

## Indigenous Research Gathering June 23-24

Delta Hotel, Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Organizing Committee: Tina Armstrong, Sheila Cote-Meek, Erica Perkins, Sheldon Tobe and Penny Moody-Corbett

| June 23 Time | Activity  |
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| 6:00         | Sunrise Ceremony (Drum Ceremony, Pipe Carriers): Chief Dean Sayers, Mike Hodgson, Chief Syrette   |
| 8:00-8:10    | Opening Blessing: Elder Harvey Bell   |
| 8:10-8:50    | Opening welcome and remarks:<br>Chief Dean Sayers, Batchewana First Nation<br>Chief Paul Syrette, Garden River First Nation<br>Ernie Gatien, Provincial Council of Métis Nation of ON<br>Dr. Roger Strasser, Dean of Medicine, NOSM<br>Dot Beaucage-Kennedy, Chair, Indigenous Reference Group, NOSM  |
| 8:50-9:00    | Outline for the Gathering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exchange information on past and current research and identify strategies and partnerships in order to plan for future research</li><li>• Declaration of Guiding Principles for research that positively impacts the health of Indigenous people and their communities.</li></ul>  |
| 9:00-10:00   | <b>Keynote Address:</b> Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Vice Provost Aboriginal Initiatives, Lakehead University<br><b>Acknowledging the past</b>   |
| 10:00-11:00  | Cleansing Ceremony, Smudging ceremony<br>Chief Sayers   |
| 11:00-12:00  | Health break and Lunch  |
| 12:00-1:00   | <b>Engaging with Community:</b> Marion Maar and Lorrilee McGregor<br><b>Building Research Relationships with First Nation Communities</b>   |
| 1:00-3:30    | <b>Research that is having an impact:</b><br>Carol Hopkins –<br>Culture as an intervention in addictions treatment<br>Naana Juma and Sol Mamakwa –<br>Communities and Research: Delivering Change for Pregnant Women<br>Sheila Cote-Meek and Fern Assiniwe –<br>The Strengths of a Community Based Approach to Research<br>Kristin Jacklin and MaryJo Wabano –<br>The Best of Both Worlds<br>Janet Smiley and Cheryllee Bourgeois –<br>Our Health Counts – Working together to advance urban Indigenous health services |
| 3:30-3:45    | Health break  |
| 3:45-4:45    | <b>Keynote Address:</b> Dr. Marie Wilson, Commissioner, Truth and Reconciliation Commission<br><b>Truth and Reconciliation: Moving forward</b>  |

4:30 Closing Prayer: Elder Harvey Bell  
6:30 Participants of the Gathering are welcome to join NOSM's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration banquet

**June 24  
Time**

6:00 Sunrise ceremony: Mike Hodgson, Batchewana First Nation

7:30-8:00 Opening prayer: Elder Harvey Bell

8:00-10:00 **Facilitated group session:**

- What are the important lessons learned about research practices that will help us move forward in conducting research that is inclusive and respectful?
- What are your priorities from lessons learned that will facilitate practical next steps for research?

10:00-10:15 **Health break**

10:15-11:15 **Guiding principles**

- Report from groups
- Building inclusive and culturally respectful research programs, with the development of specific guidelines that will form the basis of a Declaration of Guiding Principles for research that makes a difference

11:15-11:45 Gifting ceremony, white pine seedlings and significance

Concluding remarks Committee

11:45-12:00 Closing prayer: Elder Harvey Bell