



Truth and Reconciliation
Commission of Canada

SASKATCHEWAN NATIONAL EVENT

JUNE 21-24, 2012

SASKATOON | PRAIRIELAND PARK



The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

will host its fourth National Event in Saskatoon. This is an opportunity for all Canadians, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, to learn more about and bear witness to the legacy of the Residential School system.

Join the TRC for the Saskatchewan National Event June 21-24, 2012 for:

- Statement Gathering
- Traditional Ceremonies
- Survivor Gatherings
- Witnessing Survivor Statements
- Education Day
- Cultural Performances
- Films, and more

SASKATCHEWAN REGIONAL HEARINGS

In addition to the National Event in Saskatoon, the TRC will hold 12 Community Hearings throughout Saskatchewan – a schedule is provided at the end of this booklet. Visit trc.ca to register to give a statement at an upcoming TRC Community Hearing.

TRC Community Hearings in Saskatchewan

In preparation for the Saskatchewan National Event to be held in Saskatoon on June 21-24, 2012, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) will hold 12 Community Hearings throughout the province.

TRC Hearings provide an opportunity for Residential School Survivors and anyone impacted to share with the Commission and Canada the unique experiences of children who attended Residential School.

This is also an opportunity for all Canadians, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, to learn more about and bear witness to the legacy of the Residential School system.



Commissioners listen to the experiences described by survivors before a public sharing panel during a TRC Hearing.

See a schedule of TRC Hearings in Saskatchewan listed at the end of this booklet.

What is a Community Hearing?

The purpose of TRC Community Hearings are to inform the public about the Commission's work and statement gathering process, and provide survivors with time to reflect and share their experiences in lead up to the Saskatchewan National Event.

A Community Hearing is:

- An opportunity to share your experiences publicly with the TRC Commissioners or via private statement gathering.
- A Forum for community leaders to present on behalf of their communities.
- A safe place to hear and share in other's experiences.
- A safe place to learn about the legacy and impacts of residential school.
- An opportunity to bear witness to this important event.



A Health Support worker wearing a vest is easily identified and lends support during a public hearing. TRC Community Hearings are not part of an IAP claims process.

Registering and Providing your Statement Public Statements

This is an opportunity to share your experiences with the TRC Commissioners in the main forum of the event.

Survivors, intergenerational survivors, their families, residential school staff and others are welcomed to make presentations at these hearings.

Your time to make your presentation will be limited depending on the number of people wishing to give statements. The typical length of allocated time is less than 15 minutes. Your statement will be audio and video recorded. Health supports will be present.

Those wishing to make a public statement are encouraged to register in advance of the hearings. To pre-register, visit trc.ca or contact the TRC's Regional Liaison for Saskatchewan, Kimberly Quinney by email at Kimberly.Quinney@trc.ca.

Private statements

This is an opportunity to share your experiences in complete confidence with just a health support and statement gatherer in the room.

Your statement will be audio or video recorded depending on your preference. There is no fixed time limit on these sessions however there is a recommended 1.5 hour maximum.

General Public Welcome

The general public is invited to observe the proceedings as witnesses. The role of the Witness is to observe or account for the significance of the event. Bearing witness to the thought provoking stories of residential school survivors helps to validate the survivor experience.



Those interested in sharing their experiences can select to make a private statement or a public statement.



A Residential School Survivor sits with a Statement Gatherer and a Health Support worker in a private session where the hearing is video recorded. Those sharing can bring photos, documents or other items with them.



Witnesses are asked to store and care for the history they have witnessed and most importantly, to share it with their own communities when they return home.

Health Supports

Health supports play an important role in the hearings process and are part of all TRC events. Health supports provide emotional support and care to those in the audience and those sharing their experiences. Support is available before, during and after the Hearings.

Three kinds of support workers are available:

- Professional Therapists
- Resolution Health Support workers (RHSW's)
- Cultural Supports



Health Supports are there to ensure you have the support you need as you share your experiences.

Media

Media are welcome to attend Public Hearings and Commissioner Sharing Panels. Journalists are permitted to audio record, photograph (non-flash) or film the proceedings, unless otherwise directed by the facilitator of the Sharing Panel. Media are required to identify themselves to organizers upon arrival and a protocol document will be provided.

TRC Saskatchewan Hearings Schedule

(Visit trc.ca for times and locations)

Regina

January 16-18

Key First Nation

January 20-22

Prince Albert

January 31 - February 2

Pelican Narrows

February 13-14

Stony Rapids

February 16-17

Onion Lake

April 3-5

Fort Qu'Appelle

May 14-15

Buffalo Narrows

May 17-18

La Ronge

June 5-7

North Battleford

July 9-10

Beauval

July 12-13

Île-à-la-Crosse

July 14



Saskatchewan Survivor Gary Joseph with his daughter at the Atlantic National Event in Halifax.

The TRC Saskatchewan National Event will take place in Saskatoon, June 21-24, 2012.

TRC Events are free and open to everyone.

For more information visit trc.ca or call 1-888-872-5554 (1-888-TRC-5554)