

Sioux Lookout Collective

Presentation to National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

December 2018

Sioux Lookout Collective: Mayor Doug Lawrance, Municipality of Sioux Lookout,
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SIoux LOOKOUT
Hub of the North

Exhibit: National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
Location/Phase: <u>Part 4 Closing Oral</u>
Witness: <u>n/a</u>
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Initials <u>63</u>
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- * Sioux Lookout population of 5,000
- Services 30,000 people including 30 First Nations
- 25 First Nations are fly-in access communities



Historical



The Pelican Lake Indian Residential School operated near Sioux Lookout, Ont., from 1926 to 1978. (Anglican Church of Canada)

CHARLES OMBASH / AGE 11 & TOM OMBASH / AGE 12

Charles OMBASH, age 11, and Tom OMBASH, age 12, went missing from the Pelican Falls Residential School on October 5, 1956. The principal of the school reported the boys missing on November 10, 1956. It is believed the youths took a canoe and may have been heading to Savant Lake, Pickle Lake or Cat Lake. The youths were never located.

No Photos
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Railroad Military Forestry





OPP, chief coroner reopen investigation into 1972 death of 19-year-old Indigenous woman



The young woman was last seen in the company of 2 men just hours before her body was found on side of the road

Cathy Alex · CBC News · Posted: Oct 23, 2018 4:16 PM ET | Last Updated: October 23



Dirk Huyer (left), Ontario's chief coroner and OPP Det. Insp. Gilles Depratto speak Tuesday in Sioux Lookout, Ont., about the renewed police investigation into the 1972 death of 19-year-old Audrey Anderson. (Jeff Walters/CBC)



Late Audrey Anderson

Reopening of the case for Audrey Anderson, 1972. Press Conference outside the Sioux Lookout Police Station. Attended by family and supporters. It was announced that status of her case has gone from “accidental” to “undetermined”.

