



Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.

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MKO Hosts Discussion to Collaborate NAGPRA-like Law in Canada

Unceded Algonquin Territory, Ottawa, ON – Grand Chief Garrison Settee of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Inc. is hosting a discussion: “A Collaboration to Develop and Enact a NAGPRA-like Law in Canada”.

Tuesday, December 5, 2023
Les Saisons Room, 3rd floor
Westin Hotel Ottawa
2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

MKO invites those who would like to share their stories on their efforts to:

- locate the remains of the children at the locations of or associated with former Indian Residential Schools;
- secure the conclusive protection of the location of the sites of former Indian Residential Schools; and
- ensure the conclusive custody, control and authority to make decisions regarding disposition of the children and the sites by the custodial and culturally affiliated First Nations.

We hope these stories will guide the principles and processes to be contained in the provisions of the proposed new NAGPRA-like legislation.

Panelists:

Grand Chief Settee. Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak
Kimberly Murray – Special Interlocutor
Chief Willie Sellars – Williams Lake First Nation
Chief Rosanne Casimir – T̓k̓emlúps te Secwépemc

MKO is aware that many other First Nations across the country are encountering some of the same issues when locating potential burial sites. We must stand together to gain control and care for the children that didn't come home from residential schools and the repatriation of our sacred items and artifacts.

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Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. (MKO) is a non-profit, political advocacy organization that has represented 26 First Nation communities in Manitoba's North since 1981. The MKO represents more than 72,000 First Nations people.

