



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples met this day at 6:46 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, Hartling, LaBoucane-Benson, Martin, Sorensen and Tannas (10).

*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: Briefings on Indigenous Affairs)

### WITNESSES:

#### *First Nations Finance Authority:*

Ernie Daniels, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Steve Berna, Chief Operating Officer;

Jody Anderson, Director of Business Development.

Ernie Daniels made a statement and, together with Steve Berna and Jody Anderson, answered questions.

At 7:48 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:55 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft report.

It was agreed that the committee allow the transcription of the in camera portion of today's meeting, that a 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.

It was agreed that the chair draft a letter to the Minister of Finance in support of the First Nations Finance Authority.

At 8:33 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Andrea Mugny

*Clerk of the Committee*