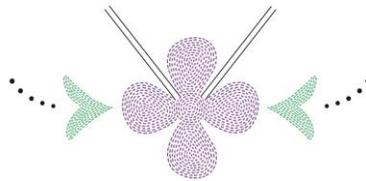


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2 --- Upon commencing on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 9:22

3 --- **OPENING PRAYER**

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you,  
5 Commissioner Robinson.

6 For the record, my name is Breen Ouellette  
7 and I am a lawyer with the National Inquiry. It is my very  
8 great honour to introduce the Guno, Morven, and Percival  
9 families who have travelled here from New Aiyansh, British  
10 Columbia.

11 I will ask Claude Morven to introduce each  
12 of the family members giving testimony today.

13 **MR. CLAUDE MORVEN:** Good morning. My name  
14 is Claude Morven. I was asked to be the Chairperson and  
15 introduce all family members of the Guno family.

16 On my immediate left is Leonard Guno. His  
17 sister is the one we're talking about today, our loved one  
18 that is missing.

19 Next to him is his wife Susan. And to my  
20 immediate left is my better half, Cora. And there is  
21 Millie Percival and Floyd Percival.

22 And sitting behind us is their support, Don  
23 Leeson, Morgan, and I never met the other lady til this  
24 morning, so I never even asked her her name. So -- Brenda.



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1 Douglas, Janice, Arthur, and myself. Rebecca and Victoria,  
2 well, in my way and what -- it's been so long, it's been 36  
3 years plus; in my own mind and my heart, I know where she  
4 is. She's not here on this earth. She is with our other  
5 sister Victoria. So now that's all the siblings in the  
6 family.

7 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Has your family had an  
8 opportunity for closure or do the police still consider  
9 Rebecca to be missing?

10 **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** Our family has not had  
11 closure. It's hard to have closure when there is nothing  
12 that I could hold or something of hers in her last days or  
13 weeks of her life. There's nothing there for me to hold so  
14 that we can have closure.

15 That's probably one of the hardest things  
16 right now, is getting that closure and getting something  
17 that she had or just was with her in her last days of her  
18 life. And I keep saying "last days of her life" because in  
19 my mind and in my heart, I know that because of the 36  
20 years that have passed.

21 And it's hard to really talk about it. My  
22 brothers and my sister, we probably never really talked  
23 about it. We put it in the back of our mind until I guess  
24 there was a time when we'd had to start talking about it.

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1           And Breen came along at the right time, it  
2           seemed, and opened the door a little for us to start  
3           talking about what needs to be done, what should be done in  
4           order for us to find closure.

5           I can't remember the other part of the  
6           question.

7           **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** You've said it. Thank  
8           you.

9           **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** Okay.

10          **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** When and where did  
11          Rebecca go missing?

12          **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** Rebecca, my sister was  
13          one of the Downtown Eastside -- it's a label you hear even  
14          today still. And you imagine back then in the eighties,  
15          the early eighties, and that was where she lived. And it  
16          was in 1982 so it's been 36 years.

17          **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And how old was  
18          Rebecca when she went missing?

19          **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** I believe she was 22  
20          years old.

21          **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And what was Rebecca's  
22          life like growing up in your family?

23          **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** Rebecca was always a very  
24          happy person, you know? She brought life to a

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1 conversation. She brought life into a room when she walked  
2 into a room. She had a smile that was infectious and I'm  
3 happy to say that one of my daughters has a big smile like  
4 her. And it always brings, you know, good memories because  
5 she was a very independent person.

6 We had all went to residential school, the  
7 three oldest -- Arthur, myself, and Rebecca. And then  
8 that's when you really saw her independence and she grew.  
9 And I think that when she turned a certain age she decided  
10 that she was going to make a life of her own  
11 (indiscernible). So she was very independent and strong.

12 If I'm missing anything?

13 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** I have some more  
14 questions. I know that tragedy struck your family when  
15 Rebecca was young. Could you speak about the loss of your  
16 mother?

17 **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** Yes. I believe that was  
18 -- it was in '66, '65, '64. See, I can't -- we lost our  
19 mother in what we call Old Aiyansh. It's our older  
20 community that was along the Nass River. She drowned. And  
21 that's when our -- I'm not too sure who it was that decided  
22 that the kids should be sent off to residential school.  
23 And Arthur, Becky, and myself were all sent there into St.  
24 Michael's in Alert Bay in 1966, I believe it was. That was

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1       our first year there.

2                   Rebecca didn't spend as much time there as I  
3       did. I was there for -- right til 1972. Like I said, she  
4       was independent so, you know, it was hard to keep her in  
5       one place because she was independent.

6                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And so if I've done  
7       the math in my head right, she was about four years old at  
8       the time that she lost -- that you all lost your mother?

9                   **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** Yes.

10                  **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** So do you know if she  
11       attended high school in Vancouver?

12                  **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** Yes, she did attend high  
13       school because I was going to high school in Vancouver also  
14       myself and I was -- I can't remember the exact year but I  
15       was -- I believe at the time I was with Laura and Olie.  
16       Laura and Olie are -- Laura is Cora's sister, oldest  
17       sister, and that's who I stayed with going to high school  
18       in Coquitlam.

19                  And I can't remember exactly who it was that  
20       had mentioned that she was in Vancouver. And we did meet  
21       up in Coquitlam just for -- I can't even remember if it was  
22       an hour or something, just talking and catching up on  
23       things that we'd missed out on each other.

24                  I think that's ---

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1                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you know, did  
2 Rebecca stay in Vancouver after high school?

3                   **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** Yes, she did. Like I  
4 said, she was very independent and a strong-willed person,  
5 so she did stay in Vancouver and we never saw much of her  
6 after, you know, going to high school. And it seemed like  
7 she wanted her own life.

8                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And we can see that  
9 the family has brought pictures today. Could you tell us  
10 about these pictures that you've brought?

11                   **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** Actually, Millie probably  
12 could say more about the pictures because they were given  
13 to her a week and a half ago or two weeks ago. And these  
14 are pictures I've never, ever seen and it's the first time  
15 I've seen pictures of her.

16                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Millie? I know it's  
17 difficult for you to see the photos from that angle. Would  
18 it be possible to -- oh, they're on the screen?

19                   **MS. MILLIE PERCIVAL:** Yeah.

20                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Perfect. Thank you.

21                   **MS. MILLIE PERCIVAL:** All these pictures  
22 were given to us by the RCMP. That would have been about  
23 two weeks ago, a week and a half or two weeks ago. And  
24 they were taken by an acquaintance of Becky's before she

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1 disappeared. And the lady that took them said that she  
2 wasn't really a friend so much as an acquaintance. She  
3 just knew her.

4 One of the things that I noticed about the  
5 pictures is that she's wearing different clothes in every  
6 picture, so they were taken over -- just looking at them,  
7 they might have been different visits or something like  
8 that.

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And when you look at  
10 these photos, who do you see in these photos? How do you  
11 describe seeing these photos just a week ago?

12 **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** Just take your time.  
13 You're okay.

14 **MS. MILLIE PERCIVAL:** She was really -- she  
15 was just full of life. She was our -- in our culture, she  
16 was my sister and she was also my best friend, and that's -  
17 - she was just really full of life. That's all I can say  
18 right now.

19 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you.

20 Millie, you were going to read something.  
21 Do you need a moment or do you want to read it now? Okay.  
22 Thank you.

23 **MS. MILLIE PERCIVAL:** It was a little ---

24 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Sorry, I'm just going

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1 to introduce you.

2 Millie has submitted as evidence a written  
3 narrative about Rebecca and her disappearance.

4 **MS. MILLIE PERCIVAL:** I wrote this for  
5 International Women's Day about maybe six or seven years  
6 ago. And we were honouring the missing and murdered women  
7 at our little gathering, and there was about six of us, six  
8 or seven of us in our workplace. I'll just read it.

9 Becky was born May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1960. She is not  
10 simply a name on a newspaper clipping. She is my dear  
11 friend, and in our culture, she's my sister. The pain and  
12 guilt that I feel when I say her name never goes away.

13 One of my first memories of her was when we  
14 were sitting on a bench overlooking the river in Old  
15 Aiyansh. It was a brilliantly sunny day and I must have  
16 been about six and she would have been about five. And I  
17 remember feeling alone in the world, like I didn't really  
18 matter to anyone. In her bubbly tone she asked me what I  
19 was doing and she reminded me that we are cousins. Her  
20 smile and constant chattering made me forget the desperate  
21 loneliness which was consuming me.

22 She stood behind me stroking my hair and  
23 asked me if I was waiting for someone. And before I had a  
24 chance to answer, she told me that she was in trouble and

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1 was waiting for her auntie not to be mad at her any more.

