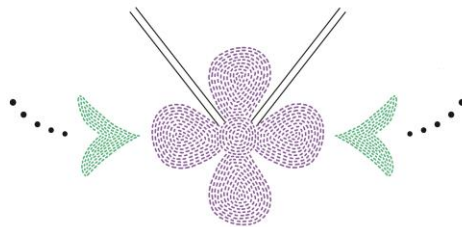


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1 Kenora, Ontario

2 --- Upon commencing on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 1:51  
3 p.m.

4 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Good afternoon  
5 Commissioners, it's 1:51 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15th,  
6 2018. It's Tiar Wilson here gathering the statement of  
7 Karen Kejick. And we're here in Treaty 3 Territory in  
8 Kenora.

9 I will start off with her introducing herself  
10 and then she has her supports on either side of her, so  
11 I'll get them to introduce themselves as well. And also in  
12 the room is Jade Harper (phonetic) from the health team,  
13 she's sitting next to me, off camera.

14 So if we can just get started and maybe  
15 we'll just get you to introduce yourself ...

16 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Sure. (Speaking  
17 Anishnaabe). *Boozhoo*. My name is Karen Kejick. I'm from  
18 Shoal Lake 39, here in Treaty 3 Territory.

19 **MR. GARY ADEN:** *Boozhoo*, (speaking  
20 Anishnaabe). Gary Allen, from (indiscernible) First Nation.

21 **MS. CHERYL GERVAIS:** *Boozhoo*, (speaking  
22 Anishnaabe). My name is Cheryl Gervais. I'm Shoal Lake  
23 39.

24 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** All right. Thanks. So  
25 today this is your space. We can start where you want. I

1           may have some questions after, in terms of -- like, if you  
2           mention something and if I want a birth date of somebody or  
3           dates, I'll ask those after. But, like I said, this is  
4           your space, and we'll start where you want to start.

5                       **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Sure. I just want to  
6           start off by thanking my supports for coming and being part  
7           of this process to share my truth telling about my mother,  
8           Frances Kejick, and some of the -- the challenges and some  
9           of the injustices that she faced, and that my family  
10          continues to struggle with. Being an advocate of the  
11          family, and a daughter of somebody who was murdered has  
12          been very difficult.

13                       I was the last sibling to see her alive. And  
14          -- and this whole -- this whole process, of course, hasn't  
15          -- hasn't been easy for me or my family. The -- she's --  
16          she's buried on an island where we used to live in  
17          Iskatewizaagegan.

18                       My mother was the youngest of nine children.  
19          Her -- her dad fought in World War I, and he was a  
20          decorated soldier. Her mother was also Matagamin  
21          (phonetic), so I grew up around Matagamin teachings. My  
22          mother was fourth degree Matagami.

23                       My father also passed about four -- four  
24          years ago. He struggled with what had happened.

25                       And some of the things I'm -- I'm struggling

1 with is what type of details I should share about  
2 everything that had happened going back so many years. I'm  
3 not even entirely sure of the date she was murdered. I  
4 purposely didn't want to remember that, because I didn't  
5 want be reminded about how she died. That's how I looked  
6 at it all those years.

7 She was murdered in our home in Shoal Lake.  
8 And the house didn't -- did not belong to her, it belonged  
9 to my grandmother. She never had her -- her own house  
10 there.

11 She struggled with raising us as a single mom  
12 and she did the best she could. She was a really good  
13 commercial fisher. She fished with my dad. And according  
14 to my cousin, she was a champion wild rice raker.

15 She spoke -- spoke the language, so I have  
16 that that -- the language because of her, my grandmother.  
17 But now there's an interruption there where passing the  
18 language onto my nieces and nephews. And she -- she would  
19 have had her first great grandchild -- a few months ago he  
20 was born. I often feel a sense of loss with -- with that -  
21 - with the language because she's not here to speak it, and  
22 my nieces and nephews aren't able to hear her speak.

23 I had a hard time in the community because of  
24 the -- the -- the lateral violence there.

25 When she was murdered, and I don't know how

1 true this is, but the man who killed her, his name is  
2 Clarence, or Terry Clarence Gray (phonetic), and he was  
3 from Shoal Lake 40. And I need to name him, because we  
4 need to do that. We need to expose -- we need to expose  
5 those -- those people that have hurt other people and we  
6 need to make the public aware. There should be this  
7 registry out there that includes their names. And if  
8 they've got a -- a -- you know -- he was charged with  
9 manslaughter, so he's out in the community and I have -- I  
10 have to see him and I've struggled with that.

11 *[Two sentences redacted - Rule 55].*

12 The -- I -- I lived in Winnipeg when I got  
13 the call from my older sister, who couldn't be here today.  
14 She called me and told me that, "Terry did it. Terry did  
15 it." And apparently, he was walking around the community  
16 after that knocking on doors. And somebody told me that he  
17 -- he went to the -- the Chief's house and said, "I might  
18 -- I might have killed Frances." And apparently the  
19 Chief's response was, "What do you want me to do about it?"  
20 I don't know how true that is. And he was at -- he was  
21 held at the Band office in one of the councillors' offices.

22 And -- yeah, she -- she was killed in our  
23 home, and I've had to -- I had to live there. My siblings  
24 moved in, and no one came and asked us if we needed any  
25 renovations to the house. There was, you know, a lot of

1 things that could have been done to help us, but no one  
2 helped.

3 The evidence was taken. I think, there was a  
4 couple tiles that were taken from the floor, but when we  
5 went back into the house there was still blood on the  
6 walls. To, kind of, clean that up after a clean up crew  
7 went in. And some of the things I forgot to do was, you  
8 know, I just asked for help, but how -- how could I know  
9 how to ask for help?

10 But which the trial was -- was coming up, we  
11 were in -- we were at the courthouse, and we were all in  
12 this room, and there was all four of us around this big  
13 table, and there was a binder full of evidence and -- and  
14 pictures of her as part of that evidence. She was black  
15 and blue.

16 And so the -- I believe, it might have been  
17 the Crown, asked us if we wanted to see the evidence, and I  
18 said, "No." I tried saying no because I -- I had a feeling  
19 that would destroy my -- my family. And my younger sister  
20 said, "I want to see." Police slid the photo album of  
21 evidence right across the table, and she looked at it, and  
22 the next sibling looked at it, and my brother looked at it,  
23 and they all broke down, and I was the last one to look at  
24 it, and I did. So after that, I would see those images in  
25 my mind in the house and I would, you know, kind of



1 struggle with that.

2 And then he -- he was -- I think the -- the  
3 charge was -- there was a plea. I think it was -- he would  
4 have been charged with second degree murder, but then there  
5 was a plea, and then he was charged with manslaughter.

6 And -- so now we see him out in public and he  
7 was recognized as an Elder with one of the communities  
8 where he's registered now with. And while I was elected, I  
9 would see him out at those meetings. And I would go to  
10 sweat lodges in that same community, not knowing that he  
11 was there. And the -- the truth came out that -- that  
12 community recognized him as a -- as an Elder, and he would  
13 be in -- he would go to the same sweat lodge that I was  
14 going to until I found out that -- that one of the healers  
15 also recognized him as a -- as an Elder.

16 So I felt that the political space and my  
17 healing space and me trying to come home to the Territory  
18 it was all so, you know, in a way, you know, the -- in a  
19 way I felt violated. That I -- I couldn't live free from  
20 it. Like, I couldn't just not be -- not live my life the  
21 way I needed to.

22 And it was also a lot of lateral violence by  
23 Elders talking about my mother. That my mother, you know,  
24 deserved what she got. That I was just like my mother.  
25 That I had a -- you know, had a -- had a big mouth.

1                   And I just -- I just -- struggling with the -  
2           - the balance between, you know, talking about how  
3           important the issue was and also letting her rest. Letting  
4           -- also me feel like -- like it's okay to -- to move on.  
5           And I -- I thought about the -- the -- the honouring her.

6                   And you know, then I -- then I started  
7           thinking about the *Gladue* decision, and the impacts of  
8           that, right, and the impacts of women trying to flee and  
9           the level of, you know, funding on -- on reserves for  
10          housing and on reserve for, you know, protective services,  
11          whether it be police services. I kept thinking about that  
12          night, if she would have picked up the phone, what if  
13          somebody had come to help her, would she still be alive?

14                   I didn't realize I blamed myself because I  
15          was the last person to have seen her alive.

16                   And even throughout this, I -- I know it's up  
17          to the person to -- that the family member that's directly  
18          impacted to participate, but even the question around  
19          participating and the -- the public support around the  
20          issue is -- is a tough environment because people don't  
21          know what to say, or people don't know what to do.

22                   My family is -- is -- is separated, it seems.  
23          I've -- so I've -- I've done things in my life to help  
24          myself, but I know that there's more that I would like to  
25          do for my own healing.

1 I just recently resigned because of the  
2 lateral violence and the discrimination that I was facing,  
3 being a woman. And I think only women can know what that  
4 feels like. And I know that there's men out there that are  
5 supportive.

