



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, May 3, 2023  
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[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, Boniface, Coyle, Francis, Greenwood, LaBoucane-Benson, Martin, Patterson (*Nunavut*) and Sorensen (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: Canadian Human Rights Framework)

### WITNESSES:

#### *Congress of Aboriginal Peoples:*

Elmer St. Pierre, National Chief;

Elizabeth Blaney, Director of Policy Development (by videoconference);

James Devoe, Chief Executive Officer.

#### *As an individual:*

Dalee Sambo Dorough, Senior Scholar and Special Adviser on Arctic Indigenous Peoples, University of Alaska Anchorage (by videoconference).

National Chief Elmer St. Pierre made a statement and, together with Elizabeth Blaney and James Devoe, answered questions.

At 7:29 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:34 p.m., the committee resumed.

Dalee Sambo Dorough made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:36 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Andrea Mugny

*Clerk of the Committee*