2 Then she was going back inside and she  
3 pointed to a house nearby. She sat down beside me and she  
4 said she'd better leave my hair alone, even though she knew  
5 how to fix hair. And just when I thought about asking her  
6 what she did wrong, she informed me that she had cut her  
7 sister's hair and it looked nice, but her auntie was very  
8 mad at her.

9 She quickly added that Auntie might not be  
10 mad now and grabbed my hand and pulled me along and invited  
11 me to go inside with her. Sensing my fear, she reassured  
12 me that her auntie was probably my auntie too. Besides,  
13 she was really nice and maybe it will be hard for her to  
14 stay mad when she sees "beautiful you" is what she said.

15 She burst into the house in much the same  
16 way that she burst into my thoughts, yelling for Auntie to  
17 guess who came to visit.

18 Auntie was washing clothes on a scrub board  
19 and she wiped her hands on a towel and stood directly in  
20 front of Becky and said, "I'm still mad at you."

21 To which Becky responded by throwing her  
22 arms around Auntie's waist and proclaimed that she already  
23 said she was sorry. And she smiled up at her saying, "I  
24 know you love me, Auntie. You can't stay mad forever."

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1 Auntie rubbed Becky's head and shoulders,  
2 smiling, and in a quiet loving voice said, "Rebecca."

3 Then she turned to me and excitedly  
4 exclaimed, "Lady Esta, where did you come from?"

5 Becky looked at me and said, "See, I told  
6 you she's nice."

7 When Becky's mom died, Auntie took the two  
8 youngest girls and Becky and her two older brothers  
9 remained with their dad who worked as a logger. Becky and  
10 the boys were sent to residential school and when their dad  
11 paid for their trip home to visit, Becky spent a lot of  
12 time with us. She'd share stories of Lytton and later  
13 Coquitlam and the people she knew there.

14 She said she didn't like it there but being  
15 a little girl so full of life, she never saw any reason to  
16 feel sorry for herself. She was happy to have family to  
17 come home to.

18 She loved it when Mom teased her about how  
19 she pronounced Lytton and Coquitlam. She'd hug Mom and  
20 say, "I just know you love me, Auntie."

21 Once in a while, Becky would kind of mention  
22 in a small, faraway voice that people aren't very nice.  
23 And then she'd happily announce in her bubbly way, "But I'm  
24 here now."

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1           It seemed so long between visits home, but  
2 she would always burst in the door and hold my hand and  
3 say, "We're best friends, remember."

4           When I was a teenager I went through a lot  
5 of depression and by that time, Becky was home. And she  
6 came to the new high school. I'd confide in her about my  
7 worries and she would quietly listen and then she would hug  
8 me and confirm that life is hard to understand. "But  
9 that's why we have each other," she'd say in her lively  
10 way.

11           She proudly played softball and never let me  
12 miss a practice. She loved that my mom was one of the  
13 coaches.

14           Becky was well into her first pregnancy when  
15 she finally told me that she was pregnant. When I asked  
16 her why she didn't tell me, she playfully pushed me and  
17 said, "I just did."

18           I argued my point and she happily argued  
19 hers, saying that I think too hard about things. That's  
20 why I'm so sad all the time. And I couldn't argue past  
21 that.

22           Not long after her baby was born, my husband  
23 and I -- at the time, he was still my boyfriend -- we were  
24 at Becky's dad's house. Becky brought her baby over to me

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1 and put him in my arms and smiled. And after a long  
2 silence, she said, "He needs two good parents," and matter  
3 of factly asked if we would consider taking him. She said  
4 she knew we were going to be together forever and that we  
5 had what it takes to be good parents for him.

6 For the first time ever, I seen her cry.  
7 She cried her heart out. She said that she and her dad  
8 talked it over many times and she knew the baby deserved  
9 more than what she could offer. She said we didn't have to  
10 answer right away. And then she joked that we could let  
11 her know in a couple of minutes. I was just turning 17 and  
12 I desperately wanted to take him, but I was afraid.

13 A few weeks later, her dad sent her and the  
14 baby to visit her cousin in the Lower Mainland. Becky  
15 returned alone a couple of months later. She came to see  
16 me and cried really hard and quickly collected herself and  
17 told me that she decided to let them adopt him. She said  
18 they were really nice and they love him, and she was happy  
19 that he was going to grow up with a mom and a dad. She  
20 cried many times about it.

21 After we got married, Floyd and I remained  
22 in a close friendship with Becky. She fell in love with my  
23 cousin from my dad's family and they moved to Terrace and  
24 had a baby boy. They were so proud of him. She always

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1       seemed to be marching around wearing her happiness. Then  
2       crib death took him away and that death really devastated  
3       them. They moved to Vancouver.

4               On one of her visits home she told me that  
5       they were having a difficult time financially, mostly  
6       because of the choices they made. She hinted that  
7       substance misuse was creeping into their lives and she  
8       wasn't sure if their relationship could withstand  
9       everything. I later learned that they were no longer  
10      together and Becky remained in Vancouver.

11              I'd go and visit my Uncle Jerry, Becky's  
12      dad, about every three weeks or so to see if he'd heard  
13      from her. They talked on the phone regularly and he'd  
14      update me. He had a respiratory condition and needed to  
15      cart an oxygen tank wherever he went. Now and then he  
16      would make his way up the hill to our house and we'd chat  
17      about how much we missed her and whatever they talked about  
18      on the phone.

19              He had got a settlement of some sort and he  
20      was excited to let me know that he was paying her and her  
21      third son's way home for a visit. One day I was washing  
22      the floor and spotted her right outside my window, and I  
23      ran out to greet her.

24              She introduced me to her son and during the

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1 course of our conversation, she said, "I'm a prostitute,  
2 Millie. I can't really explain why but it's a living. We  
3 do what we have to do. Life's not that bad. I have my  
4 baby and that's all that matters to me. His dad is really  
5 good to us but I'm going to keep doing what I do. His dad  
6 knows that and we're happy to be parents to our baby.

7 "I'm going to go back in a couple of days  
8 and Daddy said he'll give me some money and it will be good  
9 for the baby. Money doesn't last but his dad and I will  
10 make sure the baby is looked after all the time. We're  
11 happy and that's all that matters. I'm not ashamed of  
12 myself."

13 And she asked, "Are you ashamed of me?"

14 And I told her I could never be ashamed of  
15 her.

16 She said, "I knew it." And then she hugged  
17 me and told me not to worry about her, even though it might  
18 be the last time we will ever see one another. I couldn't  
19 find the words to answer her.

20 Two weeks later, my uncle came to up the  
21 trail carting his oxygen tank, and he knocked on our door.  
22 And he told me Becky was missing. We talked a long time.  
23 He cried. He said he was going to go and look for her.  
24 I'd never seen him worry or cry.

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1           He said he was going to need a place for the  
2 baby and wanted to know if we could take him. He told me  
3 to think it over and we would talk more before he leaves  
4 for Vancouver.

5           He said, "I chose you because you're the  
6 baby's mother and you live right close by, so the boy could  
7 see Grandfather all the time."

8           I didn't fully understand what he meant when  
9 he said I was the baby's mother. I did not see him again  
10 until he got back. He came to see us and he told me about  
11 how big Vancouver is and how he cried, walking the streets  
12 day after day, not knowing where he was going or who to  
13 talk to. He told me that he wanted to go back and keep  
14 looking but he was so tired, and Vancouver was just  
15 hopelessly big, like she just got swallowed up.

16           I pictured him pulling his oxygen tank along  
17 the streets. He said that people didn't even care about  
18 him and maybe they thought he was just a bum who didn't  
19 care about anything.

20           He asked me if we were getting ready to take  
21 the boy and I said yes. He said that Becky's cousin  
22 offered to keep the baby and it was better for the brothers  
23 to be together. He apologized. We agreed that the boys  
24 were in the best place.

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1           I don't know how many times I thought about  
2 her and felt just absolutely sick and empty. When the news  
3 of the Pickton farm came out, it felt like I was being  
4 slammed in the chest by grief and fear over and over. I've  
5 never sat and talked with her brothers about it, but I  
6 really wanted to. I didn't know how they would feel about  
7 me bringing it up and asking questions that I wanted to  
8 ask.

9           I'd look at her boys and I'd see so much of  
10 her in them, and I wanted so badly to hug them and tell  
11 them how I adored their mom.

12           To my knowledge, hers was not among the DNA  
13 found at the farm and I have this horrible feeling that it  
14 was missed. It's been over 30 years since she disappeared  
15 and when I read or hear something about the Pickton case,  
16 the pain grips me and I wish with my whole being that I  
17 could just know where she is and tell her that she was a  
18 good momma and that she did the right thing for her boys.

19           I wish I could be there for her, just once,  
20 the way she was for me my whole life, just once to hold her  
21 hand and tell her that I will never forget that we are best  
22 friends, maybe to lessen the pain of any horror that she  
23 might have encountered.

