



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



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9:30am-10:30am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Ballroom A/B/C		Dágu Uchábikt "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 & Julia Oullette</i> Multi-Linguistic	Nakota Vocabulary & Phrases Book <i>Vincent Collette & Armand McArthur</i> Nakoda
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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 & 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			