

Decolonization Learning Journey

A four-part Learning Journey with Mi'kmaw Elders and knowledge sharers.

Community Sector Council of Nova Scotia

Decolonization Learning Journey – Resource document

Webinar #4 - June 23, 2020

Hosting team:

- Elder Jane Meader, Elder, BACS & MEd
- Mary Beth Doucette, Assistant Professor and Purdy Crawford Chair in CBU's Shannon School of Business
- Nicole Cammaert, Associate Executive Director, CSCNS

Guest speaker:

Cheryl Knockwood, Governance Coordinator, Membertou Heritage Centre

Topic:

Indian Reserves, the Indian Act, and Confederation

Questions & Responses

Can we Get the recipe for Cheryl's "Indian Tacos"?

We don't have a recipe, but here's some further information:

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/unreserved/how-food-brings-indigenous-communities-together-1.4327345/are-indian-tacos-a-traditional-indigenous-food-1.4327938>

How do families and communities who have benefited from colonization for many many years (i.e., land grants etc.) begin to recognize/acknowledge that history?

The response to this question would widely vary depending on the individual, but a good place to begin is to be a good ally. As Canadians learn about and acknowledge efforts towards reconciliation with the Indigenous people of this land, we more and more hear the term "ally." Being an ally can take many forms, and in some ways is defined by each individual and their actions. However, there are some standard guidelines which individuals are encouraged to adopt in their approach to reconciliation:

https://segalcentre.org/common/sitemedia/201819_Shows/ENG_AllyToolkit.pdf

How is Reserve different from Reservation? Canada and US seem to differ on this...

"Reservation" refers to a Native American land area, while a "reserve" is a First Nation community in Canada: <https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/8-first-nation-reserve-faqs>

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Can you recommend any books written/edited by Indigenous authors about the Indian Act, Reserves, and Treaties?

Check out the Resource document for this webinar as well as our full list of Decolonization Resources on the CSCNS Website (www.csc-ns.ca/decolonization-resources)

Did the indigenous women ever get back their status? (after marrying non-indigenous people)

In 1985, Bill C-31 amended the Indian Act to remove gender discrimination and bring it in line with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The amendment allows women who married out — and those who by other means lost their Indian status and accompanying rights and benefits — to apply for the restoration of their status and rights, and also allows their children to apply for registration as Status Indians. The Act no longer requires women to follow their husbands into or out of status.

Response sourced from: <https://thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/women-and-the-indian-act>

Could Indigenous men marry non-indigenous women and keep their status?

More information: <https://thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/women-and-the-indian-act>