



Mi'kmaq Wolastoqiyik Association of Social Workers (MWASW)

Conference: Supporting Indigenous Victims of Crime
October 15–17, 2025

Maqiyahitimok Center, Sitansisk Wolastoqey (St. Mary's First Nation)



Day 1: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

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| 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) |
| 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. – 3:30 p.m. | Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victims of Crime NB Services – Tracy Ozark, Senior Consultant, Community & Youth Justice Services• Indigenous Victims of Crime – Terry Young, Senior Indigenous Program Consultant, Community & Youth Services |
| 4:00 p.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 TBA

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| 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 |

Day 2: Thursday, October 16, 2025

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)
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Networking
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Dinner, Entertainment, Prizes

Day 3: Friday, October 17, 2025

Sunrise Ceremony TBA

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome & Recap of Day 2 (Facilitator)
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Conference Evaluation/Prizes
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Nutrition Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon	Closing Ceremonies

Note: Elders will be available throughout the conference.