24           But we don't know, and if it has been that

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1       painful for me, I can't imagine the pain her family felt,  
2       her boys. Sometimes guilt that I haven't been supportive  
3       enough creeps up on me. I know that I'm glad I didn't have  
4       to see Uncle Jerry, her dad, suffer through this.

5                   The headline from the Vancouver Sun dated  
6       August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, read: "A society that simply doesn't care  
7       enough. An habitué of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, a  
8       sometimes prostitute and a long-time drug abuser, Rebecca  
9       Guno disappeared in June 1983."

10                   Becky disappeared weeks after I saw her.  
11       She still had the optimistic, grateful, sparkling spirit  
12       which could not be doused by anything.

13                   She did not look strung out. I didn't see  
14       the long-time drug abuser. However, I don't doubt that she  
15       drank. The word "habitué" can mean that she frequented a  
16       place which brought her pleasure. I know that she  
17       habitually made a conscious effort to receive whatever  
18       situation she found herself in with dignity and a deep  
19       understanding that God would not let her get into a  
20       situation that was beyond her forbearance.

21                   She was named the first potential victim on  
22       the official list of the women that went missing from the  
23       Downtown Eastside. When the Commission toured the  
24       province, they were compassionate within the limits of

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1       their mandate. Mr. Oppal thanked us for the information we  
2       provided and we never knew what they would do with it.

3                   I wonder if the purpose of that Commission  
4       is to ensure that Becky will now be more than a faceless  
5       statistic? Will meaningful measures be taken to ensure  
6       that Becky will now be more than -- I'm reading it over  
7       again. Will meaningful measures be taken to help us  
8       reinstate the parenting and social skills so that we do not  
9       stand by paralyzed in pain, watching our families succumb  
10      to this vicious cycle?

11                   Our spirit has been crippled beyond  
12      recognition. The spiritual ways of our ancestors are an  
13      indispensable part of restoring justice in the communities.  
14      When we see another getting caught in the vortex while  
15      trying to re-establish our lives, we must hold hands. We  
16      can't let this pain continue to keep us in isolation of one  
17      another.

18                   A tiny part of my sister's legacy is that we  
19      have one another and that's what matters most. My auntie  
20      who took Becky's baby sisters must have thought about the  
21      days living in the longhouse where my uncle's children  
22      would never have been removed from their familiar  
23      environment or separated. They would have simply remained  
24      in the longhouse with their other mothers and all of us.

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1           Residential school continues to send  
2           shockwaves which sometimes paralyze us in the fear that we  
3           are not good enough, that we aren't worthy, or that we are  
4           incapable of knowing how to help. When we feel the fear  
5           that our children are being pulled from us, remember that  
6           we have each other and reach out.

7           When my mother wasn't drinking she was  
8           barrelling full speed ahead, showing us how to be community  
9           builders. Because of her, I know that phrases like, "what  
10          goes around comes around" must always be used in a good  
11          way, and that we must do things in caring ways. My mother,  
12          our mother, would be so relieved that I'm finally up to bat  
13          for the culture and I'm all proud because I'm a little more  
14          like Becky, looking for what's right with life instead of  
15          what's wrong.

16                   **MR. OUELLETTE:** Thank you, Millie, for  
17                   honouring us with one of the most beautiful things I've  
18                   ever heard.

19                   My next question is for Floyd. Floyd, was  
20                   Rebecca's father Jeremiah your friend?

21                   **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** I'm sorry, I didn't  
22                   hear.

23                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** I said, was Jeremiah  
24                   your friend?

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1                   **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** Yes, and I've known  
2                   Jeremiah for years and years, starting from when I was  
3                   about five years old, when we were living in Old Aiyansh.  
4                   Jeremiah was a -- he used to refurbish riverboats and I  
5                   used to hang around him helping him out, and he used to  
6                   tell me stories all the time when I was helping him. And  
7                   then after the flood when we moved to New Aiyansh, he lived  
8                   directly below our house. And we used to visit him often  
9                   and he used to come visit us.

10                                 But employment took me away from the  
11                   community. I used to have Vancouver here as my home base  
12                   during the downtimes in the logging industry. And that is  
13                   when I first met Becky again. She was living with a friend  
14                   of mine. Him and I were living in and out of logging  
15                   camps.

16                                 His name was Randy Peel and I never really  
17                   knew if they were living together for quite a while, but he  
18                   used to just tell me he was going to go see someone. And I  
19                   didn't know who.

20                                 But the one time, I think it was around the  
21                   mid seventies, and we were having supper in one of the  
22                   hotels in Vancouver here, they said they were on their way  
23                   to a party and they wanted to know if I was going to join  
24                   them. But I told them I wasn't really up to going to

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1 parties at anybody's places around Vancouver area.

2 They said they were on their way to the pig  
3 farm and I said that only made it more positive for me that  
4 I didn't want to go to a party there, that I wasn't up to  
5 going out to any farm then. But I never knew what the pig  
6 farm was until about 20 years later.

7 But Randy came back after they stepped out  
8 of the building and told me that if I changed my mind that  
9 I should just tell the cab driver I wanted to go the pig  
10 farm and they would know where to bring me. And I said  
11 okay. And he left again.

12 Then Rebecca came back in and she said she  
13 just wanted to tell me that not to eat the bacon in the  
14 morning. And again, I didn't understand the meaning of  
15 that statement until about 20 years later when the news hit  
16 the media about the pig farm and what was happening there.

17 So that was when I really started getting  
18 involved, trying to find Becky in the late seventies and  
19 early eighties before Jerry passed.

20 And he used to walk up to our place when I  
21 was working behind the house to tell me about Becky before  
22 he would go in to talk to Millie. And his first trip down,  
23 he didn't know exactly where to go. And I asked him how he  
24 was financially. So I gave him a bunch of money to help

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1       him out. I just took it out of my pocket. I didn't bother  
2       counting how much I gave him, but that's what we do in our  
3       culture to help someone out in that situation.

4               But when he came back he said he didn't find  
5       anything. And I told him I was on my way back down again  
6       to logging camp and then I said I would look around and ask  
7       around again. So he told me the places he looked. He said  
8       he wasn't too sure about some of the names because  
9       Vancouver wasn't a familiar place for him.

10              So I spent my days off from logging camps  
11       asking around about Becky. And Randy, my friend, quit  
12       logging then. He started spending full time looking for  
13       Becky. But I didn't know that was the reason why he quit  
14       coming to camp with me. But when I finally moved back to  
15       our community and my wife and I got married, I think around  
16       '78, when the visits from Jerry increased because he was  
17       very, very concerned about his daughter.

18              And I was starting to settle down then so  
19       the only way I could help was to follow whatever was in the  
20       media. And I didn't like what I was hearing about the pig  
21       farm. And a lot of people joked about what was happening  
22       there and I didn't like the jokes. I let the people know  
23       that I didn't like the way they were talking about it  
24       because there wasn't just one of our sisters there, there

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1 was quite a few from the Nass Valley that went missing.

2 And they were all family to us.

3 But that's all I'll say for now.

4 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. Thank you,  
5 Floyd.

6 Cora?

7 **MS. CORA MORVEN:** Hi.

8 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Hi. Did you work for  
9 the RCMP in New Aiyansh when Rebecca went missing?

10 **MS. CORA MORVEN:** Yes.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And did you report  
12 Rebecca missing at your RCMP detachment?

13 **MS. CORA MORVEN:** Yes.

14 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Do you know if the  
15 RCMP contacted the Vancouver Police Department about  
16 Rebecca?

17 **MS. CORA MORVEN:** No.

18 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** You don't know?

19 **MS. CORA MORVEN:** No.

20 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay.

21 **MS. CORA MORVEN:** Not til just recently I  
22 found out.

23 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. And so you know  
24 that they did or they did not?

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1 Claude, could you assist Cora on that  
2 question?

3 **MR. CLAUDE MORVEN:** I believe that there was  
4 a very -- or it's uncertainty on whether or not the RCMP  
5 actually did contact the Vancouver City Police. It's  
6 uncertain. Even to this day, we're not really sure whether  
7 they did or not. But if they do have files, then it just  
8 started recently.

9 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Okay. What happened  
10 to Rebecca's son Orion (ph) after Rebecca went missing?

11 **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** About a month or so or  
12 probably a few weeks after Rebecca went missing, Jeremiah,  
13 Leonard's dad, who all our children affectionately call  
14 Grandfather, found out about it. So he said there was no  
15 way that the Ministry of Children and Families would ever  
16 take any of his children because in our culture, that's not  
17 the way it is.

18 So he got a plane ticket, flew down here,  
19 found Orion, brought him home. At that time, Cora, the  
20 kids, and I were on our holidays for four weeks, and this  
21 would have been in August of that year that he brought him  
22 home.

23 And Millie alluded to Orion being with his  
24 brother who was Marvin. They were given -- he was given to

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1 Olie and Laura at the time.

