



## Speaker Bios



### **Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief Morley Googoo NS/ NL**

Morley Googoo is Regional Chief for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and currently holds the following portfolios for the Assembly of First Nations (AFN):

- Truth and reconciliation Commission (TRC)
- Sports and Recreation;
- Language, Culture, Arts - Canada 150;
- Youth Council; and
- AFN Management Committee.

AFN is a National advocacy organization representing First Nation citizens in Canada, which includes more than 900,000 people living in 634 First Nation communities and in cities and towns across the country. 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 Kina'matnewey self-government agreement. During his time as Chief, Waycobah built a state of the art Health Centre (Theresa Cremo Health Centre) and over 100 houses in the Community. Morley founded and coordinated the Unama'ki Christmas Social and reintroduced the Mi'kmaq Summer Games to the Province. As Regional Chief, Morley has helped place Indigenous issues and people on the National stage. In 2016, Morley established the first ever MP-Chief's summit to create a forum for open dialogue between members of parliament and First Nations Leaders who reside over communities in their constituencies across Nova Scotia. As he hosted again this past August, Morley continued to advance his work toward establishing Nation-to-Nation government and developing a framework for Mi'kmaq government. The Summit is the only meeting of its kind in Canada. Regional Chief Googoo has launched and established is the Downie-Wenjack Legacy Room. The initiative is focused on designating public spaces across Canada dedicated to reconciliation in the names of Chanie Wenjack and Gord Downie. Regional Chief Googoo also lead the precedent setting collaboration between the Mi'kmaq and the Acadian Community with Grand-Pre 2017, *a reunion 400 years in the making*, that reunited two integral communities in their shared experience of displacement. Also in 2017, through a unique partnership with the Waterfront Development Corporation, Regional Chief facilitated the commission of a Tall Ship for mentorship and a custom personal development program for dozens of Aboriginal youth who participated in a transatlantic Tall Ship sail to France. A life changing experience for the youth and facilitators involved. Most recently Regional Chief was called upon by Canadian Heritage to facilitate and organize the Indigenous component of the Canada 150 Finale on New Year's Eve. The result was a record setting event in Algonquin territory "Nimidiwin" meaning to dance. The event was showcase of indigenous culture from coast to coast to coast which attracted the largest audience the Canadian Museum of History had ever received. Pieces of the show were telecast across the country bringing to life for millions the beauty and diversity of Indigenous dance and music. In each project and initiative Regional Chief champions, his focus remains to increase cultural awareness and reinforce a positive Indigenous identity - not only for Indigenous peoples but for Canada as a whole.



**Peter Jacobs**

**Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Simon Fraser University**

Peter Jacobs is a member of the Squamish Nation and has learnt the Squamish language as an adult. On his mother's side he is Kwagulh from Fort Rupert. He worked for the Squamish Nation Education Department for over 20 years and then worked at the University of Victoria for 5 years. He is now on faculty at Simon Fraser University. His primary research

project has been the development of a computer database for a comprehensive dictionary project on the Squamish language and the publication of the dictionary. He is currently leading a team in the development of an electronic version of the dictionary. He has taught the Squamish language in a public high school in North Vancouver and in college and now in university classes. He is part of a 6 year SSHRC research project on the role of adult learners of their Indigenous language in language revitalization. The partners for this project are from Indigenous communities across Canada.



**Norman Fleury**

Norman Fleury is a proud Michif who was raised in St. Lazare, Manitoba. He has been greatly influenced by his mother, Flora Fleury (nee Leclerc), over her 108 year lifespan which gave her a long time to pass her language and cultural traditions, including storytelling, to her son. She was widowed and raised her nine children alone through small-scale farming and other harvesting activities that helped her provide for her family. A Michif language expert, Norman has provided many translations for the Gabriel Dumont Institute and other Michif language groups. He is currently a Special Lecturer for the College of Education, University of Saskatchewan.



**Darryl McDonald**

**Director of Operations, Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation**

Darryl McDonald was the Corporate Executive Officer, Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation who has in-depth knowledge of Indigenous Resource Management and Economic Development. From 1998 to April 2003, Darryl was the Governance Coordinator for Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations. Skills: Government, Policy, Leadership

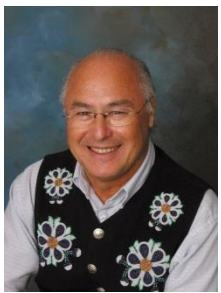
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### **Teena Calf Robe**

Danit'ada, Sizi Tsuut'ina Nishina ata. Her name is Tsuut'ina-Cree Woman. Her English name is Teena Calf Robe. Her mother is the late Shirley Starlight from Tsuut'ina Nation, her father is the late William Auger/Makokis from Saddle Lake Cree Nation. She was born and raised in Tsuut'ina. Teena is a mother of four and a proud grandmother of 8 beautiful grandchildren. Teena received her Bachelors of Education with a minor in Math from the University of

Calgary in 1999. She began her teaching career working for Calgary Board of Education. Her dream was to become an educator and teach her own people. She moved with her children to her children's homeland on the Blood Reserve. Teena worked for the Kainia Board of Education for 14 years. During this time she returned part time to school at the University of Lethbridge and received her Master's Degree in FNMI Curriculum Leadership in 2012. Teena returned to her homeland of Tsuut'ina in 2016. She began working as a teacher and soon became the Vice Principal at Chiila Elementary. In the fall of 2017 she accepted the position of Tsuut'ina Curriculum Developer for Education. Today Teena works closely with Tsuut'ina Elders, Tsuut'ina Gunaha Institute, and educators to develop Seasonal Cultural Teachings for Grades K4- Grade 12, she is developing Tsuut'ina curriculum and implementing Tsuut'ina teachings within the current Alberta curriculum in all subject areas.



