

## **MEMBERS OF THE INTERIM BOARD**

### **Maggie Blue Waters** (Co-Chair)

Maggie is a Sixties Scoop survivor and a lead plaintiff in the National Sixties Scoop Settlement. She is from the Montreal Lake Cree Nation and lives with her family in rural Saskatchewan.

### **Sally Susan Mathias Martel** (Co-Chair)

Sally (previously Marcia Brown Martel) is a Sixties Scoop survivor, a lead plaintiff in the National Sixties Scoop Settlement, and former Chief of Beaverhouse First Nation. As the lead plaintiff in the Ontario Case, Marcia worked for more than a decade to bring about justice for Sixties Scoop survivors. She lives with her family in Kirkland Lake, Ontario.

### **Dr. Cindy Blackstock**

Cindy is the Executive Director of First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada and a Professor at McGill University's School of Social Work. A member of the Gitksan First Nation, Cindy has 25 years of social work experience in child protection and Indigenous children's rights. Cindy has collaborated with other Indigenous leaders to assist the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in the development and adoption of a General Comment on the Rights of Indigenous children.

### **Dr. Jeannine Carriere** (resignation: June 29, 2020)

Jeannine is Métis, a Sixties Scoop survivor, and originally from the Red River area of southern Manitoba. She has been teaching social work since 1994 in Alberta and at the University of Victoria since 2005 where she teaches at the School of Social Work. As a survivor of adoption, a researcher of Indigenous adoption, and a former child welfare professional, Dr. Carriere brings a wealth of experiences and perspectives to the Interim Board and resigned from the Board on June 29, 2020. Her wisdom, generous spirit and kind heart leaves an indelible impact on the Foundation and all that will flow from it.

### **Sharon Russell**

Sharon is a Sixties Scoop survivor and a lead plaintiff in the National Sixties Scoop Settlement. She is from Gitsegukla band which means "people of the sharp pointed mountain."

### **Jeffery Wilson**

Jeffery Wilson was lead counsel on the Ontario Sixties Scoop claim, which he shepherded through the legal system for more than a decade. Jeffery's career began with the writing of Canada's leading text on children's law and was the Founding Director of the legal aid clinic "Justice for Children and Youth". Through his practice, he has advocated for children's rights for close to 40 years.

## **EXECUTIVE ADVISORS**

Kenn Richard and Dr. Raven Sinclair were secured as executive advisors to the Interim Board and will lead the consultation process. They will also seek advice and best practices from survivors and experts on Foundation structure and governance.

### **Kenn Richard**

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.

### **Dr. Raven Sinclair**

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.

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## **STAFF**

### **Director, Engagement – Conrad Prince**

Conrad Prince is an 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 has worked 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.