



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, December 10, 2025
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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 Michèle Audette, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Audette, Clement, Greenwood, McCallum, McPhedran, Pate, Prosper and Tannas (8).

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, November 26, 2025, the committee continued its consideration of the subject matter of Part 4 and those elements contained in Division 35 of Part 5 of Bill C-15, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on November 4, 2025.

WITNESSES:

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada:

Élizabeth Pigeon, Director General, Modern Treaty Implementation, Modern Treaties, Consultation and Intergovernmental Relations Sector;

Benoît Chartrand, Manager, Modern Treaty Management East, Modern Treaties, Consultation and Intergovernmental Relations Sector.

Department of Justice Canada:

Julia Redmond, Counsel, Negotiations and Northern Affairs, CIRNAC/ISC Legal Services.

First Nations Tax Commission:

Manny Jules, Chief Commissioner (*by videoconference*).

Tzeachten First Nation:

Chief Derek Epp (*by videoconference*).

Brokenhead First Nation:

Chief Gord Bluesky (*by videoconference*).

Élizabeth Pigeon made a statement and, together with Julia Redmond and Benoît Chartrand, answered questions.

At 7:05 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:06 p.m., the committee resumed.

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At 7:32 p.m., the committee resumed.

Chief Commissioner Manny Jules, Chief Derek Epp and Chief Gord Bluesky each made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:32 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Sébastien Payet

Clerk of the Committee