2 When we got back from holidays, we found out  
3 that they had him, and we were going to -- we were getting  
4 all ready to prepare for a baby shower, I guess, to welcome  
5 the new child into the family, when my sister-in-law and  
6 brother-in-law said that they could not keep him.

7 So Jeremiah turned around and said, "Well,  
8 he's yours now." He gave him to us. Culturally, he was  
9 ours.

10 So we went through a lot in taking him, not  
11 with the way he was but the Ministry of Children and  
12 Families and seven or eight social workers came to our  
13 family. And I think we filled one filing cabinet up.

14 We were trying to adopt him but they had all  
15 these different investigations year in and year out. By  
16 the time our son Orion was able to change his name from  
17 Sams to Morven, he was turning 16. That's 15 and a half  
18 years of research done by the Ministry of Children and  
19 Families, which was a waste of funds, you know?

20 And I fail to understand why they do things  
21 like that when in our culture, it's normal, like Millie  
22 says, that we're all family. We have someplace to put  
23 people. We have family to look after them.

24 But in this day and age, everybody else has

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1 to go through Ministry and government lays down the laws  
2 and unfortunately, we were dragged into that as well to  
3 live that kind of lifestyle when we don't normally do that.

4 Our children mean a lot to us. They're our  
5 future. And the sad thing about it is that 99 percent of  
6 our children that leave and do come back have no sense of  
7 culture. Our language is disappearing. Like, many Native  
8 nations, their language is gone. Ours is on the verge of  
9 that because we don't speak it on a daily basis, because if  
10 you speak to a person and you speak to them in our  
11 language, even if they are Nisga'a they don't understand  
12 you. They look at you in a funny way and saying, "Well,  
13 what are you saying? What are you doing?"

14 You know, and that's one of the things that  
15 we try to encourage, is Nisga'as have Nisga'a children  
16 families. And we're trying to get them to, whenever they  
17 apprehend a child, to make sure that they go to a Nisga'a  
18 family, preferably a family of their own rather than  
19 somebody else in some other community, because being  
20 community based means a lot of difference -- makes a lot of  
21 difference in life. You learn your culture, you learn the  
22 ways of your family, and you learn who you're related, how  
23 you're related. All this means so much. If you don't  
24 learn that, you're going to be walking the wrong direction

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1 and getting hurt later, you know, and that's one of the  
2 things.

3 And that's where we had problems with the  
4 Ministry. They didn't understand that. And for the life  
5 of me, even today, I still don't understand why they put us  
6 and our son through all that just to say yes in the end.

7 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** During that entire  
8 time, nearly 16 years of waiting and being reviewed, did  
9 the Ministry provide financial support for you to care for  
10 Orion?

11 **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** No, they didn't. They  
12 told us that because we're family, it's different if you're  
13 not family. You'll get financial support if you're not  
14 family. But if you're family, they say, "Well, you can't  
15 get financial support to raise your own child, so to speak,  
16 your own family member."

17 But it was fine by us. It didn't really  
18 matter. But the child's needs are still the same. It  
19 doesn't matter whether they're family or not. So we just  
20 went along with that and just didn't bother. We knew in  
21 our hearts that he was ours and that's the way we raised  
22 him, to be ours, and that's the way he talked to his mother  
23 and I, that we're Mom and Dad.

24 And one of the most loving things he did

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1 every day, we were -- on weekends we'd be both sleeping in  
2 and then this big 6'2" kid comes and flops himself on the  
3 bed in between us, something that you have to feel. He  
4 always talked about how much he loved us because of what we  
5 gave to him. He had love in his heart for us.

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And when you would  
7 travel to Vancouver, you and Cora, would you look for  
8 Rebecca?

9 **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** I guess it probably was  
10 a quest of ours to every chance we got, we knew -- I had  
11 friends Downtown Eastside and the church that I went to is  
12 on the Downtown Eastside, so whenever I'd come down to  
13 Vancouver, even if I was by myself, I walked from Granville  
14 Street all the way Downtown Eastside and talked to just  
15 about everybody on the streets because we knew who she was,  
16 knew I could describe her to a T. And I'd look for her all  
17 the way up til I got to the church.

18 And one of the things that they had in  
19 church every time I went was say a prayer for everyone.  
20 And when they're saying that prayer, you mention the name  
21 of the person you want to say a prayer for. And that's  
22 something that I did every day when I was in Vancouver.

23 Sometimes I'd be here for five days, you  
24 know, and during negotiations for our Treaty I was down

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1 here quite a bit. So I spent a lot of time down there when  
2 we weren't in meetings, walking, because I know quite a bit  
3 of Vancouver.

4 I was down here my first time ever to  
5 Vancouver was in 1961, you know, and it was small then.  
6 That was when they still had two-way streets, not just one-  
7 way streets every other street -- every other block.

8 And then I came back down in 1967 and I did  
9 the same things. I looked all over the place for  
10 everybody, people I knew. And that carried on right when I  
11 became an elected member of our village, that whenever I  
12 was sent down here, my mission was to go see our people who  
13 moved from our community to Vancouver, to speak to them.  
14 And that is one of the things we always did, was look for  
15 our own people.

16 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you.

17 Leonard, were you or anyone else in your  
18 family ever asked to produce DNA to assist in finding  
19 Rebecca?

20 **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** Initially, not right off  
21 the get go. It wasn't until the Pickton farm hit the news.  
22 And I can't remember the exact year. It was in early 2000  
23 or 2001, somewhere around there that the RCMP were  
24 travelling around to all the families that were on the

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1 missing women's list and it was then that my brothers and  
2 myself, we gave DNA samples, and my sister Janice also.

3 We never really -- to me, at the time, I  
4 couldn't remember whether what they exactly said, but just  
5 from what hit the news and then coming along and asking for  
6 our DNA samples, it's easy to put one and one together;  
7 this is the reason why they were asking for DNA samples.  
8 So to me, that was the main reason I thought they had  
9 required DNA samples from the families of the women that  
10 were on the list.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And when they came  
12 asking for your DNA did they do anything to prepare you?  
13 Did they provide any counselling, any support before,  
14 during, or after?

15 **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** No, there was no such  
16 support. It was, like, they had called ahead, said they  
17 were going to -- they wanted DNA samples. They come, take  
18 the samples, and that was it. There was no support or  
19 guidance for family members to deal with the situation at  
20 hand, you know? Like I said, my brothers and I, we're very  
21 quiet. We don't -- we barely talk and we're -- and I'm  
22 surprised I'm here talking in front of you, because it's  
23 hard to do.

24 But like I said, thank you to Breen. He

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1 brought out something in me that I'd be able to sit here  
2 and tell a little story about our sister who had a good  
3 life, you know, even though it was short. To me, you know,  
4 she had three kids who are all not here any more also, but  
5 two grandkids, two granddaughters.

6 So you know, there needs to be still some  
7 more support. You know, the granddaughters, they need  
8 some. I believe they do. They need some sort of support  
9 because I know the sons needed support and they didn't get  
10 any from any provincial or federal.

11 And I believe that is why they're not here  
12 also. You know, the question of living, growing up, you  
13 know, where is my mother? To me, in my own mind, that's  
14 the way I see it. They grew up in good families, but there  
15 was still that one little unanswered question -- where was  
16 my mother, you know because they were both given up, the  
17 two boys, Marvin who was the oldest, and then Orion. They  
18 were both given up shortly after they were born.

19 Now, as far as support for any of the family  
20 members, my family members, there was none, none  
21 whatsoever. And I'm thankful now that we have support  
22 sitting behind us here.

23 And to me, it's hard to let go and show your  
24 emotions, especially in public. It's something that

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1       myself, I try hard not to do. But in situations like this,  
2       when I'm talking about one of my sisters, you know, it's  
3       hard. And thankfully, I do have support. But back then,  
4       in the day, back in the day, I call it, no support, you  
5       know? If there was support, who knows, maybe the sons  
6       would be still here, you know?

7                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** When the RCMP asked  
8       for your DNA, did they recommend that you speak to a lawyer  
9       before giving them your DNA?

10                  **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** No, they didn't.

11                  **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Did the RCMP explain  
12       to you whether your DNA would be restricted only for the  
13       purpose of identifying Rebecca or if it might be used for  
14       other purposes, even used against you?

15                  **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** To my recollection, I  
16       don't think there was any real explanation. But like I  
17       said earlier, just myself, in my own mind, I knew, you  
18       know, putting one and one together, the reason why they  
19       were -- the initial reason why they were taking the DNA  
20       samples. But there was no explanation and no -- and  
21       whether it would be or could be used against me. So you  
22       know.

23                  **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And so to be clear, it  
24       was not made known to you whether or not they would keep

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1 the DNA samples if they did discover Rebecca at a later  
2 date? They didn't make clear to you that if they found  
3 Rebecca, they would then destroy your DNA samples?

