



MEMORANDUM

To: Ms. Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council

From: Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Chair on Truth and Reconciliation

O-AGC Meeting Date: Monday, January 30, 2017

Subject: **Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report
(September 19th, 2016 through January 30th, 2017)**

Chair on Truth and Reconciliation (Administration)

The CTR was appointed to the position of Chair on September 16, 2016 at the Bora Laskin Law School. There were several dignitaries in attendance, including Indigenous leadership, and federal and provincial ministers.

The purpose behind the appointment was to strengthen the ability of Lakehead to perform consistent and far reaching engagement with Indigenous leadership and communities local to Lakehead in NW Ontario, but also regionally and nationally to enhance Lakehead's position as a destination for Indigenous education in Ontario and Canada.

In addition, the Chair is tasked with updating and informing the President of Lakehead University about educational and political developments within the Indigenous community across Canada, and ensuring Lakehead is observed as a primary institute in the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions "94 Calls to Action" and the "13 Principles" tabled by the University Presidents on Indigenizing the Academy.

The Chair filed two proposals before the end of September 2016, one to the Provincial government and one Federal to bring people together across the NW and deal with Policing and Justice issues. On December 12th both proposals were returned for revision and redirection. The CTR had them both out the door before January 30th 2017.

Chair on Truth and Reconciliation (Academic)

Academic Review for Tenure: The CTR was an evaluator for tenure track position at the Emily Carr School of Art and Design in BC for Mimi Gellman, January 2017

Academic Review for Conversion: The CTR was an evaluator for Academic Conversion for Paul Baxter, York University, Toronto.

Academic Supervision: The CTR was the external evaluator for Ms. Cindy Janice Gaudet (Ph.D.) "Stories of the Land: Regenerating Life, Knowledge, and Well-Being in Moose Cree First Nations Community" Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at the University of Ottawa, The School of Human Kinetics, Thesis supervisor – Dr. Alexandra Arellano – (degree granted), November 8th

Published: The CTR published a chapter in "The Harper Factor" edited by Jennifer Ditchburn and Graham Fox, McGill-Queen's University Press, October 26th

Published: The CTR published a short article, "Listening So Kids Will Speak" Voices of Visions, Energy Publication, October 6th

Academic Teaching and Commentary:

The CTR published an article "Rematriating our Nations" for the Two Row Times, Six Nations, Ontario, January 2017.

The CTR did a talk on Truth and Reconciliation at Lakehead University for the LUNSA Speakers Series, January 12th

The CTR taught a Lakehead class, regarding the "Chair on Truth and Reconciliation" for Indigenous Feminism Class, Dr. Jan Oakley, Lakehead, Thunder Bay, November 11th

The CTR was invited to keynote on "Truth and Reconciliation" for the Crestwood Preparatory College, Human Rights Symposium, Toronto, November 10th

The CTR was invited to keynote and teach a class on the "TRC Calls to Action" for Prof. AnnMarie Walsh, Social Work, and Prof. Marian Archibald, Education, Lakehead Orillia, November 9th

In relationship to the Orillia Campus, the CTR was invited to keynote on "Indigenizing the Academy" for Rosseau Lake College, for Lance Postma, Muskoka, Ontario, November 7th

The CTR delivered a 3-hour (filmed) discussion on "Truth and Reconciliation – 94 Calls to Action" at Georgian College – Indigenous Knowledge Sharing for Georgian College's Professional Development Workshop Series, November 2nd

The CTR spoke to "Indigenous Content Requirements" the Lakehead experience for the University of Alberta, Keavy Martin, October 21st

The CTR, Frank Deer and Margaret Kovach spoke to Implementing the Truth and Reconciliation 94 Calls to Action, for the National Vice-President's Academic Council (NATVAC), Concordia University, Montreal, October 13th

Chair on Truth and Reconciliation (Community Outreach)

The CTR wrote and tabled a draft proposal for the mentoring program and

academic stream with DFCHS/NNEC on January 6th

The CTR did a Keynote presentation and Panel discussion on Academic Inclusion and Reconciliation for York University, January 27th

The CTR attended an Academic Reconciliation Seminar at the Vancouver Island University and chaired a session on Community-University Engagement, January 9th

The CTR met with Joe McGill, Community Capacity Development Coordinator on January 4th

The CTR and her husband, Steven Koptie opened their home to 5 International Students for Christmas Eve dinner, December 24th

The CTR met with the City of Thunder Bay to discuss Community Partners Student Orientation ideas and recommendations, December 22nd