### **Clément (Clem) Chartier**

Clem is a citizen of the Métis Nation, was born at Ile a la Crosse, Saskatchewan and raised in the nearby Métis village of Buffalo Narrows. He is a lawyer, writer, lecturer and activist and has served in both political and administrative capacities with numerous Indigenous peoples' organizations nationally and internationally. President Chartier is best known for his work on Indigenous rights. In 2003, President Chartier was elected President of the Métis Nation and is currently serving his fifth-term. A seasoned political figure and recipient of a Queen's

Counsel distinction for his work in law, President Chartier has pushed the Métis Nation's rights agenda at various levels of Canada's judicial system and continues to provide counsel in on-going Métis-specific cases. Focused on strengthening the Métis Nation from its core – President Chartier's goal during the next few years is to re-locate the Métis Nations' government to the historic Red River by 2020.



### **Tessa Erickson**

Tessa is a 16 year old high school student from the Nak'azdli Whut'en Band. She is working on developing an app with a team of youth to help preserve and revitalize the Dakelh language. She is also planning to run a culture and language camp for the youth with the help of members from her community.



### **Gayle Frank**

Ask Gayle Frank, from Xwisten in the St'at'imc Nation about her priorities in life. The answer she provides will never change. "Being a mother to three beautiful children is and always will be my top job". Gayle grew up in Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops BC), where she learned the essence and value of family. On her journey, Gayle has witnessed many injustices to Indigenous

people and more specifically, Indigenous women. Hence, her passion for Indigenous Women and Youth flourished in her volunteer work. Gayle followed the footsteps of her maternal family by graduating from Simon Fraser University with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in First Nations Studies and Archeology. Leaders lead by example and Gayle has demonstrated to her community that hard work, integrity and passion can lead to effective change. Her advocacy work, grassroots initiatives and ability to connect with people are more than idea's, they are part of her character. Her busy schedule as a mother to three has not slowed her down in her philanthropic work. Gayle is an Ambassador with the Minerva Foundation for BC Women and a past Recruiter for the Minerva Women in Leadership Training Program. She is also a member with the BC Native Women's Association and works tirelessly to affect positive change for Indigenous women in the province. She has previously held Board of Director positions including Interim President, Vice President and currently Secretary. In her pursuit of bringing her work and ideas to a larger scale, Gayle joined the Native Women's Association of Canada as a member of the National Board of Director in 2016 and in August 2017 as Secretary. This past January, Gayle was elected as of First Vice President. Gayle currently works with indigenous Youth as a youth worker through a program called Project Venture. Through social and community adventures, the PV team is able to facilitate healthy boundaries and risk taking with Indigenous youth. Cultural teachings and preservation are something Gayle takes seriously and many look to her for advice. Gayle's role as a leader and cultural teacher comes to her as a gift of teachings by her S'tat'imc Mom and Aunties. These strong women taught her about advocating for Indigenous rights, culture and language. As an extension of her cultural teaching, she started a St'at'imc hand drumming group in Kamloops, BC to help the urban Indigenous community stay



### **Richard Jefferies**

#### **Chair – Te Ohu Whai Ao Charitable Trust**

Richard affiliates to the Ngati Raukawa and Ngati Tukorehe tribes of Aotearoa/New Zealand. Richard is Development Manager with Waikato/Tainui tribe and is committed to generating opportunities for Indigenous businesses to collaborate and trade. Richard is passionate about the development of Maori and Indigenous business models that reflect and integrate the culture of the Tangata Whenua (original people of the land) into the

way in which they conduct business and clarify their vision and purpose. He has provided advisory services to over 300 Maori organizations during 18 years as a management consultant and has been involved in a range of strategic initiatives for Maori across various industries. Richard sits on several boards and is also a businessman in his own right with interests in the kiwifruit industry. He is a fluent speaker of the Maori language, has wide experience in Maori education, and is happily married with six children. Richard also leads Te Ohu Whai Ao Charitable Trust which was set up to organize WIBF 2018 to be hosted by the Māori people of New Zealand/Aotearoa. The Trust will also represent Māori from New Zealand on the World Indigenous Business Network.



**Brian Maracle**

Owennatekha (Brian Maracle) has been the principal instructor at Onkwawenna Kentyohkwa (Our Language Society) since its founding in 1999. Located at Six Nations, Ontario, it is a full-time adult immersion program which uses a unique root-word teaching method to create fluent speakers by enabling students to think in the language. The program has spawned similar programs in other communities, in other languages.