

FIRST NATIONS
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Our Sacred Languages Walk With Us

AGENDA – DAY 1

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025
PRAIRIELAND PARK, SASKATOON SK

- 7:30am Pipe Ceremony - 🦅 Eagle Room
- 8:00am Breakfast
- 8:00am Registration
- 9:00am Dignitary Opening Remarks - Hall A
- 9:45am Keynote Address - Hall A
Out from the Shadows and Into the Light:
The Role of the Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages in Promoting and Supporting Indigenous Peoples in their Revitalization Efforts
Commissioner Ronald Ignace, Secwepemctsin
- 10:45am Health Break
- 11:00am Elders Panel - Hall A
Elders' Perspectives on the Sacred Path of Language
Elder Billy Adam, Dene
Elder Keith Goulet, Swampy Cree
Elder Diane Goodwill, Dakota
Elder Enola Kayseas, Saulteaux
Natalie Langan (moderator), Saulteaux
- 12:00am Lunch Break
- 1:00pm Workshops - Hall A Breakout Rooms
 - 🦌 Moose Room
Mamawi-Nehinawetan: Let's Speak Cree as a Community
Kato Carriere, Swampy Cree
 - 🐻 Bear Room
Using Simple Phonics to Teach Nakawe
Cheryle Bellerose, Saulteaux
 - 🦬 Buffalo Room
Lessons from the Očheti Šakowin Winter Count of Teresa and Eugene Yellow Lodge
Tipiziwin Tolman, Lakota
 - 🐺 Wolf Room
Dakota lapi kin: How language can help heal historical trauma from Caṇšayapi
Vanessa Goodthunder, Dakota
- 2:00pm Health Break
- 2:30pm Plenary - Hall A
Language, Land & Buffalo
Tasha Hubbard (by video), Plains Cree
Candice Pete-Cardoso, Plains Cree
Joely BigEagle-Kequahtoway, Nakoda
Melody Wood (moderator), Plains Cree
- 3:30pm Day 1 Summary - Hall A
Door Prizes

AGENDA – DAY 2

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025
PRAIRIELAND PARK, SASKATOON SK

- 7:30am Pipe Ceremony - 🦅 Eagle Room
- 8:00am Breakfast
- 9:00am Dignitary Opening Remarks - Hall A
- 9:45am Keynote Address - Hall A
Seasons of Silence and Renewal
Louise Fraser, Plains Cree
- 10:45am Health Break
- 11:00am Learners Panel - Hall A
Learners' Journeys on the Sacred Path of Language
Nova Lee Fox, Plains Cree
Ashlyn McArthur, Nakoda
Angelo Wasteste (moderator), Saulteaux
- 12:00am Lunch Break
- 1:00pm Workshops - Hall A Breakout Rooms
 - 🦌 Moose Room
Adult Cree Silent Speakers: A nīhithaw Perspective
Charlotte Ross, Woodland Cree
 - 🐻 Bear Room
Family First: Dene Language as a Living Legacy
Ranelle Sylvestre, Dene
 - 🦬 Buffalo Room - Vacant
 - 🐺 Wolf Room
Supporting Language Through Technology
Senapan Thunder, Plains Cree
- 2:00pm Health Break
- 2:30pm Plenary - Hall A
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The Cree stories sound awesome
Dolores Sand, Plains Cree
Simon Bird, Plains Cree
Randy Morin, Plains Cree
- 3:30pm Closing Remarks - Hall A
Door Prizes