The CTR and the Dean of the Faculty of Law met with DFCHS to discuss a law forum and a stronger partnership (adoption) of Dennis Frankin High School so we can work together to develop a mentoring program and an academic stream for grades 9 – 12, December 15th

The CTR was invited to mediate a reconciliation session for MNR (Matthew Orok) on First Nations Hunting and Fishing at Lac Seul First Nation and Treaty 3, December 13th

The CTR delivered a 3-hour workshop and conversation on “Indigenous Health Indicators and the TRC 94 Calls to Action” for the Porcupine Health Unit, Timmins, Ontario, December 9th

The CTR participated on a panel with Heather McCagg-Nystrom, Vice-President, Community and Extensions Aurora College, Yellowknife North Slave Campus and Jennifer St. Germain, Director, Education and Training Métis Nation of Ontario, w/moderator JP Gladue, on “Education and Reconciliation in Canada” for the Conference Board of Canada, Marriott Centre, Toronto, December 1st

The CTR was able to deliver a skype presentation on “The 94 Calls to Action and Indigenous Education” for the Aboriginal Education Council, Toronto, November 19th

The CTR had a conversation on “Healing and Reconciliation” with the Niagara Victim Services, and the Ontario Native Women’s Association, at the Mother Meera Centre, Niagara and Welland, November 17th

The CTR and Tyson MacGillivray delivered a workshop on the “Verna J. Kirkness Report and the Lakehead Aboriginal Mentorship Program” at the National Gathering for Indigenous Education, November 3-5th

The CTR and Melanie Goodchild, Cora Voyageur, Carol Anne Hilton, Erin Dixon,

and Don McIntyre facilitated a “Implementing Reconciliation Summit” Banff Centre, Alberta, October 29th and 30th

The CTR presented a workshop on “Healing Trauma and Addictions in Indigenous Community” NNADAP, Sault Ste. Marie, October 25th

NAN invited the CTR to moderate “The Secret Path: Community Engagement Event” and be the Master of Ceremonies, Thunder Bay Community Auditorium, October 23rd

The CTR joined Kevin Settee and Jacqueline Romanow on a panel addressing the “Implementation of mandatory Indigenous studies education at Lakehead”, University of Albert, October 21st

The CTR and Paul Gamble mutually delivered a two-day workshop and discussion on “Indigenous History and 94 Calls to Action, Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services Branch (AFFES), Sudbury, October 17th and 18th

The CTR, David Lindsay and Mike Dover participated on a panel on ‘Investing in Today, Building for Tomorrow’: Indigenous Leadership and Relationship Building into the Future, Ministry of Natural Resources Senior Management, Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston, October 7th

The CTR and Senator Murray Sinclair offered two key notes on “Truth and Reconciliation and the 94 Calls to Action, “Reconciling with Indigenous Canada, OPSEU, Cornwall, Ontario, October 1st

The CTR and Paul Gamble mutually delivered a two-day workshop on “Indigenous History and 94 Calls to Action, Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services Branch (AFFES), Thunder Bay, September 20th & 21st

Chair on Truth and Reconciliation – Media and Commentary

The CTR and Host Steve Mantis did a TV show on “The Chair on Truth and Reconciliation, for Shaw Cable, Thunder Bay, Ontario, December 7th

“Implementing Reform in Child Welfare” for APTN, November 3rd

“Stopping Indigenous Youth Suicide” with Anne Marie Tremonte, CBC – The Current, November 3rd

The CTR and Host Patricia Tomasi did a TV Show on “Truth and Reconciliation and the Chair for Lakehead, for Rogers Cable TV Barrie, Ontario, November 1st

“Halloween Costumes” CBC, October 24th

“Team Names and Controversy” CBC, October 12th

“Indigenous Content Requirement” CBC Winnipeg, September 29th

“Indigenous Content Requirement” Ontario Morning, with Wei Chen, September 20th

CTR Continuing Education and Training

“Healing Trauma: An Intergenerational Perspective” Gabor Mate and Daniel Mate, Edmonton, October 4th and 5th 2016

External Appointments (MSR)

The Chair on Truth and Reconciliation was appointed as the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada Minister’s Special representative on Child and Family Well-Being in August 2016 and confirmed in October 2016.

The MSR travelled to British Columbia with the INAC Director General for Child Welfare from November 22nd through November 30th to discuss Child Well-Being with the BC Leadership Council, the BC Health Authority, Delegated Child Welfare Agencies and several First Nation communities and nations.

The MSR travelled to Niagara and the London District to meet with Chiefs, mothers, and children to discuss Child Welfare Reform in December, and to Alberta and across Southern Ontario in January 2017.

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