6 You know, but I want to just talk a little  
7 bit about my mother. She -- and this is been on my mind.  
8 She would go and check her nets out on the lake and came  
9 back with a really sore back, and I wondered what happened,  
10 and then they were speaking Ojibway about a (indiscernible)  
11 dropping water on them and there was no fire out there.  
12 You know, and I -- I just think about that.

13 That there's so much resentment about our  
14 Treaty rights, and who we are on this land and even the  
15 fact that I'm -- we're the only ones that could carry  
16 feathers. There's -- there's that racism out there that  
17 exists.

18 And, you know, throughout this whole process,  
19 doing our best to humanize these women and our secret  
20 ancestors and getting those teachings about -- about who  
21 they are and who we are in this life, and feeling guilty  
22 into talking about them, or having a vigil and what -- what  
23 that's all about and how -- how do we honour them? And  
24 some people don't want to participate because they want to  
25 let their loved one rest.

1                   And I don't have permission to talk about the  
2                   other three women, but I -- but I feel as though I -- I  
3                   need to also say my dad, before he passed away, talked  
4                   about his sister, Nancy Blackhawk (phonetic) being found in  
5                   the river in Whitefish Bay. And my cousin, Phyllis Kejick  
6                   (phonetic), was also strangled in Winnipeg. I want to  
7                   mention her and honour her. And my cousin, Rena Landon  
8                   (phonetic), there was no autopsy completed, and she was  
9                   found frozen with bruising all over her body. And there  
10                  was rumours about who may have murdered her or harmed her.

11                  So I -- I thought -- I struggled with that  
12                  because on my -- my dad's side of the family, they've --  
13                  they've, kind of -- they don't really talk to me or accept  
14                  me. And -- but my dad told me -- I believe, he told me for  
15                  a reason, knowing that I would say something, knowing that  
16                  it bothered him, and I think our -- our families and our  
17                  spirits are quite strong. They -- they can see and feel  
18                  things.

19                  And I know that -- that I need to look to the  
20                  -- the future, and I hope that everything that I've -- I've  
21                  said about that story. I know I feel like it's not a  
22                  complete story because my family isn't here. They may  
23                  remember things back then when he was sentenced, or any --  
24                  anything that had to do with making the case stronger; I'm  
25                  not sure. But what I do know is that -- that he -- that it

1           wasn't just a freak accident because his behaviour prior to  
2           her -- prior to that night, or early morning, I don't know  
3           when exactly he -- he -- he beat her to death.

4                        But he showed up at our -- and I had sprained  
5           my ankle and I was on crutches, and he showed up was -- I  
6           can't remember, it was like the coldest night of the winter  
7           and I couldn't believe he had walked and started knocking  
8           at the door and he was drunk. And he -- my mother -- I  
9           could tell she was afraid, and I stood up to him then. I -  
10          - I've stood up to him after. I approached him and -- and  
11          confronted him about her murder.

12                      And anyway, just when he was there he -- that  
13          -- just that night to -- it was maybe two weeks before he  
14          took her life, he showed up, and I remember having to kick  
15          him out. I kicked him out. And I was on a chair and I had  
16          my crutches and I was so angry and I was able to get him  
17          out of the house because he was upsetting my mother. And  
18          the look my mother had was, you know, of fear. She was  
19          afraid of him, and so I think he was already exhibiting  
20          violent behaviours prior to her murder.

21                      And I'm not sure what type of systemic  
22          changes could happen, with the -- the criminal and justice  
23          section in regards to ensuring that, you know -- that cases  
24          are treated differently. I don't think they -- and I know,  
25          you know, it's such a big system I feel overwhelmed about

1           it.

2                           But I -- I -- just thinking about that -- the  
3           post-traumatic stress disorder. I had no idea that I was,  
4           you know -- that I had trauma. I had no idea. I had no  
5           idea that, you know, all of what happened had such an  
6           impact on me. I -- I drank on the weekends, and I -- I  
7           worked to try to take care of our home. I tried to paint  
8           the walls, and everything.

9                           And -- and I -- and then I just -- after my  
10          siblings got their grade 12, and my brother was able to  
11          graduate within that same year. My sister graduated.

12                           And then I went off to -- to school and --  
13          but I -- you know, started to pick up on (indiscernible)  
14          items and I haven't -- you know, I've been on the Red Road  
15          for almost ten years. In May, next year, it will be ten  
16          years. So that's -- I've been just doing what I can to  
17          take care of myself.

18                           My mom is buried out on the -- the island  
19          there, and we've gone there maybe a couple of times, to her  
20          grave. And I know that there's -- there's funding  
21          programs, but I think the level of -- or the lack of  
22          support in my own community -- I feel like I can't access -  
23          - I can't access those -- those funds.

24                           There was some MMIWG events or activities  
25          that were done and we weren't asked to participate. We

1           were never asked. There was a powwow also planned and we  
2           were treated like after the fact, if that, until I said  
3           something. I felt like I was always coming in and -- and  
4           saying, "You know, this is wrong. You need to get families  
5           involved." I've always felt like there was lack of access  
6           to our own healing.

7                           There's no support. No one ever says, "How  
8           are you? Like, well, okay, well you know we have this  
9           program. What do you need. Let's -- let's help you." I  
10          never felt that, or it wasn't done.

11                           And feeling discriminated against because I  
12          had left the community and even discriminated and lateral  
13          violence because I don't have a house there. I had to  
14          remind people that I did live in the community. And I did  
15          live there. This is where my mom lived. And reminding  
16          people that it happened. That there was a murder in Shoal  
17          Lake, and there may have been another murder in Shoal Lake.

18                           My mother was very -- she was very private  
19          about things. She had this sacredness about her and I'm  
20          always very mindful of that.

21                           I had an incident with one of the murderer's  
22          family members, where he told me that it wasn't him who did  
23          it. He said, "It wasn't him who did it." And he was  
24          trying to talk about the -- it was almost like -- like the  
25          cultural side of things, like -- the bad medicine side.

1                   And I -- I found that so hurtful. I find it  
2                   hurtful that -- that how can you say that to somebody who  
3                   lost her mother? Almost -- almost relieving the murderer  
4                   of his act. Of his -- of his -- of his -- his own actions.  
5                   Almost like somebody took him over and -- and made him do  
6                   it, and that is beyond human, I think.

7                   You know, and my mother took care and of  
8                   children in the community. There was people -- there was  
9                   kids who would get dropped off for a couple of weeks and  
10                  she always took care of them.

11                  --[Three sentences redacted - Rule 55].

12                  And some of the things I've also struggled  
13                  with -- with this issue is that women are being sexually  
14                  harassed -- harassed on reserve and don't have -- and  
15                  sometimes it's from our own leadership. They don't -- they  
16                  don't feel like they have anywhere to go.

17                  I often felt like that there's -- there's  
18                  even been some -- some jealousy around the issue, which is  
19                  really sick. I'm just going to say that. It's -- it's  
20                  been sickening. And disheartening where I've gotten  
21                  lateral violence about doing some of the work. Had a  
22                  complaint at the Grand Chief level about me doing this kind  
23                  of work and, you know, think about -- about that.

24                  And I don't think I should have to keep  
25                  saying, it's -- it's happened to me and my family, and --



1 and I -- and I shouldn't have to feel that way. Or that --  
2 it's all -- it's -- it's -- it's almost been -- it's -- it  
3 wasn't something I asked for. It wasn't something my  
4 mother deserved. My mother didn't deserve that. Nobody  
5 deserves that, no woman, no man, deserves to be beaten to  
6 death, or made to feel unsafe in this country.

7 My mother deserved a house. My mother  
8 deserved a job where she felt that she could contribute.  
9 Her grandchildren deserved a grandmother there to support  
10 them and be happy for them when they went to school. She  
11 was very happy for people when they graduated.

12 And I hope that there is support for families  
13 of MMIWG to pursue education so that they can honour their  
14 families. I hope the National Indian Brotherhood Trust  
15 Fund makes room for families to pursue education because  
16 it's going to help. It's going to help them contribute to  
17 their lives, contribute to their communities, but also  
18 honour their loved ones through -- through -- through  
19 education.

20 I -- I felt really anxious. I had a lot of  
21 anxiety and I'm grateful that my partner and my best friend  
22 here have been so patient and caring and understanding. I  
23 hope that my family knows I love them.

24 I belong to that community, but I've never  
25 felt like they've -- I felt almost bullied out of my own

1 community. That's my community too.

2 I passed tobacco when the Commission was in  
3 Shoal Lake 39 during the -- was it the spring assembly or  
4 fall assembly, fall assembly, right? The fall assembly,  
5 and tobacco was accepted, and I had talked about the fact  
6 that my mom was buried there. And it was important to give  
7 testimonies on reserve because that cycle of violence  
8 happens there. And it's almost like when you're doing it  
9 in an urban setting, it's almost like a denial that --  
10 that's why I felt it was important to pass tobacco, but it  
11 wasn't honoured.

12 The cultural rights of women should -- should  
13 -- should have been at the forefront of this Inquiry. My  
14 mother had human rights. She had Treaty rights. She had  
15 inherent rights. She had Charter rights. She had cultural  
16 rights. She had rights to the land, and that's where she  
17 is right now. She's -- her -- her bones are in the ground  
18 out on the lake, on an island. And we've only been back  
19 there once to go see her grave, and it was in the  
20 wintertime.

