



The HIP Circle

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HIP ENHANCES ITS INDIGENOUS VOICE

HIP is delighted to announce the addition of Eleanor Bernard from Cape Breton and Karen Mackenzie from Edmonton to HIP's Board of Directors.

Eleanor, an Honorary Doctorate from University of Cape Breton, with a Master of Education from St. FX and. A Mi'kmaw, has been Executive Director of Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey (MK), an advocacy organization working on behalf of Mi'kmaw students. They have a 90% secondary school graduation rate, the highest of all Indigenous communities in Canada and higher than local non-Indigenous students. Eleanor will be working closely with Tom Herman from Wolfville, NS.

Karen, a Cree-Metis woman is co-founder and President of MacKintosh Consulting and has the western rights for Peoples Best, an organization aimed at getting the best out of people. Much of her work is with aboriginal communities. She is active in a number of organizations including the Edmonton Police Commission and the Coady Institute at St. FX. She is a former Rotarian and will be working closely with Jan Fox in Alberta.

NEW HIP DISTRICT COORDINATORS

HIP is happy to announce the appointment of new District Coordinators who will work directly with HIP in promoting HIP's mission of promoting awareness and supporting Indigenous Education while developing Non-Indigenous and Indigenous relationships.

Nicole Patterson, the President of the East York Rotary Club, has agreed to be HIP's coordinator for District 7070. Beyond being an admirable Rotarian, Nicole has already made significant contributions to supporting Indigenous Peoples and HIP's mission. Additionally, she is a Kairos facilitator.

Jim and Marjorie Dawson from Simcoe, have agreed to be co-coordinators for District 7090. They have built respectful working relationships with Indigenous Peoples in Pikangikum and, more recently close to home, with the Mississaugas of the Credit. They are currently learning the Anishinaabe language and will be assisted by Nick Bodo from Welland.

Indigenous Services Canada Ontario Region Joint Gathering

HIP was invited to join with federal, provincial, First Nation and other partners to provide a booth in the marketplace to showcase information and services. HIP Executive Director John Currie, Chair Chris Snyder and Nicole Patterson from the Rotary Club of East York were in attendance for the duration of the gathering. First Nations leadership from across the province gathered to discuss the work of ISC and how to collaborate to advance First Nation interests. It was a huge success with much discussion.

HIP Webinar with District Governor's & District Governors Elect

HIP hosted an introduction to HIP to Rotary DG's across Canada in a video conference on May 22nd. HIP is seeking to inspire Rotary Districts across Canada to share ideas & knowledge on relationship building activities. So much is possible when people across Canada work together with First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples. Did you know, there are 720 clubs across Canada and 23,332 Rotarian's?

ROTARY DISTRICT 7820

The District Conference included a Professional Training Day for District Governor and incoming club presidents and secretaries in Pictou, Nova Scotia. Included was a four hour KAIROS Blanket Ceremony which was eye-opening for the attendees.

Senator Dan Christmas of the Membertou First Nation in Cape Breton gave the keynote speech (on reconciliation) at the Conference. The Rotary Club of Happy Valley – Goose Bay followed with a presentation about their work with the indigenous communities in Labrador.

ROTARY DISTRICT 5550

Great news!!!! John Melnick from the Rotary Club of Winnipeg West has organized a HIP Committee in his club! The Rotary Club of Winnipeg & Winnipeg West will meet every second month at the Aboriginal Centre Restaurant.

ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG

HIP Director, David Newman reports the club is working on several projects later in the year including a project with Shoal Lake, a HIP fundraiser, First Contact at Ma Ma Wi and signing of a Winnipeg Indigenous Accord.

ROTARY CLUB OF EAST YORK

HIP Executive Director, John Currie was appreciative to receive a significant donation from the RC of East York on May 23rd which will be applied to HIP's Language & Literacy Program!

PILOT BOOK PROGRAM

Thank you to the support from an anonymous donor, HIP received a generous donation which will be designated to HIP's Language & Literacy Program. Because of a generous discount by Goodminds, this donation will stretch to provide approximately 100 books for Indigenous youth!

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TORONTO

Rotarian David Libby, Water First Executive Director, John Millar and The Rotary Club of Toronto President, Jeff Dobson presented a cheque for \$5,000 to Water First for training and education of Indigenous interns on water testing, environmental testing and water treatment plant management and maintenance. www.waterfirst.ngo.

CURRENT REQUESTS

\$30,000 for Milestone Trip to Ottawa or Toronto for 14 Ahgwahbuush Memorial School grade 8 students from fly-in First Nations community of Poplar Hill. Needed for June.
Sponsor: Needed.

25 Welcome Boxes for Indigenous Students attending Northeastern Catholic District School in Timmins.
Sponsor: RC of Pickering & RC of Timmins.