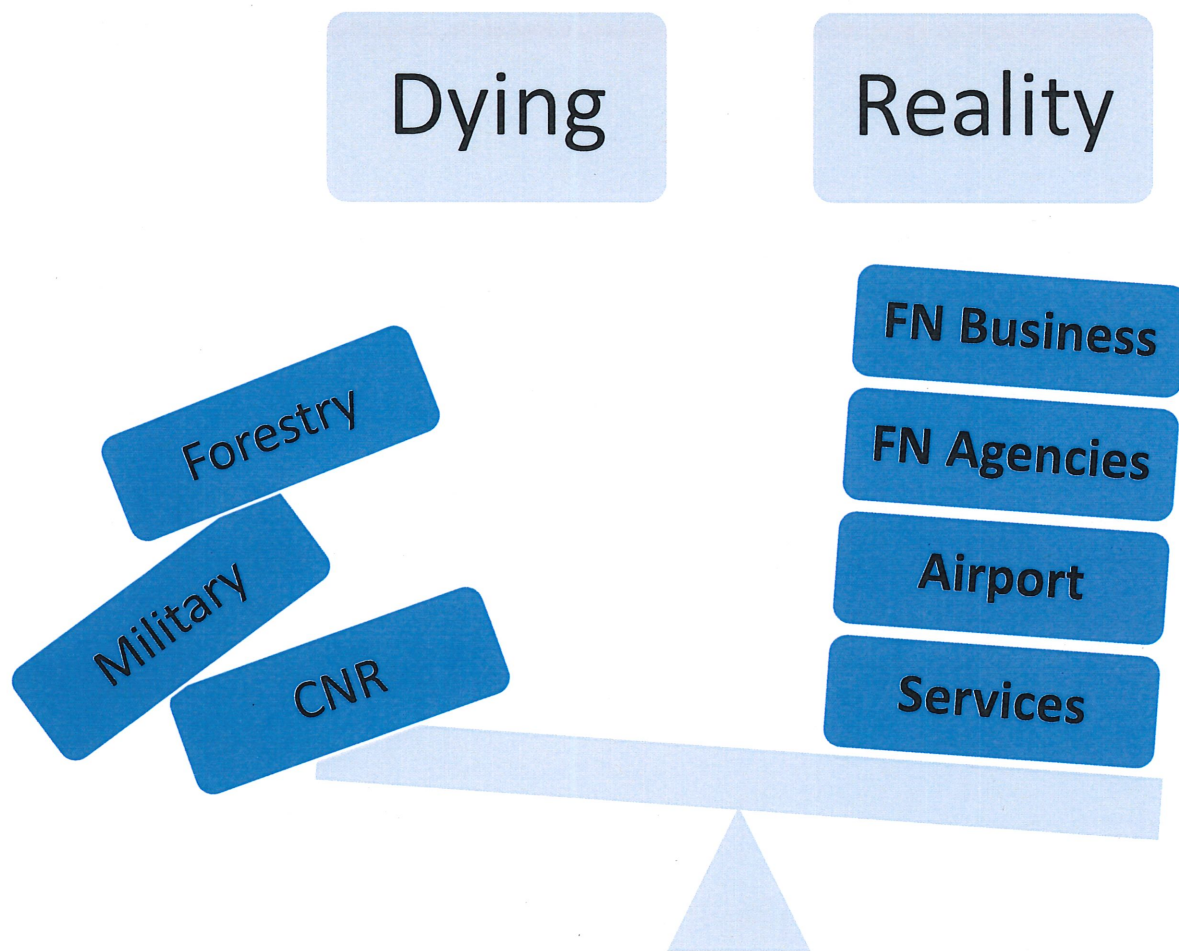


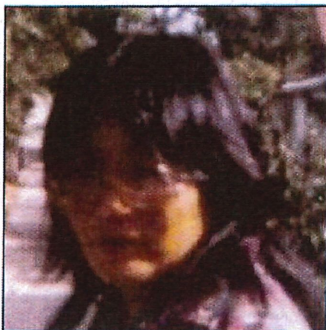
Press Conference followed by the Sisters in Spirit Walk
- October 23, 2018

First Nations Organizations – 80s & 90s

- Nishnawbe Gamik Friendship Centre
- Tribal Councils – Independent First Nations Alliance, Windigo, Shibogama, Keewatinook Okimakanak
- Northern Nishnawbe Education Council (NNEC)
- Sioux Lookout Area Aboriginal Management Board
- Tikinagan Child and Family Services
- Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority
- Wawatay Native Communications Society – radio and newspaper

Town - Beginning a Transformation





VIOLA PANACHEESE / AGE 42

Viola PANACHEESE, age 42, was reported missing on August 19, 1991. She was last seen at the west end of the CN crossing in Sioux Lookout on August 18, 1991, at approximately 10:00 a.m. The area was searched extensively with negative results.



CECILIA PAYASH / AGE 47

Cecilia PAYASH, age 47, and her son, Leo PAYASH, were last seen walking from Red Lake towards Morgan along the railway line on July 1, 1957. Neither PAYASH nor her son has been seen since.



SARAH SKUNK / AGE 43

In January 1995, Sarah SKUNK, age 43, visited with family members located in Mishkeegogamang First Nation and also in Shabaqua. Since that time, she has not been heard from by any family members.

1990's

- Sioux Lookout Indian Zone Hospital 1949
- Sioux Lookout General Hospital 1933
- **1997** Four Party Agreement between:
 - Nishnawbe Aski Nation
 - Municipality of Sioux Lookout
 - Canada
 - Ontario

Engagement, cooperation around mutual health care needs

2010 - Meno Ya Win Health Centre and Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority Hostel



Health Care Cooperation

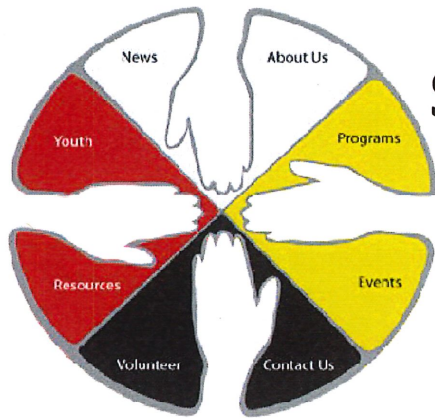
- Four Party Agreement Table
- Meno Ya Win Health Centre Board
- SLFNHA Hostel, 39 bed facility
- Cooperation/Support
 - Long term care
 - Pre and Post-Natal Housing
 - 20-Unit Supportive Housing
 - Health Care Transformation

Meno Ya Win Health Centre



What do we do?

