

## **BACKGROUNDER: THE SIXTIES SCOOP SURVIVOR FOUNDATION ENGAGEMENT PROCESS**

### **The Sixties Scoop Survivor Engagement Sessions:**

From September 2019 to February 2020, ten engagement sessions are being held across Canada to ask Sixties Scoop survivors how the Sixties Scoop Foundation can best serve them. Survivors have the opportunity to define the Foundation’s future, what the Foundation will do and how it will be governed. Survivors can also participate through the online engagement platform, which will go live in October, or by mail.

All of the information gathered from the engagement process will inform a public report that will be deeply rooted in the feedback received from Survivors across the country. The report will include recommendations for the Interim Board on what they must consider in establishing a Foundation that best serves the needs and aspirations of Sixties Scoop Survivors.

### **The National Sixties Scoop Foundation:**

The National Sixties Scoop Settlement provides \$50 million to establish a Sixties Scoop foundation. This foundation is independent of government and is intended to serve all those impacted by the Sixties Scoop, and primarily for Survivors across the country—Inuit, First Nations, Métis, status and non-status. The Interim Board of this yet-to-be-established foundation has come together to guide the very first steps of its creation. Those first steps start with Survivors through the national engagement process.

### **Engagement Session Team:**

The engagement process is a Survivor-led process. Sessions are led by Dr. Raven Sinclair, Kenn Richard and Conrad Prince. Both Dr. Raven Sinclair and Conrad Prince are Survivors themselves. All three individuals share a life-long commitment to Sixties Scoop survivors and Indigenous communities.

<b>ENGAGEMENT SESSION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATES</b>
<b>Survivor Session # 1</b>	Montreal, QC	Sept. 21, 2019
<b>Survivor Session # 2</b>	Winnipeg, MB	Oct. 5, 2019
<b>Survivor Session # 3</b>	Halifax, NS	Nov. 9, 2019
<b>Survivor Session # 4</b>	Toronto, ON	Nov. 16, 2019
<b>Survivor Session # 5</b>	Calgary, AB	Nov. 30, 2019
<b>Survivor Session # 6</b>	Saskatoon, SK	Dec. 7, 2019
<b>Survivor Session # 7</b>	Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL	Jan. 11, 2020
<b>Survivor Session # 8</b>	Vancouver, BC	Feb. 1, 2020
<b>Survivor Session # 9</b>	Yellowknife, NWT	Feb. 8, 2020
<b>Survivor Session # 10</b>	Iqaluit, NU	Feb. 15, 2020

## Engagement Team Bios

### Conrad Prince, Director of Engagement

Conrad Prince is Anishinabe, a member of Sagkeeng First Nation (Treaty #1) in Manitoba and is an adoptee and survivor of the Sixties Scoop. He is trained in Criminology and Sociology and has worked for over a decade in the Indigenous health research field focusing on community-led participatory action research. Recently, he has broadened his community relationship development expertise into the area of child and Indigenous rights, establishing a National Reconciliation Program at the Save the Children Canada. He has been speaking up and out on Indigenous children rights issues and the need for Indigenous self-determined systems for over 20 years and has spoken at many conferences, gatherings, and meetings on these issues.

### Dr. Raven Sinclair, Executive Advisor

Dr. Raven Sinclair (Ótiskewápiwskew) is Cree/Assiniboine/Saulteaux from George Gordon's First Nation. Dr. Sinclair is a Professor of Social Work at the University of Regina and Sixties Scoop researcher, author, and film maker. She is an adoptee and survivor of the Sixties Scoop.

### Kenn Richard, Executive Advisor

Kenn Richard's family comes from the French and Métis settlements in the Red River Valley. Living in Toronto since 1978, he became the original founder of Native Child and Family Services of Toronto. As Executive Director he helped craft a truly alternative response to Child Welfare. Recently awarded the Meritorious Service Cross, Mr. Richard has a strong reputation for his advocacy and was one of the first to write critically about Indigenous children in the adoption system. Kenn served as an expert witness in the settlement process and contributes to many regional and national initiatives on Indigenous Children's issues.

### Interim Board Members

Maggie Blue Waters, Co-Chair  
Marcia Brown Martel, Co-Chair  
Dr. Cindy Blackstock

Dr. Jeannine Carriere  
Sharon Russell  
Jeffery Wilson

Full biographies for the Interim Board can be found on the [Sixties Scoop website](#).

## Important Information for Media

- **Media are not allowed to attend Sixties Scoop Engagement sessions.** This is to protect the privacy of Survivors and to ensure that any personal information shared during these sessions is kept in confidence.
- **Media should not film Survivors outside of the Engagement room (e.g. at registration), without their explicit consent.** This includes interviews, conversations, and b-roll footage.
- **Media wishing to conduct onsite interviews should arrive one hour before the session begins.** We are happy to help arrange onsite interviews with the Director of Engagement and to help facilitate interviews with Engagement participants who want to share their story, *before sessions begin*. We ask that journalists refrain from seeking interviews during the sessions, as this disrupts participants' ability to fully engage and participate.

For more information, or to schedule an interview, please contact Jessie Sitnick: [jsitnick@argylepr.com](mailto:jsitnick@argylepr.com)