21 I don't have a picture of her. I have two  
22 pictures of her, but I -- I didn't have a chance to get  
23 them restored or anything.

24 I -- I have an original dress, and there's  
25 other two family members from Shoal Lake 39 that we got red

1 dresses -- original dresses made for, and for me that was  
2 important, for me to do as a -- a community leader so that  
3 they can honour and heal.

4 But then the rights of Indigenous women, I  
5 hope -- I hope that throughout this, that those -- the lack  
6 of clear rights for us change. That we -- that we're equal  
7 maybe with non-Indigenous women, where we are equal with  
8 Indigenous men or -- where we would be, you know, just  
9 thinking about where we're at. I know that some people  
10 think that we're -- we're on this -- we're rising and we're  
11 going to take power away from -- from someone or some  
12 thing. I -- I don't think it should be -- it should be  
13 viewed as that.

14 And during my campaign, I ran in the -- the  
15 Ontario election. And on the day of the election, my  
16 mother's murderer was outside of my campaign headquarters  
17 and I -- I'm not sure if any other candidates went through  
18 that.

19 But, you know, it was -- it was -- I -- I  
20 didn't want to tell any of my family too because they --  
21 they don't know what to do when they see him. They get  
22 triggered and I -- I hope and pray that -- that they seek  
23 healing and find out how best to -- to take care of  
24 themselves in that moment because it can be very toxic.  
25 It's -- it's been -- it's been so toxic to see him being

1 held up like a respected Elder. And, you know, it's --  
2 it's -- it's -- there's no -- there's no fairness. There's  
3 no justice in that.

4 And, you know, just seeing the -- the -- the  
5 effects poverty has in our communities. Gave me a  
6 nightmare within the past two weeks. And, you know, then  
7 getting ready for this, knowing that it wasn't going to be  
8 in in a round house it was -- was quite heartbreaking.

9 I don't know if -- I just -- I just hope that  
10 every family member out there knows that they're in the  
11 process of healing, and I'm in the process of healing,  
12 we're all in the process of healing, and this, although  
13 very uncomfortable and difficult, isn't for nothing.

14 And I want to thank you too, for -- for  
15 listening, and I want to say *migwetch* to my mom, and  
16 *migwetch* to my Aunt Nancy Blackhawk, and *migwetch* to Rena  
17 Landon, and *migwetch* to Phyllis Kejick for being our sacred  
18 MMIWG sisters, *migwetch*. *Migwetch* for tobacco.

19 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** So, I have a few questions  
20 if you were willing to still talk some more.

21 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Sure.

22 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** You mentioned there was a  
23 trial.

24 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah.

25 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** So he was convicted and he

1           went to jail?

2                           **MS. KAREN KEJICK:**   Yeah.

3                           **MS. TIAR WILSON:**   Do you know for how long?

4                           **MS. KAREN KEJICK:**   That I'm not entirely  
5           sure.  I think he was in jail for maybe a year-and-a-half.  
6           Less -- what do they say, less time served.

7                           **MS. TIAR WILSON:**   Two days less a day -- I  
8           mean, two years less a day, or something.

9                           **MS. KAREN KEJICK:**   Two years less a day some  
10          -- yeah, something like that, yeah -- yeah.

11                          **MS. TIAR WILSON:**   And that was for  
12          manslaughter, right?

13                          **MS. KAREN KEJICK:**   Yeah.

14                          **MS. TIAR WILSON:**   You mentioned that you  
15          kicked him out of the house two weeks before --

16                          **MS. KAREN KEJICK:**   Yeah.

17                          **MS. TIAR WILSON:**   -- this happened?  I'm not  
18          understanding the connection.  Like, why -- why was he  
19          going to your mom's house?

20                          **MS. KAREN KEJICK:**   Well, they were -- they  
21          were common-law, right, they were common-law.  And I don't  
22          know why he showed up that night, when it was really cold.  
23          You know, and what he was saying to her -- what made her so  
24          upset and it was like she was -- she was afraid, and that's  
25          why I, you know, I intervened and I kicked him out.

1                   **MS. TIAR WILSON:** And I know you mentioned  
2                   that you don't want to remember dates, but the  
3                   Commissioners would probably wonder, like, what year this  
4                   happened? Do you -- do you remember what year she passed.

5                   **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** 1996 or 1997.

6                   **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Okay, and then you -- that  
7                   wasn't her house, she was living in her -- her mom's house?

8                   **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah. Yeah, like, my --  
9                   my grandma already passed and we all inherited the house, I  
10                  guess, the Band house.

11                  **MS. TIAR WILSON:** And why I'm asking that  
12                  question is because we talk about the systemic and root  
13                  causes of violence. And hearing you speak throughout your  
14                  -- your testimony -- I'm trying to figure out how to word  
15                  this. Women aren't necessarily valued in your community,  
16                  is that safe to say? Like, they don't get access to their  
17                  own homes. Like, can you explain that? Is it men that get  
18                  the homes in your community usually versus women, or ...

19                  **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Well, in -- in my case,  
20                  yes. In my case, she didn't -- or in my family's case, she  
21                  didn't have her -- her own house, right. And -- and I  
22                  don't have my own -- didn't have my own house, right, and  
23                  there's a lack of housing everywhere, right, yeah.

24                  **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Then you lived in the house  
25                  after?

1                   **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah.

2                   **MS. TIAR WILSON:** That must have caused a lot  
3 of -- obviously pain, but -- like, that must have been very  
4 difficult. It caused a lot of hardships within your family  
5 because of that; fair to say?

6                   **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah.

7                   **MS. TIAR WILSON:** You also mentioned that you  
8 resigned, but you didn't quite -- you weren't clear about  
9 that. Can you explain what your role was and why you  
10 resigned?

11                   **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Could I just go back up to  
12 the housing?

13                   **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Yeah.

14                   **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** So my -- my siblings also  
15 lived in there by themselves; and they often felt like they  
16 were afraid to live in there. Like, there was some --  
17 like, it was -- it had a haunted eerie feeling to it.

18                   **MS. TIAR WILSON:** M'hm.

19                   **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** And they wouldn't -- they  
20 wouldn't be -- they wouldn't be comfortable there at night  
21 by themselves. Even when I was there, it never -- it never  
22 felt -- it never felt warm.

23                   **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Oh.

24                   **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** It was really hard to keep  
25 a fire going and -- and keep it -- it was just had a

1       creepy, eerie feeling, and I had insomnia after living  
2       there.

3                   And we -- we loved that area, even though  
4       that happened there, and my cousin who was not a Band  
5       member and now there's her husband, who's a registered Band  
6       member, transferred. I felt we were bullied out of that  
7       house because they were -- they were moving, right, and  
8       they just showed up with their stuff, right. And I -- I  
9       feel -- I struggled with that because my siblings really  
10      loved the area.

11                   It's right near the lake, and there's a point  
12      there where I would go also for -- to have pipe ceremonies,  
13      but I can't go back there now because they -- you know,  
14      they probably moved it. You know, they still do, but  
15      that's what -- I haven't been back there since, so I almost  
16      that we were bullied out of that land. So it's -- yeah,  
17      just to -- just to share with that and felt -- yeah, I felt  
18      that we were bullied out of -- out of there. And I  
19      struggled with trying to move on for healing purposes, but  
20      my -- my family is -- my siblings lost -- we lost that  
21      land, yeah.

22                   Then with my role, I was on council, but  
23      dealing with -- you know, the -- the effects of, you know,  
24      residential school and a lot of violence, the lack of  
25      services, I guess, yeah, just everything that we've --



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1 we've been through. There's always -- there's -- there's  
2 been loss over time, and it's almost like we're always in  
3 crisis mode, and that there wasn't a safe place for me to  
4 -- to heal.

5 The -- some of the comments made about this  
6 work. I've had harassment from a man there, consistent  
7 harassment, you know, coming to my office and asking -- and  
8 this -- this happened after I came from the Families First  
9 (phonetic) gathering in Thunder Bay. I -- I -- I -- I  
10 can't -- I think it was in the wintertime, but after the  
11 weekend, I was in the office and then this man came in and  
12 started acting aggressive and making inappropriate sexual  
13 comments about who I did over the weekend. And I would try  
14 to raise that issue, right, sometimes I would be called an  
15 f'ing C, you know, by another disgruntled community member.

16 And -- and I've had to take on a contract so  
17 I could pay for my rent to live and continue to serve in my  
18 community because of student loans and high cost of living  
19 here in Kenora. I would ask Chief and council, my  
20 colleagues, if it was okay to take this on, "Yes." The  
21 next thing, you know, I'm being harassed about it.

22 I -- I hurt my back during a state of  
23 emergency, we ran out of water at our water treatment plant  
24 and I had to carry those 40-pound jugs, and I realized if  
25 -- if we're out of water, then the community's going to be

1           susceptible to infection because there's elderly and people  
2           there with diabetes, right.

3                           **MS. TIAR WILSON:** M'hm.

