



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, May 17, 2023

(44)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples met this day at 6:45 p.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Brian Francis, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Arnot, Audette, Coyle, Francis, Greenwood, LaBoucane-Benson, Martin, McCallum, Sorensen and Tannas (10).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator Housakos (1).

*Participating in the meeting:* Brittany Collier and Sara Fryer, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, May 4, 2023, the committee continued its examination of Bill C-29, An Act to provide for the establishment of a national council for reconciliation.

**WITNESSES:**

*As an individual:*

The Honourable Senator Patrick Brazeau.

*National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation:*

Stephanie Scott, Executive Director (by videoconference);

Raymond Frogner, Head of Archives (by videoconference).

*Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak:*

Melanie Omeniho, President (by videoconference).

*Congress of Aboriginal Peoples:*

Kim Beaudin, National Vice-Chief;

Lorraine Augustine, Board Director (by videoconference).

*National Association of Friendship Centres:*

Jocelyn W. Formsma, Chief Executive Officer.

The Honourable Senator Brazeau, Raymond Frogner, Stephanie Scott and Melanie Omeniho each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:44 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:50 p.m., the committee resumed.

National Vice-Chief Kim Beaudin, Lorraine Augustine and Jocelyn W. Formsma each made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:37 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Andrea Mugny

*Clerk of the Committee*