



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, April 17, 2024
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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 deputy chair, the Honourable David M. Arnot, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Arnot, Coyle, Hartling, Martin, McNair, Sorensen and White (7).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senator Audette (1).

Participating in the meeting: Sara Fryer and Antoine Csuzdi-Vallée, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, November 30, 2023, the committee continued its examination of the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, 2021 by Canada and First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples.

WITNESSES:

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples:

Elmer St. Pierre, National Chief (*by videoconference*);

Kim Beaudin, National Vice-Chief (*by videoconference*).

National Association of Friendship Centres:

Kelly Benning, President;

Kara Louttit, Policy Analyst;

Samantha Jack, Youth President.

Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Cree Nation Government:

Mandy Gull-Masty, Grand Chief (*by videoconference*).

Nisga'a Lisims Government:

Charles Morven, Secretary-Treasurer.

Elmer St. Pierre, Kim Beaudin, Kelly Benning, Kara Louttit and Samantha Jack each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:51 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:58 p.m., the committee resumed.

Mandy Gull-Masty and Charles Morven each made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:46 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Andrea Mugny

Clerk of the Committee