175 Welcome Boxes for Indigenous Students attending Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School in Thunder Bay.
Sponsor: Robin Hood Army & Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

50 Laptops for Indigenous Students attending post-secondary education.
Sponsor: Needed

6 Laptops for NeMeRes in support of Indigenous Men.
Sponsor: RC of Toronto

\$1000 in Support of Language Restoration & Literacy. Funding provides cultural and language specific books to Indigenous students.
Sponsor: RC of East York

\$1500 in Support of Language Restoration & Literacy. Funding provides cultural and language specific books to Indigenous students.
Sponsor: Anonymous Donor

\$2500 for Bursaries for Indigenous students attending post-secondary education. Dollar match available.
Sponsor: Needed.



RECOMMENDED BOOK
CANOE KIDS VOL. 1
 by Kelly Brownbill

Canoe Kids Vol. 1 Ojibwe Single Digital Version PDF January 2016 is the premier issue of Canoe Kids' publication designed as a family resource for kids of all ages. The mandate for the full-colour PDF is Exploring Indigenous Cultures through Authentic Indigenous Voices. The first issue is devoted to an understanding the First Nations of Manitoulin Island.

<http://www.goodminds.com/canoe-kids-vol-1-ojibwe-single-digital-version-pdf>

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

June 21 is designated as “National Indigenous Peoples Day.” A celebration of Indigenous Peoples’ culture and heritage. The date was chosen because it corresponds to the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, and because for generations, many Indigenous Peoples’ have celebrated their culture and heritage at this time of year.

National Indigenous Peoples Day is a wonderful opportunity to become better acquainted with the cultural diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, discover the unique accomplishments of Indigenous Peoples in fields as varied as agriculture, the environment and the arts, and celebrate their significant contribution to Canadian society.

INDIGENOUS VS NON-INDIGENOUS COURTS

First Nations people in court, out of respect, do not look the judge in the eye. Many judges originally viewed looking away as an admission of guilt. "Aboriginal Peoples in Canada" Kevin Reed, Mary Joy Elijah, Keith Lickers, Pearson Education Canada/GoodMinds.com pg 267

	Aboriginal Justice Systems	Canadian Justice System
Purpose of Proceedings	The purpose is to heal the offender, restore harmony to the community, and reconcile the offender and victim.	The purpose is to punish bad behaviour and protect society.
Concept of Guilt	There is no such concept as guilt. Admitting an offence is welcomed as a step in the healing process.	A person is thought to be either guilty or not guilty. Admitting an offence leads to a conviction.
Testifying	Witnesses may testify without the accused present to avoid confrontation.	The accused is present to hear all the evidence from witnesses
Incarceration	Prison sentences are not given out. Restitution is seen as the better outcome.	Prison sentences are given out as a deserved punishment.



RC of Sudbury presented N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre with \$3000 for literacy.

INDIGENOUS LIFE FESTIVAL SUMMER 2019

SUMMER 2019! Three Indigenous Life Festival events are being celebrated in and around Ontario where Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members will come together to share information and awareness through interactive and creative activities.

Sunday June 30th - The Village at Blue Mountain (Collingwood) is hosting a one day event that will include; Elder storytelling, Ontario Assc of Native Friendship Center's Broken Circle awareness sharing workshop, Indigenous drumming, dancing, music and food.

August 24-25th - The Town of Thornbury is hosting their first Indigenous Life Festival for the weekend focused on sharing of information and awareness through interactive story-telling, medicine pouch making where guests will learn the significance and importance of sacred medicines to Indigenous peoples, Indigenous Food sovereignty information sharing and tasting with Chef Zach Keeshig, music with drum and dance and much more.

Sept. 2019 - City of Barrie is planning an ILF event in September.

Watch for further details and visit www.indigenouslifefestival.com.



RC of East York President Nicole Patterson, HIP Chair Chris Snyder, Former Ontario Regional Chief Stan Beardy & HIP Executive Director John Currie.

HIP TALKS

*Understanding the Past.
Moving Forward Together.*

June 12: RC of Whitby

June 20: RC of Toronto West

September 19 – 21: Gathering – First Nation Literary Festival, Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre, Midland Public Library, <https://orilliacentre.com>

November 17: RHUC

UPCOMING

Events & Activities

June 10: Change the Narrative, RC of Toronto

June 12th: Anishnawbe Health Centre, 2019 Toronto Reception and Auction (5:30 – 8:00 p.m.)

June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 30th - The Village at Blue Mountain (Collingwood), Indigenous Life Festival.

July 12 – 14: 2019 Gathering with the Credit River. Erindale Park, Mississauga, ON.

August 24-25th - The Town of Thornbury, Indigenous Life Festival

September - City of Barrie, Life Festival

September 14: Dennis Franklin Cromarty School - Wake the Giant, Thunder Bay.

March, 2020, Un-ceded: Voices of the land – Canadian Museum of History, Ottawa. Led by the world renowned "Contemporary Master of Architecture" and traditional Elder Douglas Cardinal, UNCEDED showcases the works and voice of 18 prominent Indigenous architects and designers from across Turtle Island who share an Indigenous vision for the future of our human family.

