



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, June 7, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples met this day at 11:33 a.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, Hartling, LaBoucane-Benson and Patterson (*Nunavut*) (8).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator Bernard (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, March 3, 2022, the committee continued its examination of the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and any other subject concerning Indigenous Peoples. (Topic: Voices of Youth Indigenous Leaders 2023)

**WITNESSES:**

*As individuals:*

Katherine Merrell-Anderson;

Dylan Adam;

Dina Koonoo;

Bertram Bernard.

Katherine Merrell-Anderson made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:58 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 12 p.m., the committee resumed.

Dylan Adam made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:21 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:24 p.m., the committee resumed.

Dina Koonoo made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:52 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:56 p.m., the committee resumed.

Bertram Bernard made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:20 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Andrea Mugny

*Clerk of the Committee*