The Indigenous Bar Association’s 18th Annual Fall Conference
The IBA and the College of Law
University of Saskatchewan present:

“Making Aboriginal Policy: A Conference Ten Years after the Final Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples”

October 19-21, 2006 • Bessborough Hotel • Saskatoon, SK

DRAFT AGENDA DAY ONE
Thursday, October 19th, 2006

4:00 PM Registration

5:00 PM Reception

6:00 PM Welcoming Remarks:
- First Nations representative (TBA)
- Métis representative (TBA)
- Brent Cotter, Dean, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan
- Jeffery Hewitt, President, IBA

6:30 PM Public Addresses
- Conference Co-Chairs: Tom Molloy, Chancellor, U of S and Donald E. Worme. Q.C.
  Welcome to Saskatchewan

6:45-7:15 PM Address by the RCAP Co-Chairs
- Mr. Justice René Dussault, Quebec Court of Appeal
- Georges Erasmus

7:15-8:00 PM Public Address (open to the public)

“RCAP in Light of Present and Future Policy Directions: Canada’s Perspective”
- The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians (invited)
DRAFT AGENDA DAY TWO
Friday, October 20th, 2006

7:30 AM  Pipe Ceremony:  Elders; Conference guests welcome

8:30 AM  Opening Prayer:  Elders Maria Campbell and Danny Musqua

Welcoming remarks:  Conference Co-Chairs

9:00 AM  Opening Address:

“From the RCAP to the Future: Aboriginal Policy in Canada”
- Paul Chartrand, I.P.C.; College of Law, University of Saskatchewan and former Commissioner, RCAP

9:45 AM  Nutrition Break

Day Two: Morning Session
Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples

Chair: Judge Gerald Morin, Provincial Court Saskatchewan (Cree Court)

10:00 AM  Report Card Presentations:
- Alan C. Cairns, author of “Citizens Plus” (RCAP’s National Vision)
- Phil Fontaine, AFN National Chief, on RCAP’s ‘Nation-to-Nation’ Vision
- Scott Serson, Federal response to RCAP

12:00 PM  Luncheon

12:45 PM  Award of IBA Law Student Scholarship in Memory of Ronald Peigan
- Professor John Borrows, President, Indigenous Bar Association Law Student Scholarship Foundation

12:50 PM  Luncheon Speaker:

“The RCAP Experience: A Personal Perspective”
- Alan Blakeney

1:15 PM  Break
Day Two: Afternoon Session
Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (continued)

Chair: L. (Tony) Mandamin, Alberta Provincial Court Judge

2:00 PM Report Card Presentations (cont’d):

“RCAP and the role of the provinces in Aboriginal Policy”
- David Hawkes, RCAP Co-director of Research
- Bradford W. Morse, Faculty of Law, U of Ottawa

“RCAP’s Influence on the Courts”
- Chief Justice Allan Lutfy, Federal Court
- David Stack, Saskatchewan Bar, Saskatoon
- Commentator: Michael McCrossan, Ph.D. student, Carleton University

3:30 PM Nutrition Break

3:45 PM Workshops (concurrent)

1) RCAP’s Research Legacy
   - Marlene Brant Castellano, RCAP Co-director of Research
   - David Hawkes, RCAP Co-director of Research

2) RCAP’s Influence on development of international standards
   - Armand McKenzie, Innu representative at the United Nations

3) The Roles of the Attorney-General in developing Aboriginal policy and respecting Aboriginal constitutional rights
   - Brent Cotter, Dean, College of Law University of Saskatchewan

4) Provincial Policy Commissions: Manitoba and Saskatchewan
   - Mr. Justice Murray Sinclair, Manitoba Queen’s Bench and Manitoba AJI Commission (1991)

5) Indian Residential Schools Policy: Assessing RCAP & current initiatives
   - Kenneth B. Young, AFN

5:30 PM Closing Prayer: Elders Maria Campbell and Danny Musqua

Day Two: Evening Session
Public Debate on Aboriginal Policy

7:00-8:30 Chair: Tom Molloy, Chancellor, University of Saskatchewan
Panel Discussion: Public Debate on Aboriginal Policy
- Kiera Ladner, Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba
- David Nahwehgabow, I.P.C., Nahwegahbow Corbiere
- Nora Sanders, Deputy Minister, First Nations and Métis Relations, Saskatchewan
- John Richards, Professor, Simon Fraser University
DRAFT AGENDA DAY THREE
Saturday, 21 October, 2006

8:30 AM Opening Prayer: Elders Maria Campbell and Danny Musqua
Welcoming remarks: Conference Co-Chairs

Day Three: Morning Session
Public Inquiries & Aboriginal People

Chair: Madame Justice Rose Boyko, Ontario Superior Court

8:45 AM Keynote Address:
“A National Vision of Reconciliation”
  • Judge Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, Provincial Court Saskatchewan

9:30 AM Panel Discussion: “Public Inquiries and Aboriginal People”
  • Peter Russell, Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto; Policy Side of Ipperwash
  • Kimberly Murray, Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto (ALST)
  • Frances Abele, School of Public Administration, Carleton University

10:30 AM Nutrition Break

10:45 AM Workshops (concurrent):

  1) Challenging Deaths of Aboriginal Children in Foster Care
  2) Challenging Deaths of Aboriginal People in Custody
     • Kimberly Murray, ALST
  3) Using Evidence Effectively: A View from the Bench
     • Judge L. (Tony) Mandamin, Provincial Court Alberta
  4) Expert Witness Preparation
     • Donald E. Worme, Q.C., Semaganis Worme
  5) RCAP and Urban Issues
     • Sylvia Maracle, Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres
  6) Aboriginal Policy Development: Who Participates and How
     • Marilyn Poitras, University of Saskatchewan
     • John Whyte, Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy, University of Regina

12:00 PM Luncheon
Presentation: Law Commission of Canada
Day Three: Afternoon Session

National Policy Visions

Chair: Judge Graydon Nicholas, New Brunswick Provincial Court

2:00 PM A Vision or Strategy?
- Phil Fontaine, National Chief, AFN
- Patrick Brazeau, National Chief, CAP
- Mary Simon, President, ITK
- Clément Chartier, Q.C., President, MNC

3:30 PM Nutrition Break

3:45 PM Workshops (concurrent):

1) Understanding Truth and Reconciliation
   - Penny Andrews, Faculty of Law, New York University
   - Dwight Newman, Associate Dean, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan

2) “Stolen Sisters”: Strategy or Vision?
   - Bev Jacobs, President, Native Women’s Association of Canada

3) RCAP’s Communication Strategy, Public Opinion, and the Media
   - Liora Salter, York University

4) RCAP and a Treaty Vision: Open Forum for Workshop Participants
   - Moderator: Judge David Arnot, Treaty Commissioner for Saskatchewan

4:45 PM Closing Plenary Discussion

5:15 PM Closing Remarks: Conference Co-Chairs and IBA President

5:30 PM Closing Prayer: Elders Maria Campbell and Danny Musqua

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6:30 PM Opening remarks: Brent Cotter, Dean, College of Law University of Saskatchewan
- Welcome to Saskatoon: Mayor Don Atchison (invited)
- Keynote Speaker (to be announced)
- Presentation of Indigenous Peoples’ Counsel (I.P.C.) Distinction

Performances by Aboriginal performers (TBA)
Sunday, October 22nd, 2006

IBA COMMITTEE MEETINGS,
ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, SK

The Annual General Meeting for members of the Indigenous Bar Association will begin at 10:00 AM; meeting room location will be posted.