GOT AN EVENT OR LOCAL STORY?

Send It To Us!

If you have an event or news related to HIP's mission that you would like published, please email Julie Dunaiskis at:

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INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA JOINT GATHERING

Opportunities to Build Relationships & Work Together

John Currie, Nicole Patterson and I were recently at the Joint Gathering of Indigenous Peoples and others in Toronto sponsored by Indigenous Services Canada, Ontario Region (ISC). There were about 300 in attendance.

The conference included a number of reports and speeches, approximately 25 booths including HIP's and plenty of opportunity to mix and mingle. My estimate is about 85% of the people were Indigenous. There were many takeaways. Below are some of my notes, not listed in any order of importance.

- The conference provided plenty of opportunities to have conversations. We had many who came to our booth wondering what we are about of which we had a number of in-depth conversations about working together.
- In particular, we had good conversations with the Rangers. They are part of the Canadian military. Most are Indigenous and their role is to patrol the north including search and rescue. There are both senior and junior Rangers (12-18). They do great work. Most recently, they coordinated the evacuation of Kashechewan. We believe there will be opportunities to work with the Junior Rangers and helping with skill development. For more info check them out online.
- We had excellent discussions with other groups including the Yellow-head Institute (an Indigenous think tank which Tim Thompson, a HIP board member, is a fellow), AFOA about financial literacy, the Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle, a drone group and a number of ISC's departments including implementing Jordan's Principle (ensuring Indigenous children have the same opportunities as non-Indigenous children).
- While there may be tensions at a number of levels, we found the government people were there to listen and were open in their discussions and comments.
- Listening to various reports and individual discussions, I heard many comments from Indigenous Peoples: there is progress being made in reconciliation but there is a long way to go. All nations (bands) need more money to do what is required to do under the Indian Act which dictates what Indigenous Peoples can do.
- While there is much more money being allocated to Indigenous Peoples, there is a huge catch up. There is too much bureaucracy and wasted time spent filling in reports which could be better used in other matters. This shows a form of distrust by government. Furthermore, money is allotted for a short time which leads to uncertainty and planning of long-term programs. We also know governments are slow.
- In my opinion, expectation levels with the election of the Liberals several years ago were raised to a very high level and action has not been as fast as anticipated. All of this leads to discontent and distrust.
- A large number of nations have been taken off the water boil advisory but some are slipping back. There is a need to train the people to care for water and systems.
- In several conversations, I was told the trust level between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples has not improved. Many interactions are still being carried out using a colonial mentality. People seemed to agree that relationship building was paramount.
- People agreed with our approach and focus. In particular, they like our board makeup of 50% Indigenous and 50% Rotarian. Most people know nothing about Rotary. Our relationship building and getting Indigenous Peoples as members will go a long way. They like our idea of connecting every Rotary club with an Indigenous community.

On a personal level, I was very happy to reconnect with Stan Beardy, a former Ontario Regional Chief. Stan was one of HIP's early advisors advocating strongly for education. He was also one of the inspirations behind the large Indigenous component in last year's Rotary International Convention in Toronto. More recently, he had a lot to do with Tanya Talaga writing her book *Seven Fallen Feathers* and more recently in the creation of the series' *First Contact*. While officially retired, he is still active behind the scenes.

In summary, a wonderful two days. Some of what we learned will be played out through HIP.

Migwetch (Thank You)
Chris Snyder
 HIP Chairperson
 Rotary Club of Toronto

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Please join us! Imagine what is possible when all 720 Rotary Clubs across Canada, and others, work together with First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples!

While we have a strong connection to Rotary, HIP includes a diverse membership comprising of schools, faith groups, businesses and other service organizations.

Individuals, Rotary Clubs and other groups can become a HIP Ally or helper by visiting HIP’s website and submitting the online application. The 2019 rates are as follows:

Type	Annual Fee
Indigenous Organizations (<i>helpers</i>)	Free
Students (& youth under 21)	\$25
Individual	\$100
Rotary Club with less than 75 members	\$250
Schools & Education Institutes	\$250
Rotary Club with greater than 75 members, Other Service Clubs, Partners & Corporations	\$500

Join the 200+ Rotary Clubs already working collaboratively with Indigenous peoples to “Change the Narrative!” and address education challenges.

- Credible recognition as an Ally
- Participation in a nation-wide movement
- A like-minded community to exchange ideas
- The opportunity to connect with other leaders who are changing Canada
- Awareness of active reconciliation activities
- Access to “Ally” video conference meetings
- Access to resources (Education, speakers, promotional material, etc.)
- Access to partners (Transportation, Indigenous organizations, etc.)
- Discounts and special offers (10% discount with Goodminds.com, etc.)

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Big Thank You to Our CIRCLE OF ALLIES

