

# LEGACY FUND OUTREACH ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

INFORMATION ON OUTREACH



MCLEAN DAY SCHOOLS  
SETTLEMENT CORPORATION



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# Information for Well-being Support

*Your well-being is important to us.*

*If you require support, please contact the Hope for Wellness Help Line at **1-855-242-3310** to access toll-free 24/7 counseling and crisis intervention.*

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# MDSSC Background



The McLean Day Schools Settlement Corporation (MDSSC) was established as part of the implementation of the historic Federal Indian Day School class action Settlement Agreement in 2019.

It endowed MDSSC with a \$200 million Legacy Fund for projects to support Survivors of federally-operated Indian Day Schools, and their families

# MDSSC Background



Many students in Day Schools experienced abuse and had their cultural connections severed, including connections to their Indigenous languages, cultural practices and ways of being.

The Legacy Fund will directly support Federal Indian Day School Survivors and their families, and be used to fund projects and initiatives under four (4) key themes:

- Wellness and Healing
- Commemoration
- Language and Cultural Reclamation and Preservation
- Truth-telling



# MDSSC – Established August 19, 2021





# MDSSC Board of Directors



MDSSC has the benefit of strong Indigenous leadership, led by CEO, Elder Claudette Commanda, who also sits on MDSSC's Board with Regional Chief Roger Augustine, Assembly of First Nations and retired Provincial Court Judge, Dr. James Igloliorte.

As part of the 2019 McLean Federal Indian Day Schools Class Action Settlement, the MDSSC's first Directors were recommended by lead plaintiff Elder Garry McLean and selected by the Agreement's parties:

- Federal Indian Day Schools Survivors, represented by Elder McLean
- The Government of Canada, represented by the Attorney General

# Current MDSSC Board Members:



**Elder Claudette  
Commanda**



**Chief Roger Augustine**



**Dr. James "Jim" Igloliorte**



# Can MDSSC help with Claims?



- Although they come from the same nation-wide class action lawsuit settlement started by its lead plaintiff, Elder Garry McLean, MDSSC and the Claims Process (which is handled by Deloitte Canada) are completely and legally separate.
- MDSSC does not have information about any specific claim, including its content, status, or result, nor can they influence the claims process or respond to requests for claims redress.

## Claims Process Contact Points:

- 1 (888) 221-2898
- [dayschools@gowlingwlg.com](mailto:dayschools@gowlingwlg.com)

# Day Schools



- Day Schools were schools where Indigenous children were sent during the day, remaining in their communities and living with their families.
- Day Schools were separate from Residential Schools and were schools within First Nation and Inuit communities.
- Approximately 200,000 Indigenous children were forced to attend federally operated Indian Day Schools, in every province and territory, from the mid-1800s until 2000.
- These schools were excluded from the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement in 2006 and the PM's apology in 2008.

# Day Scholars



- Day Scholars are not part of the McLean Federal Indian Day Schools Class Action Settlement Agreement.
- Day Scholars were students who attended Residential Schools but returned to their homes at the end of the day.
- Day Scholars were also excluded from the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.



# Elder Garry McLean

MDSSC and the Legacy Fund were named in honour of the legacy of **Elder Garry McLean**, a member of the Lake Manitoba First Nation who represented approximately 200,000 Survivors as the lead plaintiff in the class action court case *McLean et al v. Attorney General of Canada*.

Elder McLean passed away weeks before the final settlement agreement was realized. Our organization, which bears his name, is led by his vision and infused with his spirit.



# The Legacy Fund



- The Legacy Fund was created to support 4 primary areas: Language & Culture; Healing & Wellness; Commemoration; and Truth-Telling
- Grants will be made from the MDSSC to charities, not-for-profit and community-based organizations through a proposal-driven selection process
- Organizations and charities will apply for these grants according to the guidelines and procedures put in place for the selection process
- The Legacy Fund has \$200 million



# When will the Legacy Fund be Distributed?

- MDSSC is currently in its start-up phase and is working to develop the guidelines and procedures for organizations to follow in applying for funding from the Legacy Fund.
- More details about the Legacy Fund will become available after the Corporation has engaged in the outreach sessions with Survivors and their families and developed the applicable guidelines and procedures for Legacy Fund applications.
- The MDSSC anticipates being able to provide more information on the Legacy Fund guidelines following this outreach process in Winter 2022.



# Legacy Fund Outreach Process



- It is important to the MDSSC that the voices of Survivors and their families remain central to the work of MDSSC
- The **Legacy Fund Outreach Process** is a way for Survivors and families to provide direct input to help guide the implementation of the Legacy Fund — the MDSSC would greatly appreciate your feedback
- If you are a Federal Indian Day School Survivor, or related to one, you can participate in the Legacy Fund Outreach Process by attending a **Legacy Fund Information Session** to learn more about upcoming Legacy Fund **Regional Outreach Sessions**. These are planned for the balance of 2021 and possibly into early 2022.

# How can I participate?

1. Participate in an Engagement Session taking place in your specific Region (upcoming dates and more information are posted in the “News” section of our website).

# How can I participate?

2. Online form available at the MDSSC website:  
[www.mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca](http://www.mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca)  
*click on the 'Outreach' tab*
3. Email your feedback to MDSSC through their website contact:  
[info@mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca](mailto:info@mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca)
4. Mail us your feedback at:  
Mclean Day Schools Settlement Corporation  
P.O Box 35090 WESTGATE  
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# Next Steps

- **Legacy Fund Outreach Engagement Sessions** will be held regionally for Survivors and their families. It is intended that the outreach engagement sessions be held over the balance of 2021 and possibly, subject to scheduling, into early 2022.
- Input from Survivors and their families will provide direction to the MDSSC Board in developing and operating the Legacy Fund.



# CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, go to the MDSSC website:

[www.mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca](http://www.mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca)

and/or Email:

[info@mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca](mailto:info@mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca)



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