4                           **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** It's a huge human right  
5           violation if we don't have access to -- to clean water, so  
6           -- or no water, access to water, so lifting the -- those  
7           jugs I -- I hurt my back, and just no support for me taking  
8           time off, or the drive there I would be really stiff, so  
9           physically, emotionally, spiritually, it would just be  
10          really hard to try to do some really good work in the  
11          community. And I would feel, you know, I'd often say, "Why  
12          were fighting me about bringing early childhood education  
13          to the community? That's a good thing." It -- it just was  
14          so hard. And I would think about -- just think about those  
15          things, and I needed to just separate myself from it  
16          because I hadn't taken time. I hadn't given myself the  
17          permission to -- to just focus on myself.

18                           And then I ran in the provincial election,  
19          before that, Chief and council gave me -- I sat with them  
20          again and they said, "Yeah, for sure, go ahead, go for it.  
21          We'll take over your portfolios." Little did I know that,  
22          in my absence, they were pursuing legal advice on my  
23          removal from office. I know they can't do that; that's the  
24          Chief and council.

25                           But I thought -- and then I was docked pay

1           when I had never taken any vacation days, which also caused  
2           me financial hardship because I needed to take care of  
3           myself. I needed a week off to take care of myself and  
4           they docked me pay without telling me or asking me  
5           anything.

6                           And then, you know, having -- everything was  
7           just, kind of, all -- there was always something there that  
8           made me feel like I was being treated unfairly as a woman.  
9           I always go back and say, "Well, you know, previous male  
10          councillors before were never docked pay when they were  
11          absent for a long time out of the office even over, you  
12          know, what they were doing."

13                          I felt that I was targeted and discriminated  
14          against, even with the Missing and Murder Indigenous Women  
15          and Girls issue, that comment about me chasing dead women,  
16          you know, when they posted out in Facebook because I -- I  
17          didn't feel like I had the support within leadership. I  
18          created a file for MMIWG or my portfolio, but yeah, I'm  
19          continuing to receive comments like that.

20                          Where if I talked about, you know -- if I  
21          addressed somebody -- a man -- that man who came and asked  
22          me who I did over the weekend. I told him I couldn't shake  
23          his hand because that very comment that he made is  
24          contributing to the toxic culture in our society, in our  
25          communities, that allows for violence against women to

1           continue. And he took that and spun it and, you know,  
2           created this -- this dynamic where I was, you know, "You  
3           can't say anything to her, or she's a -- she's a bitch."  
4           She's a -- you know, that I'm this horrible person, and I'm  
5           this horrible -- horrible person, so I -- so I resigned.

6                         But the day I resigned, I spent time in a  
7           circle with women and I told them about some of the reasons  
8           why I resigned and gifted them with a feather, and -- and  
9           we -- we made hand drums, so that was our feasting of our  
10          hand drums that night. And I thought that's so beautiful  
11          because it's almost like it came full -- full circle. So  
12          there was a ceremony involved and kind of me stepping out  
13          of the -- stepping out of that role.

14                        But I really hope that women in politics,  
15          women in leadership roles that, you know, maybe they're, I  
16          know there needs to be more of us, but the support system  
17          isn't necessarily there.

18                        And if I were to make a -- a case for  
19          harassment, I'm not sure if I would have the funds or legal  
20          advice or a legal advisor that would be willing to take  
21          that on. I know went to an organization here asking if  
22          they can give me free legal advice and they said, "No, it's  
23          -- if it's against another organization, we can't." So  
24          there's, you know, there's a huge barrier, I think to even  
25          trying to stand up for your rights. I find it's just

1 almost like the default is easier after you just walk away  
2 and then what happens -- what happens? Nothing, right.  
3 It's -- it's -- there has to be more supports.

4 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** So what year was that?

5 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** That I resigned?

6 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Yeah.

7 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** I just resigned almost  
8 three weeks ago.

9 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Oh, just recent?

10 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah -- yeah.

11 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Was -- were you the only  
12 woman in leadership in your community? Because there are  
13 other --

14 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** During the term, yeah.  
15 But there has been, we had a woman Chief, women council  
16 members, yeah.

17 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** I know you mentioned that  
18 you don't -- you feel like you don't have the right or the  
19 permission to speak about other women, but you mentioned  
20 that you created an MMIWG file. I think the Commissioners  
21 would be interested to know, like, if -- if you -- like,  
22 how many -- if you were keeping track of how many women in  
23 your community that might have died because of physical  
24 violence, or more violence against women and girls.

25 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** M'hm. Well, it's not like

1 a physical file, per se, right, like, just that I would --  
2 within that file, it -- it almost gave me the mandate to  
3 speak out about MMIWG within my councillor role, but also I  
4 know that there is -- yeah, there's -- there's women from  
5 my community who've gone missing and have been murdered.  
6 One of -- you know, and I -- and I feel like it's -- it's  
7 not my place to -- to speak on their behalf, because I'm  
8 not -- I'm not a community leader anymore, and I'm not -- I  
9 don't have permission to -- to share. And I -- I know it's  
10 probably kind of hard because we want to make sure we --  
11 because that's the truth. There's truth to -- you know,  
12 those other women. I know a family member said, "I prefer  
13 not to talk about my sister."

14 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** M'hm.

15 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** "Because I want to let her  
16 rest." I've tried inviting, at the time, a community  
17 member to come and participate and he -- he just couldn't -  
18 - he couldn't talk about it, you know, but there -- there's  
19 a few unfortunately (indiscernible).

20 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** M'hm.

21 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah.

22 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** And that's fair that you --  
23 you don't have to speak about it, but I just have to  
24 address it.

25 I guess, part of that role too then would be

1 -- I don't want to put words in your mouth, but I'm trying  
2 to connect that education part because it seems that you're  
3 trying to do education as an advocate, you know, as well as  
4 part of your healing, but also in getting the community to  
5 understand that this issue is huge. So in that role, was  
6 it -- I mean a lot of speaking engagements, but I guess in  
7 a way it was also -- is it safe to say speaking to younger  
8 women and younger girls and trying to find that safe space  
9 for them amongst your community?

10 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah. Well, I worked with  
11 Treaty 3 police and we focused on youth girls and all  
12 girls' gatherings around that violence and had powwows to  
13 honour and empower Indigenous women and girls, right, so,  
14 yeah, creating those spaces for -- for women and girls.

15 **MR. GARY ADEN:** Can I add -- and Karen also  
16 started the Green Lights ceremony in Treaty 3.

17 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** M'hm.

18 **MR. GARY ADEN:** Or in communities where  
19 (indiscernible) lights communities to recognize that these  
20 were safe.

21 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Was safe houses.

22 **MR. GARY ADEN:** Yeah.

23 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** That wasn't the original,  
24 but it turned out that way.

25 **MR. GARY ADEN:** Yeah.

1                   **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** So the original intent of  
2                   the Green Lights -- thank you for bringing it up. I almost  
3                   forgot about that. But the original intent of the Green  
4                   Light strategy was if you had a green light outside of your  
5                   home, you were committed to having a violent-free home.  
6                   Like you were committed to having a healthy home, whatever  
7                   that healthy home looked like.

8                   And that was, you know, to empower  
9                   communities to -- like, talk about violence, but also,  
10                  okay, so what do we recognize? What do we call the  
11                  Iskatewizaagegan women? And there was two guiding  
12                  principles, I guess, our seven -- two of the seven  
13                  teachings that guided it was (speaking Native language) and  
14                  -- like, it's been a while since I -- it was courageousness  
15                  and -- courageousness and respect (speaking Native  
16                  language) right, because we -- when we think about respect  
17                  there isn't any for Indigenous women, or even in -- you  
18                  know -- in that cultural space too, right.

19                  So some of the things that have come forward  
20                  as well, I've had a -- a male healer say this to me in  
21                  front of sacred items, I've had this happen, what do I do,  
22                  you know? What do I do about it? I've had somebody say  
23                  this in the workplace, and I feel like there's no recourse.  
24                  There's no one there to support me. I've had women talk to  
25                  me about that and struggling to help, you know, young women



1           who have also been -- you know, gone through sexual  
2           assault, and I've heard that they're also -- it's important  
3           to include them in the Inquiry because they're still living  
4           -- they're still walking around.

5                       **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Yeah, and we do speak with  
6           survivors who, you know, choose to come forward because  
7           some -- obviously it's very personal and some women choose  
8           not to talk, right, but we have spoken with survivors. And  
9           a lot of times too, somebody comes in and they speak about  
10          their loved one and then they start to tell their own story  
11          in -- in the story as well, right. And we hear about --  
12          well, all the factors, like, for example, you explained in  
13          the beginning that you have war vets -- was it your great  
14          grandparents?

15                      **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** My grandfather.

16                      **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Your grandfather.

17                      **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah.

18                      **MS. TIAR WILSON:** And so that trauma he  
19          carried from war, well, from serving, came back to the  
20          family, right, so that's probably the systemic violence  
21          that the Commissioners look at. The other thing is like  
22          residential schools. Do you know -- was there residential  
23          schools in your family history?