By Industry	%
Health Care & Social Service	28%
Public Administration	15%
Education	9%
Accommodation & Food Service	15%
Retail	9%
Transportation & Warehousing	9%
Other	15%



Sioux Lookout Anti-Racism Committee

- SLARC formed in the 1990's.



Garnet Angecone has been a key contributor to SLARC, the Municipal TRC, and the community.

2012 – Friendship Accord

Sioux Lookout Friendship Accord



WHEREAS The Municipality of Sioux Lookout is committed to strengthening its relationships with First Nation governments and people in and around the Sioux Lookout area;

AND WHEREAS the Sioux Lookout Friendship Accord has been drafted to provide the overall framework upon which the Municipality will build agreements and action plans in partnership with First Nation governments and people;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Municipality of Sioux Lookout, within the traditional area of Lac Seul First Nation, recognizes that significant contributions First Nations people and organizations have made to this community.

Together, we acknowledge and honour our ancestors, traditions and the spirit of Sioux Lookout which first drew First Nations people together. We acknowledge and honour the long history of service to the community that continues to be embodied by the Municipality of Sioux Lookout and its employees. We acknowledge that we reside on Treaty 3 land and play an integral role as a 'service hub' to the Treaty 5 and 9 communities, and together we call upon our traditions and spirit to maintain a respectful and lasting relationship between the Municipality of Sioux Lookout and First Nation peoples.

We believe that all people in the Sioux Lookout Area are served well through positive relationships between the Municipality of Sioux Lookout and the First Nation communities. We have a mutual need for First Nation people to be involved in all aspects of the community to ensure the ongoing development of culturally-sensitive municipal services that meet First Nation needs.

We believe that good relationships must be based upon a foundation of shared values of honesty, respect, mutual sharing and contribution. These values enhance our community as well as our collective social, spiritual, economic and physical well-being. They also serve our shared interests within the guidelines of accountability, transparency, inclusiveness, responsiveness and shared stewardship.

The principle-based relationship agreement between First Nation communities, people in the Sioux Lookout Area, and the Municipality of Sioux Lookout, establishes commitments and objectives to be put in place in order to make Sioux Lookout a better place for all residents and visitors. Milestone shall be set and our progress reviewed. This Accord shall provide the framework for the development of agreements regarding, but not limited to, the following:

- The recognition and respect of the various levels of First Nation government, culture and people;
- Regional leadership, demonstrating how Municipal and First Nation governments can work together;
- The development of protocols to establish open and improved lines of communication;
- Supporting First Nation culture and the development of recreation and leisure activities that are culturally appropriate;
- Encourage First Nation investment in Sioux Lookout including, but not limited to, people, culture, business, community and social participation;
- Increase First Nation participation in our local economy;
- Improve our community by making it more economically vibrant and sustainable;
- Investing in our youth, the future of our community, by ensuring cultural, recreational, educational, and career opportunities are readily available; and,
- Addressing root causes relating to public safety, so that all residents and visitors safe and welcome in the community.

