



Mi'kmaq Wolastoqiyik Association of Social Workers (MWASW)

Conference: Supporting Indigenous Victims of Crime

October 15–17, 2025

Maqiyahitimok Center, St. Mary's First Nation



Day 1: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Introductions & Agenda Overview (Facilitator: Victoria LaBillois) Drumming-In Ceremony / Photo Opportunity Opening Prayers (Glenda LaBillois Wysote, Evan Sacobie, Norm Sylliboy)
1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Welcome Remarks (Chief Polchies, Dept. of Justice Representative)
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Nutrition Break
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Honoring Victims of Crime Ceremony (Grand Chief Ron Tremblay)
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victims of Crime NB Services – Tracy Ozark • Indigenous Victims of Crime – Terry Young
4:15p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	MWASW Annual General Assembly
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Evening Ceremonies: Sweat Lodge, Talking Circles, Sacred Fire, Songs & Drumming

Day 2: Thursday, October 16, 2025

Sunrise Ceremony	
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome & Recap of Day 1 (Facilitator)
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Keynote Address: Graydon Nicholas, followed by Q&A
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Nutrition Break
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Guest Presentation: Martha Martin (Mother of Chantel Moore, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation)
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Panel: Lived Experiences with Indigenous Victims of Crime (Social Workers, Court Workers, Liaisons) Q&A
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Provided on Site
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Panel Continued: Lived Experiences with Indigenous Victims of Crime (Social Workers, Court Workers, Liaisons) Q&A
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Nutrition Break
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Presentation on Culturally Safe Partnerships - Anti Indigenous Racism AIR (Roxanne Sappier & Barb Martin)
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Promoting Trauma Informed Initiatives (NB, NS, QC, PEI) - Networking
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Dinner, Entertainment, Prizes

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Evening Ceremonies: Sweat Lodge, Talking Circles, Sacred Fire, Songs & Drumming

Day 3: Friday, October 17, 2025

Sunrise Ceremony	
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome & Recap of Day 2 (Facilitator)
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	Motivational Speaker (To Be Announced)
10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Nutrition Break
10:30 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.	Conference Evaluation
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Closing Prayer

Note: Elders will be available throughout the conference.