



**2017 First Nations' Language Keepers Conference Agenda**  
**Saskatoon Inn Hotel & Conference Centre**  
**Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada**

**Wednesday, November 22, 2017**

7:30am-8:15am	Pipe Ceremony: Manitoba Room – 7:30 am					
8:00am-4:00pm	Registration: Courtyard Room (Nov 22, 5:30pm-8:30pm), Booth Display: Mezzanine ABC (Nov 22-23, 9:00am-4:00pm)					
9:00am-9:45am	<p><b>OPENING REMARKS: Ballroom A/B/C</b></p> <p>Morning Song &amp; Opening Prayer: Elder William Ratfoot, Plains Cree          Emcees: Eric Tootoosis, Plains Cree &amp; JR McArthur, Nakoda          Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations Address: Chief Bobby Cameron, Plains Cree          Saskatoon Tribal Council Address: Tribal Chief Mark Arcand, Plains Cree          SICC President Address: Wanda Wilson, Nakoda &amp; Plains Cree</p>					
9:45am-10:45am	<p><b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Ballroom A/B/C</b>      <b>When the 'Object' of Repatriation is Song: Confronting Archives, Navigating Copyright and Asserting Indigenous Laws</b>  <b>Dr. Robin R. R. Gray, Ts'msyen &amp; Mikisew Cree</b></p>					
10:45am-11:00am	Health Break					
11:00am-12:30pm	<p><b>ELDERS PANEL: Ballroom A/B/C</b>    <b>Emphasizing the importance of language as a vessel through which we understand protocols, customs, rituals, the land and each other</b>  <b>William Ratfoot, Plains Cree, Hartland Goodtrack, Lakota, Melvina Eagle, Dakota, Freda O'Watch, Nakoda, Peter Nippi, Saulteaux, Margaret Reynolds, Dene</b>  <b>Moderator: Eric Tootoosis, Plains Cree</b></p>					
12:30pm-1:30pm	<p><b>LUNCH &amp; NETWORKING: Ballroom A/B/C</b></p> <p>Blessing of the food: Elder Sylvia Weenie, Plains Cree  <b>Book Launch – <i>The Legend of T-Rex's Short Arms</i>, Bronte Big Eagle, Nakoda</b></p>					
1:30pm-2:45pm	Trade Show Open	Ballroom A	Ballroom B	Ballroom C	Canadian Room	Manitoba Room
		<p><b>What Do Our Traditional Stories Tell Us?</b>  <i>Solomon Ratt</i>            Woodland Cree</p>	<p><b>Language Revitalization through Hand Signing</b>  <i>JR McArthur &amp; Michael Turcotte</i>            Nakoda</p>	<p><b>Cree Land Based Curriculum of kâniyâsihk Culture Camps</b>  <i>Dr. Kevin Lewis, Matilda Lewis &amp; Christine Ravenis</i>            Plains Cree</p>	<p><b>Our Drum Beats into the Future</b>  <i>Allan Adam</i>            Dene</p>	<p><b>The Impact of The Language Conservancy's Revitalization Model on Native US Languages</b>  <i>Wilhelm Meya</i>            Multi-Linguistic</p>
2:45pm-3:00pm	Health Break					
3:00pm-4:15pm		Ballroom A	Ballroom B	Ballroom C	Canadian Room	Manitoba Room
		<p><b>Land Based Elder Driven Curriculum</b>  <i>Sylvia Weenie &amp; Noella Mitsuing-Moccasin</i>            Plains Cree</p>	<p><b>Iyekiya Un Iapi (Language is Identity)</b>  <i>Noella Eagle</i>            Dakota</p>	<p><b>The Poetics and Politics of Reclaiming Ts'msyen Cultural Heritage</b>  <i>Dr. Robin R. R. Gray</i>            Ts'msyen &amp; Mikisew Cree</p>	<p><b>Website Preview: Access to Teaching, Learning &amp; Researching Indigenous Language Learning Resources</b>  <i>Bill Cook, Denise Runns &amp; Andrea Sterzuk</i>            Multi-Linguistic</p>	<p><b>Young Women Are Our Future: Let's Put Indigenous Knowledge, Language and Culture First</b>  <i>Rochelle Starr &amp; Heather Blair</i>            Multi-Linguistic</p>
4:15pm	Thank You Prayer: Elder Hartland Goodtrack, Lakota					
7:00pm-8:15pm	<p><b>ENTERTAINMENT: Ballroom B</b></p> <p><b>Vegas Vacation</b>  <b>Gordon Tootoosis Nîkânîwin Theatre</b>  <b>Written by Curtis Peeteetuce</b></p>					



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9:30am-10:30am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Ballroom A/B/C		Dágu Țchábikt "What Will We Be" Roger White Jr. & Michael Turcotte, Nakoda			
10:30am-10:45am	Health Break					
10:45am-12:00pm	YOUTH PANEL: Ballroom A/B/C		Reclaiming Traditional Education Shannon McNabb, Plains Cree, Darren Courchene, Anishinaabe, Jarita Greyeyes, Plains Cree Moderator: Cory Generoux, Nakoda & Plains Cree			
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		Classroom Essentials for First Nations' Educators <i>Celia Deschambault</i> Swampy Cree	Reading and Writing in Nakoda <i>Tuffy Helgeson</i> Nakoda	Kà Ganawenindamodjig Kitigàn Zìbì Anishinàbemowin: Language Camp <i>Laurie Decontie</i> Algonquin	Total Physical Response Training <i>Noella Mitsuing-Moccasin,</i> <i>Priscilla St. John &amp; Julia Oullette</i> Multi-Linguistic	Nakota Vocabulary & Phrases Book <i>Vincent Collette &amp; Armand McArthur</i> Nakoda
2:30pm-2:45pm	Health Break					
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		Language Instructional Strategies Utilizing Dene Morphology <i>Agnes Carlson</i> Dene	Saulteaux Anishnabe (Nakawe) Worldview & Language <i>Peter Nippi</i> Saulteaux	Cree Learning Strategies kiyam style <i>Simon Bird</i> Plains Cree	Indian Control of Colonial Education, A System Rethink on Indian Education <i>Chris Scribe &amp; Edie Venne</i> Multi-Linguistic	SICC Working Workshop for the Aboriginal Language Initiative <i>Garry Anaquod</i> Multi-Linguistic
4:00pm-4:30pm	CLOSING CEREMONIES: Ballroom A/B/C		Emcees: Eric Tootoosis, Plains Cree & JR McArthur, Nakoda Closing Remarks SICC President: Wanda Wilson, Nakoda & Plains Cree Thank You Prayer: Elder Peter Bigstone, Nakoda			