24                      **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah, my -- my dad and my  
25          -- I believe my mom went for a while. And that's another

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1 thing. She never had the chance to talk about that, and I  
2 don't -- I don't know how long she went. I know that there  
3 was a St. Mary's mentioned. Where she might have went to  
4 St. Mary's. Then somebody told me that she didn't. That  
5 my grandpa hid her, or something. I don't know. So I  
6 don't know that -- that side, right.

7 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** M'hm.

8 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** And I think that somebody  
9 said, "Well, your mom never got a chance to participate in  
10 that IRS process because she was murdered. She didn't get  
11 to talk about that, right."

12 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** M'hm.

13 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** And if she did, and I -- I  
14 -- and that's part of what I also need to do too, I think,  
15 is look back and find out exactly where she went to school,  
16 right.

17 But I know that during that -- during that  
18 whole process, I felt almost oppressed -- oppressed because  
19 she wasn't here, and if she did, she didn't get a chance to  
20 heal from -- from that, right, so, yeah. And I think there  
21 was seven residential schools in Treaty 3.

22 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** M'hm.

23 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah. It's -- see, even  
24 hearing, you know, that -- that trauma and everything that  
25 my grandpa went through. So he's -- they're -- they're

1           doing a name change ceremony here in Kenora, so it's going  
2           to be called the David Kejick Armoury in his honour.

3                           **MS. TIAR WILSON:** M'hm.

4                           **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** And that's coming up. I  
5           was leading that file, and then I -- I built a -- or, you  
6           know, had a eagle staff made and then that eagle staff was,  
7           kind of, taken from me as well. So when I talked about  
8           spiritual violence that happened. You know, it's almost  
9           like, how dare women -- how dare our women lead after. How  
10          dare our women, you know, take control or, you know,  
11          because I had that eagle staff at my -- at my place there,  
12          and it -- it wasn't completely finished. We were waiting  
13          for replicas of his -- my grandpa's awards, and I was going  
14          to make add (indiscernible) shells, because there was also  
15          (indiscernible) to the staff and it was taken by -- the  
16          Elder and the Chief decided that it should belong at the  
17          school. It was pretty hurtful.

18                           My mom really loved her dad, and she would  
19          cry for him, and she would listen to Johnny Horton. I  
20          don't know if you know Johnny Horton, but he sings, like,  
21          war songs. Yeah, so she was pretty -- pretty proud of him  
22          so.

23                           I remember somebody saying that to me and I  
24          felt upset about -- it's almost like, again, that -- that  
25          karma. It's almost like that karma, well, you know, this

1           might have happened because of something way back. And  
2           then it's like almost, like, we're paying for it and -- and  
3           -- and I always had issues with that. Again, it's almost,  
4           like, that -- it's almost like wanting to put a reason, a  
5           spiritual reason, and almost excuse it away from the  
6           murderer, and the murderer's act, you know, it's -- it's  
7           spiritual act, you know.

8                           And because then we don't -- we almost also  
9           hear about the fear-based teachings. Like, don't -- don't  
10          pick that up. Maybe you shouldn't do it that way or you  
11          shouldn't -- and it's -- it's almost -- I mean, where do  
12          you go, like, and being almost shamed, I guess, well you  
13          should have done it this way. You should have did it that  
14          way.

15                          I mean. I remember making the drums in my  
16          community, and I'm like -- it was almost like I was waiting  
17          for the cultural police to show up --

18                          **MS. TIAR WILSON:** M'hm.

19                          **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** -- like, someone to come  
20          and tell us we can't do that because -- I'm like, no -- no  
21          one's coming -- no one's come. But even having that  
22          thought wasn't -- wasn't -- it was something I had to deal  
23          with because I think it's in -- it's almost engrained.  
24          There's that fear, you can't -- you can't do that. You  
25          shouldn't do that, or -- or you better make sure you do it

1 right.

2 Like, you know, I was just -- I know when my  
3 mom was alive, I -- I went and cried by her maday  
4 (phonetic) stuff, not understanding -- not understanding  
5 what maday was. And she put her -- her sacred items out in  
6 the bush, and maybe there's a reason why I'm bringing it  
7 up, and maybe there's a reason why we feel we were bullied  
8 out of that land. Because my mom made it sacred by putting  
9 her maday stuff there. Apparently when you put your maday  
10 stuff out, your -- your tree, that's a sacred spot where  
11 you go back and want to pray. So, you know, thinking back  
12 and -- and maybe that's why.

13 But my sister has horses and my mom had her  
14 own horse. Her name was Maude (phonetic), but even my  
15 sister had to fight to get and keep her horses and clear  
16 land for her horses. And I remember while I was still on  
17 council, we were going through a claims process, and I  
18 brought that up and the person that was against her having  
19 horses was sitting there and I said, "You know," I said,  
20 "The horses are back. The horses are back. We used to  
21 have horses as people."

22 And learning also about the -- the history,  
23 right, of my community, we had -- we had Garden Islands and  
24 I thought, well, and I had the fisheries file, and I also  
25 felt close to my parents with that file. Our dads are from

1 the same community and they probably really -- if they were  
2 both alive they'd probably really be really dark skin right  
3 now from being out -- from being out on lake fishing,  
4 right. And I -- I always felt almost that I -- that I --  
5 that I've been, you know, gypped in a way because our --  
6 our dads would know all that. They would know where to go.

7 My dad, when he was five or six years old,  
8 him and his friend [J.M.], ran away from residential  
9 school, and they knew a lake, they walked from CJ, where it  
10 is now, Rabbit Lake, and walked through the islands all --  
11 all the way home, five and six years old, and my dad, they  
12 -- they'd build fires along the way. Like, I couldn't  
13 imagine being five -- five years old, like, walking out  
14 there.

15 So -- and my dad blamed himself for my mom's  
16 death saying, "If she stayed with me, she -- that wouldn't  
17 have happened to her." And my dad just went off the deep  
18 end after that. He was drinking more and not working,  
19 yeah, -- but he -- and my mom -- my mom -- I remember the  
20 last week that she was alive, we spent time talking, and  
21 she was telling me about my dad. And she said, "I still  
22 love your dad." And I just hung onto that and I held onto  
23 that because, you know, now they're together.

24 So it's -- it's been -- it's been hard  
25 growing up without parents, a mother. And I know my -- my

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1           siblings carry trauma. And I -- I used to feel guilty  
2           about seeking healing on my own because they weren't -- or  
3           -- or I didn't know if they were, but if they were -- if  
4           they weren't able to do that for themselves, then I would  
5           feel guilty because they weren't. So I always -- you know,  
6           pray -- pray for them.

7                           And my nieces and nephews and I don't think  
8           they know -- I know my little nephew DJ (phonetic)  
9           (indiscernible) he -- he -- he couldn't sleep one night  
10          until he saw a picture of my mom. And he must have been  
11          about five years old. He says, "Where's your mom?" And I  
12          didn't know how to -- I didn't know how to tell him that his *Kookum*  
13          was her. Like, how can you say that? How can you have that  
14          conversation? "Oh, you know," and I'd say, "Um," then I  
15          would say, "Okay, humanize her. Let him know who she was."  
16          I says, "You know what, your -- your *Kookum* loved to do  
17          this, and your *Kookum*, you know, would have loved you. She  
18          would have just loved you and you would have been in her  
19          house. And she would have fed you bannock." And -- and  
20          then I showed him a picture of her, and he says, "Oh." But  
21          he's only -- yeah, he was -- he was just a boy when he --  
22          when he asked me that. And so I -- I talked about that,  
23          and how do you have that conversation with kids? How do  
24          you tell them about that?

25                           And then even the -- the trauma, and I hope

1           that -- that they have the support and -- yeah, it's --  
2           it's been a little tricky with that, trying to let them  
3           know, but also being an auntie. You know, kind of, trying  
4           to describe my -- my sister's parenting, it's -- it's not  
5           been easy.

6                                But one of my nephews does call me auntie  
7           *Kookum*, so when he -- when he called me that I felt  
8           honoured that I was being recognized as a *Kookum* because my  
9           mom wasn't there, right. So I would take on that role of  
10          teaching them and showing them and getting them to  
11          participate in our culture.

12                              And -- and my little niece, Sable {phonetic},  
13          no coaching whatsoever, calls me grandma. "Grandma." And  
14          people think that she's coached, but she's not. And people  
15          will just be, you know, kind of, surprised about that.  
16          They think they're, you know, children are so smart. They  
17          are so smart. And they're just little healers.

18                              **MS. CHERYL GERVAIS:** (Indiscernible).

19                              **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah -- yeah.

20                              **MS. TIAR WILSON:** I just want to check in.

21          It's 3:11, we've been talking about for about an hour-and-  
22          a-half now. Do you feel like you want to continue, or do  
23          you want to take a break? Do you feel like there's nothing  
24          else you need to say?

25                              **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** No. I -- I feel -- I'm at



1 peace now. Yeah, I -- I feel like I've covered -- I've  
2 covered everything that I wanted to -- to say. Yeah.

