

Strengthening and Revitalizing Indigenous Language and Culture 2018 – Membertou First Nation, Nova Scotia

Membertou Trade & Convention Centre
50 Maillard St, Membertou, B1S 3W3

AGENDA

Day One: Monday March 5, 2018

Pre-Registration: 3:00pm – 6:00pm

3:00 – Early Registration Open

Day Two: Tuesday March 6, 2018

Registration 7:30am – 4:00pm, Events 7:00am – 8:30pm

7:00 – Lighting the Sacred Fire Sunrise Ceremony
Membertou Heritage Park (next door to the convention centre)

7:30 – Registration Open / Breakfast Buffet Open

8:00 – Pipe Ceremony

Jane Meader

Membertou Trade & Convention Centre (Kiju Room 2nd
level)

8:30 – Opening Remarks: Masters of Ceremonies

Mona Buors & Desiree Gellespie, St. Laurent MB, Metis
Nation

Opening Ceremony & Prayer

Elder Katherine Sorbey & Jeff Ward, Membertou First
Nation

8:45 – Welcome Remarks

Councillor Graham Marshall, Membertou First Nation

9:00 – Welcome Remarks & Presentation

Regional Chief Morley Googoo, Assembly of First Nations
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9:30 – Welcome Remarks

Jeff Ward, Nova Scotia/Newfoundland Union of Nova
Scotia Indians

**9:45 – Keynote Presentation: Peter Jacobs, Professor in
Linguistics Phd, Simon Frasier University, Squamish
Nation**

Morning Refreshment Break: Networking (20 min)

10:35 – Plenary Panel: Community Experiences

Angela Noah, Delaware Nation

Danielle Saddleman, Okanagan Indian Band

Mona Buors, St. Laurent

Samanthan Tugak-Brown, Rankin Inlet

11:00 – Documentary Screening

Indigenous Youth Filmmakers, National Screen Institute

**11:30 – Keynote Presentation: Norman Fleury, Michif
Elder (Saskatoon SK)**

Lunch Served: Traditional Showcase

**1:00 – Keynote Presentation: Darryl McDonald, Fond du
Lac Denesuline First Nation SK**

1:30 – Breakout Session: Facilitated dialogue on Language &
Culture recommendations *All sessions welcome Two Spirit*

Afternoon Refreshment Break: Networking (20 min)

**2:50 – Keynote: Teena Calf Robe, Tsuut'ina Curriculum
Developer, Tsuut'ina Board of Education**

3:15 – Presentation: National Language & Culture Strategy &
Policy

Clem Chartier, President, Metis National Council

Gayle Frank, Vice-President, Native Women's Association
of Canada

4:00 – Emcee Announcements: **John Ramanen**
Round Dance: **Michael Denny**

6:30 – Community Organized Traditional Feast

8:30 – Presentation

Michael R. Denny & Mi'kmaq Dancers

2nd Generation Band

Jeff Ward & Choir

Day Three: Wednesday March 7, 2018

Registration 7:30pm – 12:00pm, Events 8:30am – 3:00pm

7:30 – Registration Open / Breakfast Buffet Open

8:30 – Opening Ceremony: Master of Ceremonies
Michael R. Denny, Eskasoni First Nation NS

**9:00 – International Keynote Presentation:
Richard Tauehe Jefferies, Chair Te Ohu Whai Ao
Charitable Trust (New Zealand)**

**9:30 – Keynote Presentation: Brian Maracle,
Onkwawenna Kentyohkwa, Six Nations ON**

Morning Refreshment Break: Networking (max 20)

**10:20 – Keynote Presentation: Tessa Erickson, Nak'azdli
Whut'en Band (Youth Speaker)**

10:45 – Breakout Session: Facilitated dialogue on Language &
Culture recommendations *All sessions welcome Two Spirit*

Lunch Served: Traditional Showcase

1:00 – Breakout Session Presentations:

Youth, Women, Elders, All Ages

2:00 – Honour Song and Legacy Calls to Action
26 Communities

3:00 – Closing Remarks

Michael Denny, Master of Ceremony

Prayer / Sacred Fire

Jeff Ward

Closing Round Dance

Michael Denny