4 **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** No, they didn't make that  
5 clear either, no.

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Millie, I understand  
7 from our previous conversations that you had difficulty  
8 seeking memorial funding for Rebecca through the Crime  
9 Victim Assistance Program. Would you share with the  
10 Commissioner what happened?

11 **MS. MILLIE PERCIVAL:** Yeah. At our family  
12 meeting, we decided to submit an application for to  
13 memorialize our sister and we decided that Leonard would  
14 sign the document. I needed to get a police file number  
15 and after a few days of no success obtaining a file number,  
16 I called the Crime Victim Assistance Program to see where I  
17 might obtain a file number.

18 And the person I spoke with asked me why I  
19 needed a file number and I explained that I was filling out  
20 a CVAP application, a Crime Victim Assistance Program  
21 application. And she asked for what and I explained that  
22 we wanted to -- we were thinking about a memorial bench  
23 with a plaque in our community for my sister -- for our  
24 sister. And she asked a few more questions and then

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1       concluded that the application would not qualify so not to  
2       bother sending it.

3               Twice during the course of our discussion  
4       the worker told me that no crime had been committed and  
5       that in one of those times, she said, "For all we know, she  
6       may not want to be found." She was referring to Becky.

7               I cried quite a bit and I didn't let her  
8       know that I was crying though. I explained that I was good  
9       with her response and that I would continue to try to  
10       obtain a file number and then submit the application so  
11       they could respond however they normally respond to  
12       applications. That way we can have a response in hand and  
13       possibly apply to other agencies, possibly including local  
14       government.

15               The worker was very upset and abruptly told  
16       me that no crime had been committed; therefore, we do not  
17       qualify and they are not there to create a paper trail for  
18       us, and to go ahead and apply to other agencies. Then she  
19       added that she thought applying to our local government  
20       would be very good. And her tone remained abrupt. And I  
21       made a mental note to myself to remain curious.

22               It was clear throughout our discussion -- we  
23       talked over an hour and it was clear to me that they would  
24       not respond to our application. And I asked her how they

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1 would handle the application if I sent it, to which she  
2 sharply replied that they would not consider it. And I  
3 asked if the application would go in the garbage.

4 I was crying hard and I couldn't speak when  
5 she asked the question, so she curtly asked me, "Hello, are  
6 you still there? Hello?"

7 And I eventually told her I was still there  
8 and that I was crying. And still speaking sharply, she  
9 said that it sounded like I needed to talk to someone and  
10 that she would get another -- a support worker to call me.

11 And that was Frida Enns, and she said that  
12 Frida could also explain why we don't qualify for funding.  
13 And she said that she will talk with Frida to give an  
14 overview of our discussion and get her to call me.

15 And I explained that I just called to get  
16 some direction on where I might obtain a file number,  
17 adding that I realize this is way more than just being  
18 about my sister. It is about the experience of the  
19 families of the missing and murdered women, and this isn't  
20 about our application. We would fundraise if we need to.

21 And she said something to the effect that  
22 she supported fundraising and she mentioned something about  
23 events for families of murdered and missing women and asked  
24 if I attended. And she was referring to the event in

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1 Prince George. And I explained that I was grateful for the  
2 opportunity to learn everything I had from our discussion  
3 and I thanked her for her time. And I hung up.

4 Our family had hoped that we could apply for  
5 funding to coordinate an event to coincide with another  
6 event which took place at the end of November 2016 to  
7 commemorate Becky's mother, who also went missing on the  
8 river many years ago. And we are, in effect, taking  
9 responsibility for our own healing.

10 This discussion resulted in me putting off  
11 sending the application, I guess due to shame, knowing that  
12 First Nations people are often identified as wanting things  
13 handed to them and done for them.

14 A great leader -- I'm not reading this whole  
15 thing -- but a great leader in our nation once spoke to me  
16 and he said, "No matter what, do no harm." And I have  
17 adopted that and that is why I chose not to raise my voice  
18 and say anything disrespectful or in a disrespectful manner  
19 to the worker.

20 And but I would like some assurance that all  
21 workers are trained and accountable to doing no further  
22 harm or receive trauma-informed practices as well as  
23 understanding that people who are applying to CVAP have  
24 already been victimized.

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1                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Millie has submitted  
2 to the Commission as evidence a complaint letter to the  
3 Crime Victim Assistance Program.

4                   Millie, were you reading from portions of  
5 that letter just now?

6                   **MS. MILLIE PERCIVAL:** Yes, I was, and I  
7 haven't submitted the letter yet. As I said, it really  
8 affected me deeply to feel that I was just there looking  
9 for a handout. And I think it goes to support that  
10 although Becky went missing more than 30 years ago, we're  
11 still being re-victimized so many times over by various --  
12 by the media and by situations such as this.

13                   Like I said, I accepted that. I accepted  
14 that "no" was the answer and that we could fundraise or  
15 whatever, but not to be told in that way, you know?

16                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** And Leonard, what do  
17 you hope will happen as a result of your testimony today?

18                   **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** There's a lot of things  
19 that I hope will happen but I will start to -- I will tell  
20 a little story of myself and my situation, where I work.  
21 As I am a Fishery Officer, a Federal Fishery Officer, and  
22 I've been one for 11 years now, and because I work in the  
23 enforcement field, I know a little bit now of enforcement  
24 and working with the police.

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1           Just yesterday I got a -- I was sitting down  
2           with two RCMP members and they were going over our sister's  
3           file. And from what you heard so far, it was in 1982 that  
4           she went missing. And for the record, on the file itself,  
5           it said 1983. So there was a one-year gap from when it was  
6           reported to when there was an actual paper trail on the  
7           file.

8           And as a Fishery Officer and doing an  
9           investigation, one year is a lot of time already when  
10          you're going to start an investigation. So that sends  
11          alarm bells to me automatically saying, what happened to  
12          the one year from when it was first reported and then  
13          finally put down on paper and recorded, you know? And this  
14          was with the Vancouver City Police.

15          And to add to this, my wife and I lived in  
16          Vancouver in the late eighties, early nineties, and I had a  
17          run in with the Vancouver City Police. And I ended up  
18          going to court and I had a Native Court Worker at the time.  
19          And I was being charged for assaulting a police officer.

20          And when we got to court, my Native Court  
21          Worker -- actually, it was before -- she saw who the judge  
22          was and she said, "Oh, no. This is not good for you."

23          And I asked why. And plain and simple, he  
24          didn't like First Nations. And this was a judge.

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1           So in that file, I ended up with a -- it was  
2           called a conditional discharge and I was fined \$20. And to  
3           me, it was the judge's way of covering himself by giving me  
4           the \$20 fine because I know in my mind, that wasn't me that  
5           supposedly assaulted him. It was somebody else that was  
6           taller than me. The description was 5'8" and I'm only  
7           5'5".

8           So putting that together with my sister's  
9           investigation, that leaves a -- to me, it leaves -- I'm  
10          going to say it the way I feel -- a bad taste in my mouth  
11          for the Vancouver City Police, even though I'm an  
12          enforcement officer myself. The respect is not there.  
13          They're going to have to earn that back from me.

14          It's something that will never go away until  
15          I see some things change within that organization. There's  
16          too much of it going on and it still goes on to this day.  
17          When it will stop, I don't know. Somebody has to be  
18          accountable for actions taken. And it's something that I  
19          hope to see changed, is attitudes towards First Nations.  
20          Women -- it seems that is where there's a big lack of  
21          respect for First Nations women.

22          And then you get labelled because you lived  
23          in the Downtown Eastside. There's another label that is  
24          there all the time. The media loves to take a story and

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1 change it around. They just need to change one word and it  
2 sounds so different than the actual story.

3 I know that there are a lot of other things.  
4 I'm trying to collect myself and get across a point of the  
5 way I feel and what I'd like to see. I can't right now.

6 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Would you like to  
7 submit something for Commissioner Robinson to review after  
8 the hearing when you've had more time to collect your  
9 thoughts? Would you like to put something in writing?

10 **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** I have something here.

11 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** You have something?  
12 Okay. Just take a moment.

13 **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** Sorry, Breen. Here are  
14 some recommendations that were written down. Counselling  
15 in place for children, immediately and long term.  
16 Compensation for family, especially for children, should be  
17 kept in trust for grandchildren. There was an after care  
18 for ceremony to bring families together to honour their  
19 sisters or their loved ones. Headstone or memorials to be  
20 held when families are ready. And that's what I've got.

21 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you.

22 Claude, what do you hope will happen as a  
23 result of your testimony today?

24 **MR. CLAUDE MORVEN:** Well, I feel the same as

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1 my cousin Leonard, you know, that we are labelled,  
2 especially the women. If you look -- and probably all your  
3 people should look at the Native culture. In our culture,  
4 to be able to carry on and do the things that we do, the  
5 women mean a very lot, a lot in our culture. They're the  
6 story. They hold the stories of your family. They can  
7 tell you the history of your family, where you come from  
8 and back as far as you can go; it's told by different  
9 people.