3 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** We spoke a lot about  
4 culture today, and one of the things that stood out for me  
5 was when you -- like, you just had this smile on your face  
6 when you started talking about your sobriety, your -- the  
7 Red Road, and how you're going to be on it for ten years,  
8 and I just -- I just want to congratulate you for that, and  
9 for finding that space, that healing, because when you  
10 speak about it, you just -- I can see it on your face.

11 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah -- yeah.

12 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** And it's difficult, like, I  
13 -- I'm three years on that road myself, so hopefully can I  
14 make it to ten like you.

15 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Oh, you can. You will,  
16 yeah -- yeah.

17 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** So do you want to wrap this  
18 up now?

19 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah.

20 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** You're -- you're okay?

21 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah.

22 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** You feel like you've been  
23 heard today?

24 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah, I do.

25 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** All right, so I need to

1 just check in again here --

2 MS. KAREN KEJICK: Wait a minute, one more  
3 thing.

4 MS. TIAR WILSON: Okay. Of course.

5 MS. KAREN KEJICK: Sorry. So if there's  
6 something in a way to honour all of the the -- the women in  
7 the Territory, that there needs to be a university built  
8 here in the name of all the women because, you know, having  
9 access to education is going to make things better here for  
10 the lives of the families.

11 The Families First principle is always what  
12 I've maintained. And I drafted a document talking about  
13 that, and shared that with our *wegimaawabid* (phonetic).  
14 And I also would like to thank the -- the Grand Council and  
15 all of the women helpers who've been beside -- beside me,  
16 not in front of me, beside me. And my -- my partner for  
17 just being there. And I can't watch violence on TV or I  
18 get triggered. And my best friend for being here, again,  
19 for the second difficult time that I've had and, I guess,  
20 there's been more.

21 But she was there with me when I almost raped  
22 and I went to court in Rainy River. And there was -- this  
23 -- this guy -- this -- this man named, or this guy named  
24 [R.] (phonetic) charged. I don't remember his last name,  
25 but at the time, the -- the officer was trying to get me to

1 change the charge to just assault and, like, I -- I said,  
2 "No." I said, "No. I -- that's what he was trying to do,  
3 and that's what he should be charged for." So now it's on  
4 his -- on his record. So she's -- she's been there.

5 And the violence has -- you know, I hope it -  
6 - I hope it changes. I really hope it changes, and that  
7 there's -- I know there's more work and good things and we  
8 have to think about it. That this is -- that good should  
9 come out of this -- good has to come out of it.

10 And I -- I was really angry when I came in  
11 and now I feel at peace. *Migwetch* to the Iskatewizaagegan  
12 clan who made the medicine, and *migwetch* for doing the work  
13 that you're doing, it means a lot to me, and *migwetch* to  
14 this blanket here. I wondered about the blanket and here  
15 it is. So it's there, finding that support. So I'm  
16 feeling now loved, respected, heard, and supported today.

17 And I'm looking forward to moving on, moving  
18 forward, and I hope to see that university here and a few  
19 lawyers come out of the -- come out of that university as  
20 well, so it would be a legal division there. I'm just  
21 putting it out there. Yeah, anyway, *migwetch*, *migwetch*.

22 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** So we said we were going to  
23 end it. It's okay. I'm just -- so -- so this university  
24 you're talking about then, it's a recommendation to the  
25 Commissioners, like, to the National Inquiry to -- like, at

1           this point in your -- in your area.

2                       **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah, in the Territory,  
3           yeah.

4                       **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Okay. Is there any other  
5           recommendations?

6                       **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yes. There's lots.

7                       **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Do you want to --

8                       **MR. GARY ALLEN:** I --

9                       **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** I was going say I'd like  
10          to see --

11                      **MS. TIAR WILSON:** You want to --

12                      **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** -- recommendations.

13                      **MS. TIAR WILSON:** -- take a break and think  
14          about some recommendations?

15                      **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah, sure, yeah, I'll use  
16          the bathroom, and ...

17                      **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Okay, so give me one  
18          second. It's 3:16 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15th, 2018.  
19          This is Tiar Wilson here, and we are taking a quick break  
20          before we get into some recommendations. Okay.

21          --- Upon recessing at 3:16 p.m.

22          --- Upon reconvening at 3:37 p.m.

23                      **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Good afternoon again  
24          Commissioners, it's 3:37 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2018.  
25          It's Tiar Wilson, and we are back to continue the testimony

1 with Karen, and we're going to talk about recommendations,  
2 among other things, but I'll just get her to start -- start  
3 where she needs to start.

4 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Hello, again, I just  
5 wanted to raise some issue we're facing here in the north,  
6 in terms of culturally appropriate services and safe spaces  
7 for Indigenous women and girls. I've been involved in the  
8 -- the work, being also approachable to other Indigenous  
9 women.

10 I've been pulled aside and told things about  
11 some of the organizations that are providing services to  
12 women, that they're not culturally appropriate. That the  
13 women in the Territory feel that there is a huge barrier in  
14 terms of Indigenous women ourselves leading these  
15 organizations and agencies, in that there's some of the --  
16 there's racism that they have to deal with. There's  
17 discrimination. There's shaming happening. You know,  
18 there's -- there's not a lot of inclusion I think, in terms  
19 of how the programming was set up.

20 And some of these women have raised issues  
21 about the Ontario Native Women's Association in that, you  
22 know, some don't feel that they're represented by ONWA and,  
23 you know, I -- I've struggled with that because they're,  
24 you know -- you know, Native Women's Association of Canada  
25 was put in place to, you know, raise the profile of women,

1 and raise the status of women, but women in the communities  
2 are feeling that disconnect.

3 And, you know, even to access transportation  
4 in terms of, you know, when they want to get out of violent  
5 experiences, the Kenora -- well, the Treaty 3 area is quite  
6 large, there's 55,000 square miles, and women are, you  
7 know, more susceptible to violence and trafficking if  
8 they're having to go to urban centres to access better  
9 housing or education. And even if they are coming to  
10 Kenora, there's a high cost of living here, rent goes  
11 anywhere from 1200 to \$1300 a month, and so they are  
12 trapped in poverty.

13 And then in terms of a -- a recommendation, I  
14 think that there needs to be a university here in the  
15 Territory. There's -- there's colleges, and I know that  
16 there's Seven Generations Institute that's moving towards  
17 that, but in terms of a university masters and PhD program,  
18 there needs to be that level of education here in the  
19 Territory for -- for women and girls to access. And we  
20 also need to be leading those organizations. We need to  
21 mandate ourselves in order to be self-determined and, you  
22 know, learning about board governance. Learning about  
23 budgeting. Learning about how to run a facility. Learning  
24 about land.

25 And that's another thing huge recommendation,

1           that our communities on reserve we're given parcels of land  
2           and I know that through specific claims processes that, you  
3           know, we are going to get some land back, but at the same  
4           time if we don't have our own land base, we're going to  
5           continue to struggle with all of the rapes and violence.

6                         So I hope that, you know, the land issue and  
7           access to economic development, say through fisheries, if I  
8           wanted to open up my own fish processing plant, I need the  
9           support to do that. And then what -- what's the form to do  
10          that? It's -- it's easy for me to -- to come up with an  
11          idea.

12                        You know, there needs to be more women in  
13          commerce, and how do we get there? You know, the --  
14          pulling women out of poverty is -- is one of the -- the key  
15          issues in -- in making sure children are also safe.

16                        Creating housing on reserve is so important,  
17          and in the urban areas for -- for children and for  
18          families, for Indigenous people. I mean, this is their --  
19          this is our land, this is our Territory, and we need the --  
20          to understand our power in that.

21                        And we also need to deal with the racism.  
22          The racism in our spaces. You know, I know, even entering  
23          into some business facilities, the comfortableness I feel,  
24          even when I'm asked, "Do you need any help?" And I start  
25          thinking, "Oh, my -- am I going to be followed around?"

1           Because I'm -- you know, dealing with the criminalization  
2           stresses me out. It does. And I have to think my way  
3           through it, "Oh, no, they're -- they're not going to follow  
4           you around the store."

5                         And, you know, looking at our own businesses,  
6           how do we get -- how do we empower ourselves to get those  
7           women in business? You know, Indigenous people in  
8           business, and create our own economy and then start looking  
9           at trade, right. Trade on a large scale.

10                        We need to, you know, come together, how do  
11           we get through all of the -- the pain that we've been  
12           through, move forward as First Nations people.

13                        You know, the -- also the -- the lateral  
14           violence against our own governments is pretty -- is pretty  
15           rampant, and, you know, you've hear the term Indian Act  
16           Chiefs, but in the meantime that's what we have. What  
17           message are we sending to our youth that if you sit on  
18           Chief and counsel you are -- you are, you know, nothing but  
19           an emotional punching bag, or you're just there to manage  
20           slavery or poverty.

21                        It's -- it's -- so -- so how do we create  
22           good governance systems? How do we create good governance  
23           systems if we don't have those institutes teaching us about  
24           our full potential? Because we're very smart. We're  
25           really strong people, and very kind, and we're respectful.



1           So I see how we become so impacted when someone has a  
2           racist comment, because we find that it goes against our  
3           value system.

