



**Mi'kmaq Wolastoqiyik
Association
of
Social Workers
(MWASW)**



**Supporting Indigenous
Victims of Crime
(SIVC)**

Conference 2026

**September 21 - 23, 2026
Delta Dartmouth, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia**

DAY 1

Monday, September 21, 2026

11:00 a.m.	Registration
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Introduction and Agenda Overview <i>Facilitator: Victoria LaBillois</i> <i>Drumming In Ceremony / Photo Opportunity</i> <i>Opening Prayers: Jane Meader, Glenda W. LaBillois, Noel Milliea</i>
1:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Welcome Remarks <i>Grand Chief Norman Sylliboy – Arlene Sylliboy, Executive Director, NSC&FS</i>
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Keynote Address <i>Senator P.J. Prosper</i>
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Nutrition Break
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Presentation: NS Department of Justice <i>Dean Goudie</i>
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Presentation: Human Trafficking <i>Marie Sack</i>
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	MWASW Annual General Assembly
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Cultural Activities - TBA

DAY 2

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Recap of Day 1 <i>Facilitator: Victoria LaBillois</i>
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	Guest Presentation: Victims of Crime <i>Jane Meader (Elder) & Pauline Meader, Director of Health, Halifax Friendship Centre</i>
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Nutrition Break
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.	Presentation: Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network <i>Paula Marshall, Executive Director</i>
11:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Presentation: MMIWG2SMB <i>Marie Sack, Coordinator, Robert Pictou & Mona Denny</i>
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Open Discussion – Question and Answer
12:00 p.m.	Lunch - Onsite
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Panel Discussion: Lived Experiences with Indigenous Victims of Crime <i>Social Workers, Court Workers, Liaisons & Front-Line Workers Q&A</i>
2:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Nutrition Break
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Participants Sharing: Trauma-Informed Community Initiatives
3:45 – 4:30 p.m.	Participant Networking & Peer Learning Innovation Strategic Services for Indigenous Victims of Crime
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner – On-Site
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Live Entertainment: The Relatives

DAY 3

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Recap of Day 2 <i>Facilitator: Victoria LaBillois</i>
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	Motivational Speaker: K.J. Denny
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Conference Evaluation
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Nutrition Break
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	Closing Remarks, Prayers & Ceremony