10 And one of the things that I really want to  
11 see happen is hopefully one day that the Commission just  
12 isn't here just to hear stories and that's the end of it,  
13 but actually point the finger like I would to the people  
14 who are to blame for not carrying on the proper  
15 investigations.

16 Those laws have to be changed. If you look  
17 at it in history, laws have always been built that way so  
18 that it stifles the growth of a Native person, especially  
19 Native women or women in general. Now, they have to be  
20 changed in order to allow growth and allow us to get to the  
21 bottom of things a lot quicker.

22 Thirty (30) years is -- 30-something odd  
23 years is a long time to carry this grief. And do we get  
24 closure after we're done? The answer is still no because

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1 we still don't know where it is and what's going to happen.

2 You hear our stories. You can tell the  
3 federal government, provincial government, but that's all  
4 you could do. There's no way of changing anything to  
5 ensure that we are getting something out of it and probably  
6 getting a chance to say our final goodbyes, and you know,  
7 be assured that our sister is at peace and at rest. Those  
8 type of things, we don't have whereas others have it.

9 You know, ever since she went missing, we  
10 have wondered about it and wondered about it, how we're  
11 going to deal with this because Leonard's father was not  
12 only my uncle through marriage but also a very good friend  
13 of mine. And I'll tell you a story about what happened to  
14 him at the airport in Terrace that ultimately led to his  
15 death.

16 He was sitting in the airport waiting for a  
17 flight to Vancouver to do a checkup because he had lung  
18 problems. And he was flying Air Canada. And this guy sits  
19 next to him. This is in the days when you were allowed to  
20 smoke. He just simply said to this person sitting next to  
21 him that, "You shouldn't be smoking next to me. It will be  
22 just like a bomb going off if this oxygen tank blows up."

23 All the people heard, the attendants heard  
24 on the plane, was "bomb". I was just going to leave the

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1 airport because I brought him there and they told me to  
2 come and get him and take him off the plane.

3 So some friends of ours got together and  
4 they got him on the next flight the next morning which at  
5 that time was too late because rather than bringing him to  
6 the hospital, he wanted to stay in a hotel. So I didn't  
7 bring him to the hospital like I should have, as he ran out  
8 of oxygen and eventually his lungs deteriorated some more.  
9 And shortly after that he passed.

10 And all because of a simple sentence that he  
11 was worried he might get blown up by the person smoking  
12 next to him. And he was thrown off the plane. He already  
13 paid his flight, paid it out of his own pocket.

14 You know, and I was really amazed that they  
15 did something like that to him. I tried really hard. I  
16 talked to the Air Canada people for over an hour, trying to  
17 convince them he was only worried about everybody else,  
18 plus his own life because of what that person was doing  
19 next to him. He didn't say he was carrying a bomb.

20 You know, and there were many things that he  
21 taught me while I was growing up and a single person.  
22 Little did I know that I was going to marry his niece a few  
23 years later, you know? And over the years that we've  
24 learned things, we learned who to respect. The law, I have

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1 no respect for because of the way it's written.

2 I've had a lot of run ins with the RCMP but  
3 thankfully, they were all good ones and not bad ones,  
4 because I threatened them. I told them I was going to tell  
5 my niece to look after them because that's who she works  
6 for.

7 But if you look at the law and you look at  
8 how fast the investigations happen, Millie's brother  
9 brought up a really -- he was probably being sarcastic in  
10 saying it but it was sort of funny in a way -- when he  
11 said, "You look at the Downtown Eastside, or Native women  
12 in particular, how fast the investigations happen; a snail  
13 crawling across the room would finish his trip before the  
14 investigation starts."

15 But there is this person who owned all these  
16 dogs up in Whistler and they were dying. The investigation  
17 started the very next day. See, dogs were important than  
18 even the women, the animals. Now, why can't they give us  
19 an answer?

20 What are the steps they are taking to ensure  
21 that the family gets the word that they are looking into it  
22 and not just saying something to appease you, but rather,  
23 really doing it? And I hope one of these days that the  
24 women of our country get treated better than they are

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1 treated today. Thank you.

2 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Millie, what do you  
3 hope will happen as a result of your testimony today?

4 **MS. MILLIE PERCIVAL:** I made some notes and  
5 because of the emotional effects of just being here, I  
6 would prefer just to read the notes. I'll just read them.

7 People say that we're experiencing social  
8 issues because we had no role models. We did have role  
9 models who, for the most part, taught our parents and  
10 grandparents an abusive lifestyle which was reinforced  
11 daily for years at a time at the residential schools.

12 I would like to share a quote.

13 "I feel certain that this school will be a  
14 great success and that it will be a chief  
15 means of civilizing the Indian with no  
16 danger of their following the awful  
17 existence that many of them ignorantly now  
18 live now."

19 And that was from a principal's report at  
20 Indian residential school. I took this from the Truth and  
21 Reconciliation website.

22 This mentality has nearly destroyed our  
23 self-confidence. Many of us feel like there is something  
24 wrong or uncorrectable with our being. The same amount of

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1 time and energy and resources needs to be put in place to  
2 reinstate our sense of self-worth as well as pride in our  
3 language and culture. Simultaneously, the government needs  
4 to facilitate the promotion of respect for Aboriginal  
5 people, much the same way that resources are pumped into  
6 things like ParticipACTION for physical fitness and smoking  
7 cessation.

8 We need to deal with intergenerational  
9 trauma by implementing intergenerational solutions. Being  
10 mindful of that, the stripping of livelihood was carried  
11 out universally. Likewise, the resources for reinstatement  
12 need to encompass holistic multi-faceted approaches.

13 When you only heal one group of people, they  
14 go back into the community and are immersed into the trauma  
15 that has affected the whole community. They have little to  
16 no support. Then their family seeks healing and see their  
17 loved ones relapsing from the lack of support. But they  
18 don't know why their loved one is relapsing. So begins  
19 another cycle of hopelessness and shame.

20 Reconciliation is an action. With lack of  
21 legislative controls, we are vulnerable for exploitation as  
22 we work at reinstating our wellness and safety and  
23 security. People study the history of the First Nations  
24 people. They reconstitute our historical practices in

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1 health, spirituality, wellness, and community safety  
2 infrastructure, and sell it back to us. All the things we  
3 are that we heal, that we seek to heal, are basic human  
4 rights and we're still trying to attain them.

5 We don't know what it feels like to wake up  
6 each day, looking forward to enjoying the wonderment of  
7 discovery and freedom from safety for the lives of our  
8 children and grandchildren.

9 The residential school settlements take  
10 place. They have taken place or not and our people still  
11 don't have the useful reinstatement of our community  
12 structure to effectively halt this revolving door so that  
13 we can begin processing the grief and loss which continues  
14 to grip us.

15 It will be good for this Inquiry to  
16 incorporate organizations which support building safety  
17 such as local community governments, the Canadian Women's  
18 Foundation, Native Women's Association of Canada, the  
19 Community Coordination for Women's Safety, and Ending  
20 Violence Association of B.C. in order to make a meaningful  
21 difference to women's safety.

22 Those organizations need to have a  
23 designated seat for them by this Inquiry to have the  
24 opportunity to be a part of building the final report so

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1       that they can support the construction of safety for  
2       Aboriginal women with follow-up funding to specifically  
3       address the safety of Aboriginal women using holistic  
4       structure.

5               The information being provided is key, that  
6       information being provided by families is key to the  
7       development and service delivery which requires resources  
8       to match the magnitude and scope of the issues which  
9       continue to impede the safety of Aboriginal women.

10              Further, the government needs to sanction  
11       these organizations in a very public way. This Inquiry  
12       needs to amount to much more than volumes of books to be  
13       unveiled only as a token to safety.

14              The Inquiry will not be effective if their  
15       report is going to be used as a token or accomplishment, I  
16       guess, trophy.

17              Piecemeal funding brings piecemeal safety.  
18       Years of experiencing abuse has spread the survival tactic  
19       of lateral violence. We need to relearn lateral kindness,  
20       child attachment, and brain development. It's evident in  
21       the history of our culture that we knew and practiced these  
22       things. Language and culture reinstatement are an integral  
23       component and we also need major campaigns to influence  
24       Canadian citizens to think safety when they think of women.

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1           We need to replace harmful terms such as  
2           "prostitution" to reflect the exploitation that is taking  
3           place. And this promotion for change needs to be put  
4           forward properly, like, just really endorsed by the  
5           government. Targeted funding and trauma informed  
6           understanding for non-Aboriginal people will facilitate a  
7           balanced understanding that these things are being returned  
8           to us because they were taken from us. Reinforcement of  
9           these practices needs to be daily for years at a time, the  
10          same way that they were taken from us.