4                       Even our value system -- we used to have  
5           hunters come and drop off meat to my mother and my  
6           grandmother. And then after they weren't there, the  
7           hunters weren't coming anymore, because they weren't there.  
8           And I now have to buy walleye because, you know, there --  
9           there isn't that system there anymore, and how do we get  
10          back to that? You know, I could say all these things, but  
11          I also have be instrumental in -- in that.

12                      And as a -- as an advocate, I've -- I get  
13          tired. I really do get tired because I know that there's a  
14          lot of people rely on me to say things and do things that  
15          they don't necessarily feel comfortable with.

16                      And to those women and those men out there  
17          that are so supportive, moving a nation forward, keep --  
18          keep doing, but also take care of -- take care of yourself  
19          because burnout is so -- is -- is also hard to deal with.

20                      And I need to say something about the level  
21          of protection and what self-determination means to -- to  
22          me. And -- and then I understand the Treaty. Our Treaty  
23          was signed October 3rd, 1873, then I start thinking, okay.  
24          So I need to tell my nieces and nephews that. I need to  
25          just share that online. I need to talk about Treaty and

1           what that means.

2                           And then our language (speaking Native  
3           language). You know, even -- even what I said there, if we  
4           lose our language -- now that's almost like setting myself  
5           up to believe that we're going to lose our language, and  
6           that's not the way I was taught. I was -- regard, you  
7           know, even though my parents went to residential school,  
8           they still spoke the language. They had handed that to me.  
9           And they would hold me up and -- and say, (speaking Native  
10          language). And saying, "She speaks very well in Ojibway."  
11          And it was giving -- giving me the -- the confidence.

12                           And then the -- the healing opportunities  
13          that we have -- some of the healers I've talked to are  
14          running sweats a lot. A lot people are coming for -- for  
15          healing.

16                           And then when I was asked in my community,  
17          what I was going to do about the -- I'll call them drugs,  
18          in the community. And I said, "Okay, so we're doing all  
19          this programming, and how much programming is done during  
20          the evening?" Okay, so we have somebody in the gym, you  
21          know, playing -- organizing volleyball, and the youth are,  
22          kind of, organizing themselves, which is -- which is really  
23          good to see. I don't need to do anything there. They're  
24          -- they're taking care of themselves, but just to you know,  
25          commend them on that.

1                   But how many -- so again, right, how are we  
2           distributing health programming dollars, if there is one  
3           person in our community that's responsible for providing  
4           health services, but in -- in the community -- in the  
5           community itself, because of all the trauma we've been  
6           through, and there's a lack of trust, lateral violence,  
7           intergenerational resentment, my family versus your family.  
8           Those are the real -- real issues that we face every day,  
9           right.

10                   So I'm going control some of this money and,  
11           you know, and I'm just -- I'm just speaking as what, you  
12           know, could or may not happen, or even, you know, financial  
13           management as well, right. Some of our communities are --  
14           are under MRR -- MR plans or, you know, third party, I'm  
15           not sure if that still exists right. How many agreements  
16           are signed, you know, under duress?

17                   So the -- the Treaty, right, was a solemn  
18           agreement to say, we're going to share the -- and there's  
19           only one interpretation of the Treaty, I think, you know,  
20           so when I talk about my mom and that she had Treaty rights,  
21           I -- I am putting that out there for her.

22                   And Treaty education, I know that the Ontario  
23           Government just cancelled the -- the -- the -- the  
24           curriculum there where -- or the history of the Treaties  
25           would be included. I know that there's some good people

1 out there that are still working towards that. But that  
2 legislation is so important, and having our own curriculum  
3 developed by our own communities is something that's going  
4 to go a long way and help to deal with racism because it's  
5 -- it's, you know, it's such a huge issue, living -- having  
6 to -- to deal with that on top of the discrimination. We  
7 need to have those -- to have that dialogue about how do  
8 you move forward?

9 Well, even with funding I've heard, "Oh that  
10 process is so tedious and it's -- you have to fill out form  
11 after form after form." So how do you streamline and create  
12 these programs and services that should be accessible to  
13 everyone.

14 You know, and then it's almost like, well,  
15 you have lack of internet services, lack of -- that would  
16 impact business, that would impact, you know, providing  
17 post-secondary program on reserve because you don't have  
18 those broadband services in your community.

19 And then you have all of these -- it's -- you  
20 have all of these little, say, for instance, okay, while  
21 you're -- you can clear cut now, you can go firefighting,  
22 all these seasonable opportunities, which -- which -- which  
23 could be good, but how do we get our full -- how do we  
24 participate fully in the economy, if we don't, you know,  
25 do it if -- do whatever we need to do. Investing in

1           ourselves. I think there should be more investments in  
2           housing, education, mental health programs, and really  
3           looking at -- and asking the families -- MMIWG about some  
4           of the services. I think there needs to be more follow-up  
5           about that.

6                           And while, you know, one thing could be said  
7           to me, as an example, where I don't feel like I have  
8           support from my own community, and because of -- I don't  
9           know, maybe it's in my own mind, maybe it's -- it's from  
10          experience, but how do you make sure that you have health  
11          supports that are out there, and what does that mean? Or  
12          spaces to have ceremony.

13                          When I think about it, having to drive down  
14          the highway and, you know, have a sacred fire in order to  
15          be here for 1:00 is, kind of, rushed, but we did it. But  
16          it also wasn't, you know -- I thought, man, if -- if I had  
17          my own house and I had, like, a -- a fire outside, you  
18          know, that is something that would -- would have been  
19          helpful, but it's -- it's not -- I've had to, kind of,  
20          maneuver around that.

21                          But, you know, and looking at research,  
22          having -- looking at the rates of violence in the  
23          Territory. During provincial election, a gentleman was  
24          telling me that -- his opinion, and his opinion, kind of,  
25          got me thinking about the perception of Indigenous women

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1 from our Indigenous males. You know -- you know, some of  
2 the comments I see online are so derogatory and  
3 disrespectful towards women and, you know, there's --  
4 there's men who don't participate and there's also our own  
5 women who participate in that. I don't -- I don't -- I'm  
6 not sure what to call it, but it's -- it's a -- it's a  
7 cycle of -- of violence that's perpetuated through humour,  
8 and it's shared on social media. And I've had to delete my  
9 Facebook just to, you know, for my own sanity because you  
10 can get pulled into that, right. And how has technology  
11 helped and how hasn't it helped through, also, the Inquiry  
12 of not, you know, I was openly have said that I was -- I've  
13 been waiting to participate. I haven't said anything since  
14 I got the e-mail because I just -- I just don't want any  
15 negative comments. I -- I really don't, right.

16 And even trauma, I think, there's more  
17 education around trauma that needs to -- to happen.  
18 Supports, for sure, you know, and then physical activity,  
19 right, thinking about the wholistic medicine wheel, like I  
20 -- I can't really walk down the highway. And I get paranoid  
21 when me and my partner walk down the highway, because I  
22 feel like there's Indigenous women from the community, I  
23 want to just help bump her, so that's, you know, like, I  
24 don't feel, like, it's safe.

25 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** M'hm.

1                   **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** And me and my cousin are  
2 walking down the highway there exercising, and there was  
3 two men that came around, like, on bikes and they went down  
4 this trail, and I'm like, "Okay. Let's just go home." So  
5 -- so I felt like, okay. I can't exercise, but I -- when I  
6 think about, okay, well, there's a gym here in Kenora, I  
7 can go and -- and work out there, but it costs money.

8                   So, you know, then I think about all of the  
9 -- the dog issue in the community, in, like, my community.  
10 I know I've heard women say, "I want to go for a walk. I  
11 wish I could go for a walk, but the dogs are just --  
12 there's so many of -- of them," right. So it -- it gets to  
13 be really -- really, really huge, when I -- I think it  
14 that, you know.

15                   And I think about my mother and my sister  
16 shared, or my brother -- my brother shared, he said, "You  
17 know, ceremonies cost, it costs to travel. It costs to get  
18 the food," which is -- he's absolutely right.

19                   So when we're living in poverty, it's really  
20 hard for women and -- and Indigenous people to participate  
21 because tobacco has a cost, right. And I know there's  
22 natural tobacco, but the levels of poverty, also impact our  
23 participation in our own ceremonies, let -- let alone  
24 having to deal with the -- the stigma attached, or the  
25 fear-based teachings stemming from the Indian residential

1 school, or the jealousy and the resentment that comes with  
2 walking a certain way, or holding a -- a sacred item, you  
3 know, and that's just not -- it's not healthy. So how do  
4 we get to celebrate who we really are when we're dealing  
5 with all of the toxic baggage and the toxic culture that,  
6 you know, impacts our communities every day?

7 And they -- and even the -- the how education  
8 is perceived, you know, that fear, because some of the  
9 communities, right, the education level and, right, the  
10 impacts from residential school, again, so a grade level  
11 and then the capacity of the reading/writing level, what's  
12 not to say that someone with education is -- is necessarily  
13 a better citizen, but can understand the world, because we  
14 walk in both worlds, and that somebody that's educated  
15 should not shamed or should not be discriminated against.  
16 That was said to me, "Well, it's easy to target you, Karen,  
17 because you're educated."