Mayor Doug Lawrance

Chief Lorraine Cranfe

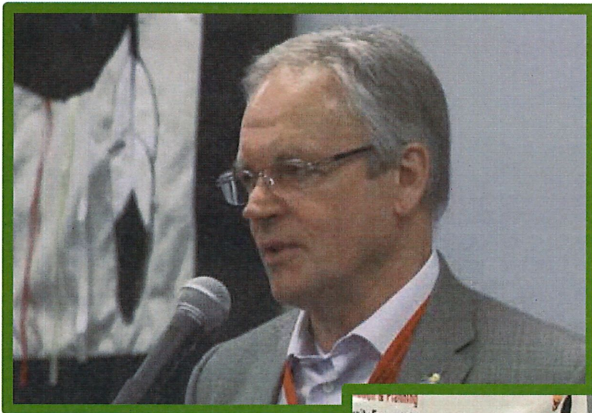
Chief James Cutfeet

Chief Clifford Bull

Chief Ernie Wesley

Signed on this day of 5 in the month of March, 2017

Chiefs and Mayors Gathering May 2015



Mayor's Committee for Truth and Reconciliation



Back – CAO Ann Mitchell, Mayor Doug Lawrance, Marie Lands, Councillor Joyce Timpson

Front – Darlene Angecone, Garnet Angecone, Kelly Anderson

(Not in the picture: Lac Seul First Nation Chief Clifford Bull,
Nishnawbe Aski Nation Representative)

Municipal TRC

- Municipal Responses to TRC Commission Calls to Action
- Public Education, Engagement and Events
- Presentations at Regional, Provincial, National Events
- On-going Work for Truth and Reconciliation
- Work by Municipal Museum and Library
- Wawatay Monthly Municipal Radio Show
- Standing with MMIW Inquiry

Equay-wuk (Women's Group)



- Catchment area 31 remote First Nations
- Incorporated in July 1989
- Independent women's group, non-profit, charitable organization
- Topics: Family Violence, Parenting, Women's Leadership, Youth, Elders projects, Addictions, Employment Skills Training Program, Families of Missing and Murdered Women and Girls
- **Family Information Liaison Unit (FiLU)**
- **Victim Services Program**
- Both programs provide services for families of Missing and Murdered Women and Girls, Transgendered & Two-Spirited (funded by the Government of Ontario)
- Website: www.equaywuk.ca

Business Hub Opens October 2015



Partner Communities



Sioux Lookout - A Municipal Outlier

Consider Policing	Comparison to Prov
OPP CFS Cost/Household	6x norm
OPP CFS per Officer	Highest
Total Criminal Code Charges	4th
Assault CBH	4th
Assault Police	2nd
Sexual Offence	4th
LLA Charges	1st
Cause Disturbance	1st

First Nation Education Agencies/Schools in Municipality

- SLAAMB Training Centre
- WAHSA Distance Education
- Lac Seul First Nations Training Centre
- Northern Nishnawbe Education Council
- Kwayaciiwin Education Resource Centre
- Equay-wuk (Women's Group)
- Pelican Falls First Nations High School

School Board & Municipal Engagement

- Sioux North High School
 - Boarding Students Confederation College
 - Firefly Youth Counselling Cafetorium
- School Board
 - Hospital Classroom Hockey Academy
 - Indigenous Board Representative