11           These are a small snapshot of what's going  
12          on to take -- what it's going to take to increase safety  
13          for Aboriginal women and all women will reap the benefits.

14           My sister belonged to -- she belongs to  
15          families who embrace her as much more than how she has been  
16          portrayed by the media. The media has been allowed to  
17          inflict shame on us as though we didn't love Becky.

18           Like all survivors of intergenerational  
19          trauma, my sister wanted to belong. She wanted to be  
20          wanted.

21           Article V in the Universal Declaration of  
22          Human Rights refers to the right to be free from degrading  
23          treatment. The media's right to freedom of speech appears  
24          to override our right not to be degraded, and furthermore,

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1           what they say freezes us in shame and guilt and fear.

2                       Millions of dollars were put into  
3           documenting and legislating rights which seem more like  
4           friendly suggestions when you are at the receiving end of  
5           campaigns to sensationalize the risky lifestyles that our  
6           sister led, our sisters, as though they weren't being  
7           exploited.

8                       We cannot begin to keep our children safe if  
9           we don't educate communities about the realities of  
10          exploitation.

11                      It's the actions that someone else took that  
12          is perplexing, not our family's actions and not our  
13          sister's lie. Victim blaming must stop.

14                      **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Millie, what do you  
15          ask Canadians to do after they've heard all the testimony  
16          of the families and survivors?

17                      **MS. MILLIE PERCIVAL:** To know that our goals  
18          in life as Aboriginal people and Aboriginal women are like  
19          any other women. As a child, as children, we had dreams.  
20          We were asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"  
21          And nobody responded that they wanted to be an alcoholic or  
22          that they wanted to be addicted to drugs or be exploited.

23                      And I really believe that if the government  
24          can do things like run these huge campaigns -- and they are

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1 effective -- about participACTION and smoking cessation,  
2 because people do talk about it. They talk with one  
3 another and see how they're doing with their routine, their  
4 exercise routine or whatever it is or how they're doing  
5 with not smoking and adopting healthy lifestyles because of  
6 the government's efforts -- then I think the same kind of  
7 efforts can be put into respecting Aboriginal people,  
8 Aboriginal women, and Aboriginal people in total, you know?

9 Like, people don't know who I am as a person  
10 and they have no -- even after this today, nobody really  
11 has any idea of who we really are here.

12 And I think I'm kind of -- I don't have that  
13 -- it's very difficult just thinking about our sister's --  
14 where she ended up, you know? We don't really face that  
15 until today. I mean, how many, like, more than 34 years  
16 later, it's hard not to be rattled by all of that.

17 And I came here with all these clear ideas  
18 of what I -- how I think we need to be respected and that  
19 respect needs to be backed up by the government because  
20 that's how we got into this situation in the first place,  
21 to be disrespected by the statements that were made about  
22 us, not just that one statement that I read but many, many  
23 statements. And they were allowed to be heard by the  
24 government.

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1           That needs to be addressed, turned around so  
2           that they can actually promote, not just hope that it  
3           happens but promote what our people have, the values that  
4           we have and recognize that like what I said, were people  
5           are adopting, they're looking in, they're studying the ways  
6           of our people, how we used to be, how holistic it was or  
7           seamless.

8           Everything was seamless. Church wasn't the  
9           only place that you go to get spirituality and school  
10          wasn't the only place that you went to get education and  
11          the hospital wasn't -- you know, you don't just go there  
12          when you need health care. It was all seamless services  
13          and people are noticing the value in that and then they  
14          study it and study it and then they sell it back to us, you  
15          know.

16                   **COMMISSIONER ROBINSON:** They call it wrap-  
17          around care.

18                   **MS. MILLIE PERCIVAL:** Yeah. And so I think  
19          I can carry on for a long time. I'll just stop there.

20                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** If you are ready to  
21          stop, thank you, Millie.

22                   Leonard, what would you ask Canadians to do  
23          after listening to all the testimony of the National  
24          Inquiry?

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1                   **MR. LEONARD GUNO:** What I would like to see  
2                   is people take the time to do their own investigating too.  
3                   You know, ask their own questions in their own  
4                   neighbourhoods, in their own towns, you know, little  
5                   questions, because to me, my biggest -- the biggest picture  
6                   for me is the racism. I've done my own things and  
7                   listened, watched. You know, you go onto social media,  
8                   it's easy to find things.

9                   And one article I read was that racism is  
10                  learned, so that tells me something. It starts somewhere  
11                  in the house, you know? It's something that needs to be  
12                  addressed at the family level just like the way we are as  
13                  First Nations. We deal with sitting at the table at dinner  
14                  time. That's when we do all our talking. And it's where  
15                  we get things accomplished, during a meal.

16                  So to me, it was racism against my sister  
17                  and all the other sisters that not only lived on the  
18                  Downtown Eastside but anywhere in our -- in the country of  
19                  Canada and the United States, you know? It's something  
20                  that needs to be addressed at the family level.

21                  As I said earlier, I do work for the federal  
22                  government and I do see it there, you know? I see it  
23                  happen in my own work environment, amongst my own co-  
24                  workers. These are little things that I haven't addressed

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1       myself yet, but it's something that does need to be talked  
2       about more.

3                   **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** Thank you.

4                   And Claude, what are your final thoughts?  
5       Sorry?

6                   **MR. CLAUDE MORVEN:** I was looking at Breen  
7       and I moved my lips and he said, "What did you say?" I  
8       haven't said anything yet.

9                   In Millie's statement and as well as in  
10       Leonard's statement, there are things that are very true in  
11       our culture, being holistic and learning everything at  
12       home, and living in one place as a family unit means a lot.

13                   Also, the learned aspects of beating on  
14       women and using and abusing them, that is something that's  
15       very systemic, I guess, because it comes from residential  
16       schools. If you look at all -- it goes back as far as my  
17       parents. I learned that from my father. If your wife  
18       don't listen, beat her. That's what he did to my mother.  
19       And he learned that from residential school. Like,  
20       whenever they didn't listen, they got beat. Whenever the  
21       girls didn't listen, they got beat, you know? And this is  
22       something that grew and grew and grew.

23                   I finally stopped because I used to be a  
24       very abusive person. I stopped because I said, "Why would

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1 I do that to somebody I loved and somebody I married? Got  
2 to be something wrong here." So I stopped. That day, some  
3 30 years ago, I quit drinking as well. I never had to go  
4 to a healing centre to do that. I found it within myself.  
5 Very few people can do that.

6 But the point is, we still have to say that  
7 to unlearn something, it's going to be a big procedure to  
8 try to do that. And I think just one little dropping a  
9 word here and there would make a difference in our culture.

10 Leonard brought up a very interesting point.  
11 Something that I learned as a very young child is that your  
12 parents never speak to you in a public place, never try to  
13 tell you anything in a public place. They'll take you and  
14 take you home and they still, even then, they wouldn't say  
15 anything to you. But as soon as we sat down for dinner,  
16 then the words come out.

17 Our mother always told us that the words of  
18 wisdom that we get in our life is taken in as we digest our  
19 food. We don't have enough time to think about anything  
20 else or when they're speaking to us, you subconsciously  
21 learn.

22 For many years everybody said, "You never  
23 listen to your mother." And today, many years after she  
24 passed, I can still tell you all the words she ever said to

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1 me in my life because somewhere deep in the back of my  
2 mind, that we were taught this.

3 And I believe that if we start somewhere,  
4 just open the door a little bit so that people will start  
5 having an understanding of why Native cultures are the way  
6 they are and why we don't treat our women the way they are  
7 treated elsewhere, you know?

8 I went to the garage to get my car fixed one  
9 day and this elderly-looking gentleman walked in, two  
10 canes, swearing around about how hard his life was. Mind  
11 you, he was a White man.

12 And he said, "Just wait til you get to my  
13 age. Then you'll feel all the aches and pains. I've been  
14 logging for 20 years," he said.

15 I said, "How old are you?"

16 He said, "Sixty-three (63)."

17 I said, "Damn, I missed that on my  
18 calendar," I said. "I'm 73."

19 He took both his canes, put them under his  
20 arms, and he walked out the door. He looked at me and  
21 thought I was younger than him.

22 I said, "Maybe 20 years from now I'll be  
23 still here talking the same way because age is all in the  
24 mind."

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1           But I really believe in my heart that  
2           there's got to be a way for us to change what's happening  
3           to our people, especially the women. We can't just let it  
4           keep on going the way it is and we can't be labelled all  
5           our lives.

6           I was telling the group last night that when  
7           the wife was going to university in Lethbridge, I put in  
8           applications all over Lethbridge for a job. First line,  
9           "What's your name?"

