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The Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples met this day at 9 a.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, Francis, Greenwood, Karetak-Lindell, McCallum, Pate, Prosper and Sorensen (9).

Participating in the meeting: Sara Fryer and Oana Spinu, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

The chair informed the committee of the tragic events that occurred at Canadian Forces Base Wainwright and the committee observed a minute of silence.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the committee began its consideration on any matters relating to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada. (Topic: Block Review Process from the Office of the Indian Registrar)

WITNESSES:

Association Tahishpuatenan and Adélaïde Matshiragan Advocacy Group:

Jérémie Roussel, President, Tahishpuatenan Association;

Audrey Mayrand, Lawyer.

Indigenous Services Canada:

Lori Doran, Director General, Individual Affairs Branch;

Claire Thie, Indian Registrar.

As individuals:

Ryan Beaton, Lawyer;

Guillaume St-Gelais Dubé.

Jérémie Roussel, Audrey Mayrand, Ryan Beaton and Guillaume St-Gelais Dubé each made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:08 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 10:12 a.m., the committee resumed.

Lori Doran made a statement and, together with Claire Thie, answered questions.

At 11:03 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Sébastien Payet

Clerk of the Committee