



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, September 20, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples met this day at 6:47 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, Coyle, Francis, Greenwood, Martin and Sorensen (6).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senators Audette, Dalphond, Prosper and White (4).

*Participating in the meeting:* Allison Lowenger 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: Briefings on Indigenous Affairs)

*WITNESSES:*

*Government of the Northwest Territories:*

Garth Eggenberger, Chief Coroner, Coroner's Office, Department of Justice (by videoconference).

*Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario:*

Dirk Huyer, Chief Coroner for Ontario.

*Bureau du coroner du Québec:*

Andrée Kronström, Coroner (by videoconference).

*Royal BC Museum:*

Jodi Giesbrecht, Vice President, Archives, Collections and Research (by videoconference);

Emma Wright, Director of Archives (by videoconference).

*Société historique de Saint-Boniface:*

Janet La France, Executive Director (by videoconference);

Julie Reid, Head Archivist (by videoconference).

Garth Eggenberger, Dirk Huyer and Andrée Kronström each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:45 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:53 p.m., the committee resumed.

Jodi Giesbrecht and Janet La France each made a statement and, together with Emma Wright and Julie Reid, answered questions.

At 8:44 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Andrea Mugny

*Clerk of the Committee*