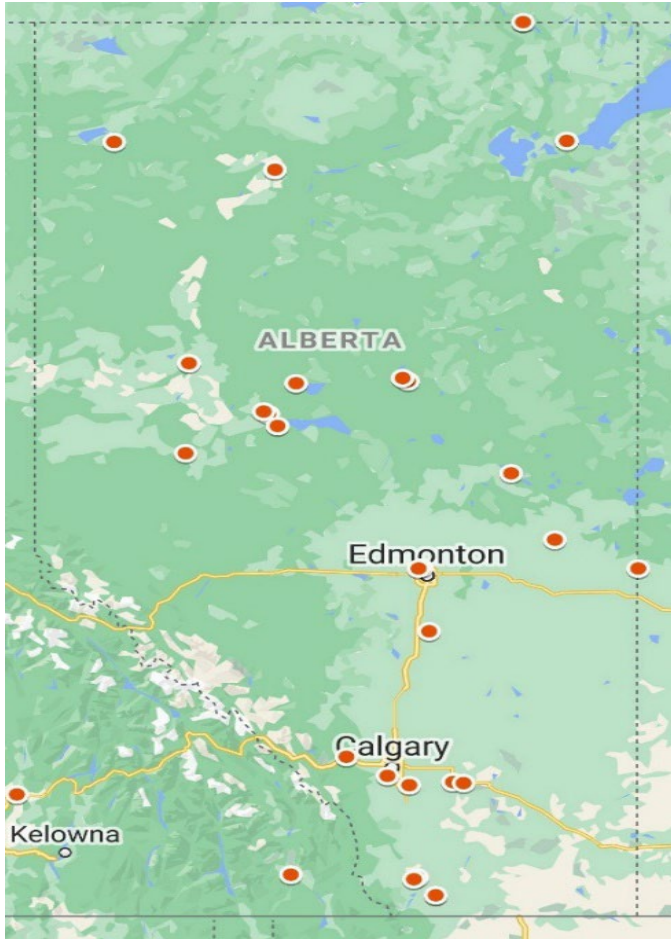
Residential Schools in Canada



History



The Truth And Reconciliation
Commission Of Canada



Residential Schools in Alberta

Residential School Discoveries

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc in British Columbia

Cowessess First Nation in Saskatchewan

Kapawe'no First Nation in Alberta

Residential Schools Community Research Grant

Indigenous Relations provided \$8 million in funding through the **Residential Schools Community Research Grant** program.

The Government of Canada committed \$321 million through the Community Support Fund program.

Special Interlocutor

Framework

Investigation

Recommendations/Reporting

Next Steps

The Office of the Special Interlocutor (OSI) is working to identify the gaps in the current legal framework. Recommendations for a new federal framework will be made.



Alberta will create a response.

Indigenous Artifacts

Through the process of colonization, cultural items were taken from Indigenous peoples across Canada

Items hold great meaning for originating communities

Thefts occurred over the last two centuries

Repatriation



The Government of Alberta recognizes the importance of facilitating the return of Indigenous artifacts to originating communities



Repatriation Regulation and Act



Engagement, collaboration, and respectful return

Repatriation of Indigenous Artifacts

- The Royal Alberta Museum
- Alberta Indigenous Relations collaboration



Examples of Repatriation

- Siksika Nation - Holy Buffalo Woman Society (Motokiks) Headdress
- The Manitou Stone
- Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation - Treaty 8 Medallion

Photo of the Manitou Stone



Best Practice



APPROACH WITH
SENSITIVITY



COMPREHENSIVE
ENGAGEMENT AND
INCLUSION



COMMUNITY-LED
SOLUTIONS WITH
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Questions?



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