



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, October 29, 2025

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples met this day at 6:48 p.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the deputy chair, the Honourable Margo Greenwood, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Clement, Francis, Greenwood, Karetak-Lindell, McCallum, McNair, McPhedran, Pate, Prosper, Sorensen, Tannas and White (12).

Participating in the meeting: Sara Fryer and Allison Lowenger, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Indian Act (new registration entitlements).

WITNESSES:

Indigenous Bar Association in Canada:

Drew M. Lafond, Member-at-Large (*by videoconference*);

Suzanne Patles, Board member (*by videoconference*).

Papaschase First Nation Band 136 Association:

Chief Darlene Misik.

International Organization of Indigenous Resource Development, Littlechild Law:

Chief Wilton Littlechild, International Chief of Treaties No. 6, 7 and 8;

Laurie Buffalo, Intergovernmental Policy Analyst, Treaty and Indigenous Rights Technician.

Michel Callihoo Nation Society:

Beverley Asmann, Board Member.

Giganawenimaanaanig MMIWG2S+ Implementation Committee:

Sandra DeLaronde, Chairperson.

As an individual:

Troy Chalifoux, Senior Counsel, Maurice Law.

Suzanne Patles, Chief Darlene Misik and Chief Wilton Littlechild each made a statement and, together with Laurie Buffalo, answered questions.

At 7:59 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 8:09 p.m., the committee resumed.

Beverley Asmann and Sandra DeLaronde each made a statement and, together with Troy Chalifoux, answered questions.

At 8:55 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Sébastien Payet

Clerk of the Committee