18 And I -- I just listen, and then I -- I  
19 listen to that, and I'm, like -- and I think sometimes  
20 we're -- we're backwards. But why -- why am I saying we're  
21 backwards?

22 You know, and then the *Gladue* decision, I've  
23 often said, shouldn't be applied when it comes to violence  
24 against woman, that shouldn't be applied, you know, I think  
25 that decision, you know, has impacts as well. The -- the



1 amount of Indigenous women as -- you know, at the Supreme  
2 Court level, you know, little girls need to -- need to see  
3 that, right, society needs to get comfortable with us being  
4 out there, with us being in mainstream politics, with us  
5 professors and -- and accept that -- that we are here and  
6 we need to coexist, so there needs to be that -- that  
7 constant dialogue.

8 And I -- I've often said this that, we need  
9 our -- we need our own Oprah in -- in Canada. We -- we  
10 need our own Indigenous Oprah, you know, to just take --  
11 take people and talk to them on the couch, right, and have  
12 this -- this media space.

13 And, you know, media also has -- has to spell  
14 has to spell our First Nations correctly. I was called  
15 Cathy (phonetic) in one media story, and everyone focused  
16 on the fact that I was called Cathy, not on the fact I was  
17 actually talking about violence against women. We had a  
18 Red Ribbon Walk, and everyone was fixated on the fact that  
19 I was called Cathy. So it took away from what -- from some  
20 of the -- I felt that it took away from them the messaging.

21 And, you know, that's also -- and you're  
22 starting to see a little more now, I think with Ashley  
23 Callingbull on the cover of Chatelaine, is it? But we need  
24 more, you know, we've -- we've seen, you know, Dove  
25 (phonetic) try to work on some of the diversity there, but,

Karen Kejick

(Frances Kejick)

1       you know, there's -- it almost feels like there's only a  
2       handful of even actors, right, that are out there. What  
3       can we do more?

4                   And it's -- so I -- I attended a -- a focus  
5       group on women in leadership, and I -- I mean, I can't  
6       believe I have to caution people that I'm going to get the  
7       -- the -- the dialogue is going to get uncomfortable,  
8       because I'm going to talk about racism. And it got really  
9       uncomfortably quiet, and I -- and I felt like all of a  
10      sudden people who want to -- people just didn't want to  
11      look at me, they were like I wasn't -- I wasn't at the  
12      meeting anymore. And it was a lot -- it was a lot -- it  
13      was a lot easier I think to do that to me than actually  
14      engage in dialogue.

15                   So I think there needs to be a report on  
16      racism and -- and ask, you know, Canadians publicly, why  
17      are you racist? That's -- why are you -- or, you know, and  
18      I'm not sure if -- how that can be done. I'm not sure if  
19      that -- that will create a boomerang effect, like, okay,  
20      well, we want to talk about racism. It's pretty hard while  
21      this -- and if you do that, is it going to create more  
22      racism, more racial tensions in every space. I don't, but  
23      I think it's -- it's a worthwhile thing to say, you know.

24                   So I -- you know, and then the -- the  
25      children in care, during my time on council, have -- have

1       seen how women's spirits are negatively impacted. It's  
2       like their spirit gets weakened when their child is taken  
3       away from them.

4                   And how poverty disempowers men to -- to  
5       reach their -- to reach their potential, and even the --  
6       this -- this statement.

7                   Woman are the real leaders, women are -- are  
8       up-and-coming and women are taking on their role, and I've  
9       -- I've, kind of, observed when somebody is saying that out  
10      in public and have watched, you know, even, you know, in  
11      our own communities, wonder what that means, wonder what  
12      that means? Well, Band members are the ones that are, you  
13      know, I've often thought about that.

14                  But I think a study on the level of violence  
15      and, you know, racism in the Territory needs to be  
16      conducted, given that there was seven residential schools  
17      in the Territory. I think Ontario needs to reinstate that  
18      curriculum. The violence against women programs, I think  
19      should be legislated with core funding. You know, and I  
20      think women need to be part of that consultation process.  
21      I think that there needs to be curriculum developed. And I  
22      know that the -- that the -- the sex ed curriculum starts  
23      talking about relationships at an early grade level in  
24      terms of teaching that respect.

25                  You know, and then and then organizations

1           there needs to be some type of mandatory program dedicated  
2           and -- in an honour of MMIWG women in those spaces, you  
3           know, where there's some kind of restoration process inside  
4           the organization. And that every organization, you know,  
5           commits to providing a violence-free, harassment-free  
6           workplace for -- for everyone. And then how do you model  
7           that? Okay, well, then, you know, I think there needs to  
8           be some kind of resources dedicated towards that, because  
9           women feel that they don't have a voice and, you know,  
10          also, men also encounter that too. You know, that sexual  
11          harassment.

12                           And sometimes I've heard, "Well, we don't --  
13          we don't know. No one taught us how to be respectful. No  
14          one taught us boundaries." And then even when someone is  
15          trying to put a boundary up, it's -- they don't -- they  
16          don't recognize it as a boundary, you know. Like, when a  
17          woman says, "No," like, that consent, a woman says, "No,"  
18          you -- you have to stop, you know.

19                           The -- and then the protective orders, you  
20          know, I've heard a lot about that, you know, where they --  
21          they didn't feel safe, you know, and I think that there  
22          needs to be also consultation, right.

23                           And maybe there's some type of program that's  
24          developed for women wanting to work in leading those  
25          organizations. I know that there's -- you know, there's

1           that woman in business, you know, so all of those things  
2           need to -- need to just come here, I think.

3                         And women and young -- young women, right,  
4           are quite impressionable where they think that if I move to  
5           the city, my life is going to be better, but you know,  
6           they're actually targeted then, you know -- it's -- it's --  
7           it's quite dangerous, right. So how do we make -- how do  
8           we make the environment conducive to -- to have them  
9           thriving, right.

10                        I mean, our -- we want those violence rates  
11           to go down. The poverty level to go down. Our education  
12           outcomes to go up. Our access to all of these programs to  
13           be there, and -- and fully accessible to -- to them.

14                        And then making sure that there's a continued  
15           voice for families throughout this, that we can revisit the  
16           recommendations. That we have an opportunity to say, "Wait  
17           a minute, I did see that. I'm glad that's going to be in  
18           the report." And if there's a process for that. And that  
19           families also be invited to the final report. I would -- I  
20           would love to be there for that. And -- and then there's  
21           more work to be done, right, around the recommendations.

22                        And the -- the access to health services. I  
23           know some women travel to Winnipeg to receive those  
24           services, so there needs to be access to, you know,  
25           primary, secondary, tertiary care services here. You know,

1 I think there -- there needs to be a (indiscernible).

2 There was a report that was provided by the  
3 Ontario Medical Officer of Health where there was a  
4 comparison between Southern Ontario and Northern Ontario,  
5 that Southern Ontario had -- sorry, Northern Ontario had  
6 lower mortality rates than our southern counterparts here  
7 in Ontario. So some those issues also have to be looked at  
8 for sure.

9 And then the United Nations on the  
10 declaration on the rights of Indigenous peoples, right,  
11 that -- that all of those recommendations in that. And  
12 then the calls to action also be held and fulfilled, right,  
13 and on the minds of our leadership, even in the community  
14 levels -- at the community level that our communities  
15 understand what their rights are.

16 Some people don't understand, or don't know,  
17 and who teaches someone their rights when you don't have a  
18 human rights advocate, or a women's advocate in the -- in  
19 the Territory, right, somebody that has the skill set,  
20 well, how do you -- how do you do that? You have --  
21 there's so much potential, and I hope that we -- we look at  
22 that and work together for the -- the betterment of women  
23 and girls, in honour of our MMIWG sisters. I think I've  
24 covered what I wanted to say.

25 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Okay. I don't have any

1 questions from that. You -- you've shared a lot today.  
2 You even came forward and expressed that you're a survivor.  
3 You shared an instance with us, so thank you for feeling  
4 comfortable in this space to share that and, you know, we  
5 want to acknowledge you as a survivor yourself, so thank  
6 you. Would you say you're comfortable enough? Do you feel  
7 heard today?

8 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Yeah -- yeah.

9 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** And thanks for the -- some  
10 of the issue in the area too, so it's good to hear that.  
11 And with that I'll close off.

12 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** Okay.

13 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Commissioners, it's 4:14  
14 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15th, 2018, and it's Tiar Wilson,  
15 and I have had the honour of spending the afternoon with  
16 Karen and her supports here at the Super 8 Hotel, I said  
17 we're in Kenora, right.

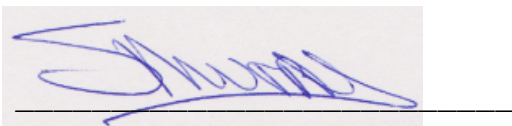
18 **MS. KAREN KEJICK:** You said we were in  
19 Kenora.

20 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** So I'll -- I'll -- I'll end  
21 this. I'm getting laughy now. I'll end the session now,  
22 so thank you.

23 --- Upon adjourning at 4:14 p.m.

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