10           Second line, "What nationality are you?"

11           I didn't know that had anything to do with  
12           the job. They never looked at my resumé, that I only had  
13           two jobs in my whole life. But the second line was, I put  
14           down, "I'm Native," so I was never called back, which is  
15           really funny because, you know, at that moment, I almost  
16           became a racist person because they said, "Well, that's  
17           what all the Blackfeet Indians do around here do. On  
18           payday they go, get paid, they go, they never come back."

19           At that point, I almost said, "Well, I'm not  
20           Blackfeet." And I thought about it and then I said, "Okay.  
21           Did you read any part of my resumé?"

22           If a person can work 22-odd years on one  
23           job, never been sick, never missed a day -- the only time I  
24           never worked was when I was on my holidays -- 23 years,



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1 covered so much on the impacts of racism, really. And as I  
2 hear about Rebecca's life, as early as four years old,  
3 government-sanctioned racism was impacting her life, and  
4 even before then with her parents.

5 And then the labelling, I wanted to ask if  
6 her boys were exposed to the media coverage? That one  
7 headline that you shared with us, Millie, did her boys see  
8 that? Were they exposed to that?

9 **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** To what?

10 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** To the media  
11 coverage, the way Rebecca was described.

12 **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** I am not sure whether  
13 Marvin was but I know Orion was still a fairly young age,  
14 so he wasn't. We tried not to let him see things like  
15 that. We just explained to him where he came from, who is  
16 true family is, and but he's ours and we love him. But he  
17 wasn't -- in our house, we never exposed him to that. But  
18 I don't know about Marvin because he lived a different  
19 household.

20 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Claude, you  
21 spoke about being involved in the negotiations for the  
22 Treaty, and I'm wondering if you would like to talk about  
23 how that may have -- the signing of the Treaty and the  
24 implementation and those agreements, has that resulted in

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1 changes over the last -- we're talking what, 20-some-odd  
2 years now -- to your community and your Nation's ability to  
3 address some of the laws and the challenges that you had  
4 talked about?

5 **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** In regards to?

6 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Just being  
7 able to have more control to promote culture, language, and  
8 self-determination as a Nation.

9 **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** Well, I don't really  
10 know whether that has changed anything or not because to  
11 us, it doesn't matter what the outside world is doing. Our  
12 Nation still does their cultural thing to the best of their  
13 ability.

14 The issue is that like all other Nations,  
15 it's sort of fading into the Twilight Zone because there  
16 aren't too many elders who really understood and understand  
17 the culture and can pass it on, because in order to pass it  
18 on, you have to be able to understand what they're saying  
19 to you because they only speak in our language. And things  
20 like that happen all the time. It just doesn't happen just  
21 in our communities but everywhere.

22 And I probably was one of the lucky ones  
23 because I was brought up that way, through culture. I have  
24 a high name in our family but being cultural, I can't put

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1 the name Chief in front of it because that's self-  
2 promotion. As a cultural person, you don't do that.  
3 Someone else must acknowledge you as such, but not  
4 yourself. And that's one of the things that is getting  
5 lost.

6 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

7 **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** But I don't really know  
8 whether or not it will be changed or it would change.

9 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** I think that  
10 covers the questions I have. No, I do, just to clarify.  
11 So Orion was in your care? You had him but they wouldn't -  
12 - but the investigation went on, like, the investigation to  
13 see if you could adopt him went on for 15 and a half years?

14 **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** Yes, I think we still  
15 have a filing cabinet full in Terrace. Seven different  
16 social workers.

17 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

18 **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** And they all started  
19 right from the first file. Every time they came to visit,  
20 the file was bigger and bigger. But it took forever.

21 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

22 **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** Whereas if I was  
23 Caucasian here in this file, we would have got him within a  
24 month. But they kept on coming back and kept on asking the

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1 same questions over and over and over again. And one of  
2 the questions that they kept on asking was -- they asked my  
3 children, our children, "Are you guys fine with having  
4 another brother and he's going to be adopted by your  
5 parents?"

6 I remember the very first day we talked  
7 about it before the Ministry got involved. Our kids were  
8 just overjoyed. And they kept on wondering why it takes so  
9 long, why it took so long. They kept on saying, "What part  
10 of yes don't those people understand? We want him to be a  
11 part of us."

12 But it rolled on and on and on, year in,  
13 year out. And sometimes we'd forget about it and all of a  
14 sudden there's a knock on the door. "We're coming to do a  
15 family study."

16 "For what?"

17 "For your adoption application."

18 I said, "Oh, I thought that was over and  
19 done with."

20 "No, it isn't. We still got to do more."

21 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah. Did  
22 that impact your son? I can imagine that that would make a  
23 young person feel or question their stability or --  
24 especially to have government officials come and say, "Oh,

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1       no, you're not quite theirs yet," every few years.

2                   **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** It did in certain ways,  
3       that you know, every once in a while he'd fly off the  
4       handle and say just, "I don't belong to you guys. You guys  
5       don't want me," and that sort of -- those sort of things  
6       would fly out of his mouth, just at the heat of the moment  
7       and when he was mad at us or he thought he was mad at us.  
8       But he wasn't mad at us. He was mad at the world.

9                   And we'd say to him, "Come on, son. We love  
10       you. It's not our fault the Ministry is taking this long  
11       with this. We've had you since you were a baby and we're  
12       not going to stop loving you just because the Ministry  
13       didn't say that you're ours yet. Our love doesn't change  
14       for you."

15                   But it hurt him in certain ways. I know  
16       that it did, the way he reacted when we'd try to talk to  
17       him. You can tell he was hurt. And he was a very good  
18       kid.

19                   **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** And according  
20       to your laws, he was already yours.

21                   **MR. FLOYD PERCIVAL:** Yes. According to our  
22       laws, the day his grandfather handed him over, he was ours,  
23       no questions asked. And that's the way we brought him up.

24                   And that's one thing about having culture in



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1       could turn on the news and you'll see the problems with  
2       Ministry of Child and Family Services. You could count one  
3       every day if you wanted to, and those are continual  
4       problems that you see. And it's the laws and the  
5       regulations that bind them. They not only bind them, but  
6       they hide them too. So yeah, that was a perfect example.

7                   **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Thank you, and  
8       you actually expanded on some questions I had about your  
9       recommendations about accountability and that. So thank  
10      you for that.

11                   Before we end, I want to acknowledge a  
12      concern you raised, that it's a concern I have too, about  
13      what happens next, action or a book, right?

14                   And I want to share with you that that's  
15      something I think about every day. Process is really  
16      important, but action at the end of this Inquiry is  
17      incredibly important. And as a Commissioner, my role is to  
18      fulfil this mandate and the action will be up to  
19      governments and Nations and communities.

20                   And I think about that all the time. This  
21      can't be words in a book on a shelf that the next Inquiry  
22      is going to look back on, say, "Oh, see, they knew. See,  
23      RCAP, they knew. See, TRC, those questions and answers  
24      were there."

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1           In our interim report we talk about that.  
2           So many recommendations that have come before now that have  
3           not been acted on. So that is something that weighs on me  
4           and the rest of my colleagues and our team. We want action  
5           as well.

6           And I want to thank you for the  
7           recommendations that you've provided, all of which are  
8           anchored in action and change, change in how we think,  
9           change in how we relate, change in how we work.

10          And I want to end by sharing with you that  
11          concern is something that I share. It can't be a trophy.  
12          The trophy will be what our children and grandchildren and  
13          great-grandchildren's lives are. That's the gift that I  
14          want to see.

15          Before we conclude, I want to share with you  
16          or extend to you a gift from the Inquiry to honour your  
17          sister, to honour Rebecca and to honour and acknowledge  
18          your time here today.

19          We have packets of seeds but we also have,  
20          wrapped in red cloth, eagle feathers that we've been  
21          directed -- and I say "directed" because I feel like I'm,  
22          like, a -- I'm handing it from one person to another. I'm  
23          like, the vehicle.

24          When we had our hearing in Smithers, the

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1 matriarchs in Haida Gwaii directed us. This came to them,  
2 that they wanted eagle feathers to be gifted to everyone  
3 that came and shared their truth, their experience, their  
4 wisdom, and knowledge.

5 And I don't need to explain to you the  
6 importance of the eagle feather and why, but it's something  
7 that we've carried from community to community that we've  
8 been to and the feathers started in Haida Gwaii and now  
9 they come from all over. And conservation officers that  
10 come across a fallen eagle present them to our team and  
11 they prepare them with intention to give to you in keeping  
12 with the intention that the matriarchs instructed us with.

13 So I want to thank you again and I'm going  
14 to put the microphone down and can you help me present the  
15 feathers?

16 I often -- well, I'm going to put this down  
17 and I'll come and talk to you directly.

18 --- Presentation of gifts

19 **MR. BREEN OUELLETTE:** I have no further  
20 questions. I would ask that you adjourn at your pleasure.

21 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** I'll adjourn  
22 this hearing. All those supports and friends who are here  
23 with this wonderful family, come, give love. And I thank  
24 you again.



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