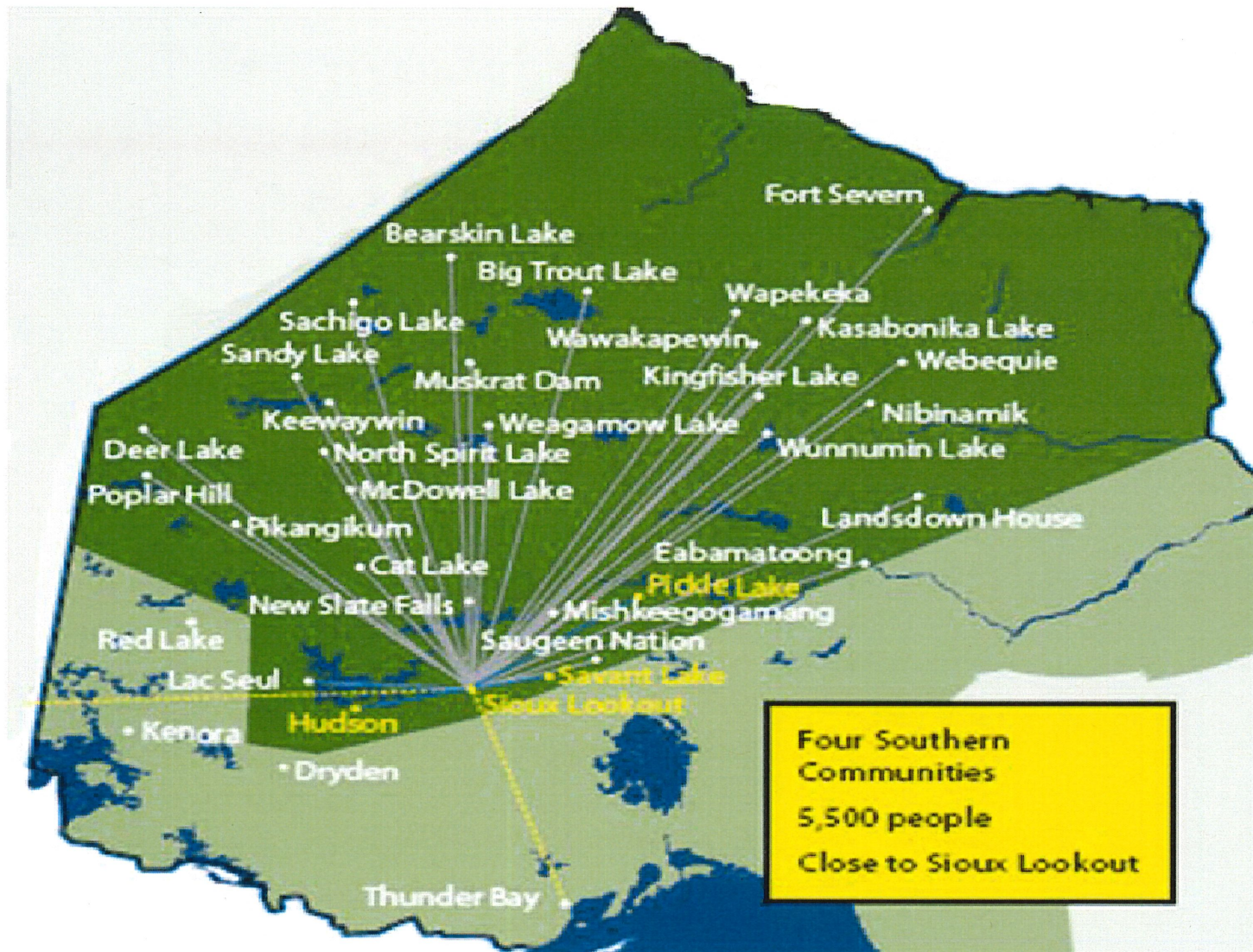


New Sioux North High School

Youth

- **Youth Centre**
 - **Municipal Facility – Friendship Centre Programming**
- **WINKS High School Youth Centre**
 - **Multi Tribal Council**
- **Poverty Reduction Strategy**
 - **School Board, Municipality**
- **NAN Youth Addictions and Treatment Centre**

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YXL Airport Expansion



Sioux Lookout Airport

- 2 and ½ times busier than Toronto Pearson + Island (on a per capita basis)
- 125,000 passengers moves/year

Justice & Policing

- **Situation Table**
- **Alternative Justice Advocacy with MAG**
 - **Satellite Community Justice Centre**
- **Police Services Board, Chair is First Nations**
- **MCSCS - OPP Advocacy**
- **Housing Initiatives**
 - **Supportive Housing; Bail Beds;**
 - **Emergency Shelter (Out of the Cold)**
 - **Detox**

- **Local Poverty Reduction Strategy**
- **Youth Centre Partnership with Friendship Centre**
- **FCM Diverse Voices for Change**
- **FCM CANDO Distribution Centre**

Hopeful Future for All

- Challenges – homelessness, addictions, women, youth and families & racism
- Partnerships – First Nations, Municipality of Sioux Lookout, Businesses and Organizations
- Advocacy
- Healing
- Reconciliation



Dedicated to Audrey Anderson and Viola Panacheese

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