



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, December 12, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples met in camera this day at 9:30 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, Prosper and Sorensen (8).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senators McNair and White (2).

Participating in the meeting: Sara Fryer and Robert Mason, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, October 26, 2023, 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: Canadian Human Rights Framework)

Pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee discussed in camera a draft report.

It was agreed that the committee allow the transcription of the in camera portion of today's meeting, that one copy be kept with the clerk of the committee for consultation by committee members or staff, and that the transcript be destroyed by the clerk when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of this parliamentary session.

At 9:42 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 9:53 a.m., the committee resumed in public.

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WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Sisters of Charity - Halifax:

Mary Flynn, Congregational Archivist;

Sister Donna Geernaert, Former Congregational Leader.

Mary Flynn and Sister Donna Geernaert made a statement together and answered questions.

At 10:28 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Andrea Mugny

Clerk of the Committee