

LEGACY FUND OUTREACH ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

INFORMATION SESSION #3
December 1, 2021



**MCLEAN DAY SCHOOLS
SETTLEMENT CORPORATION**



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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 MDSSC 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 MDSSC 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:

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

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 MDSSC Legacy Fund



- The MDSSC 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 community-based organizations that provide services in language and culture, healing and wellness, commemoration, and truth telling
- These community-based organizations will apply for these grants according to the guidelines and procedures put in place for a proposal-driven selection process
- The MDSSC Legacy Fund has \$200 million

When will the MDSSC 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 MDSSC Legacy Fund.
- More details about the MDSSC 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 MDSSC Legacy Fund applications.
- The MDSSC anticipates being able to provide more information on the MDSSC Legacy Fund guidelines following the completion of the outreach process, anticipated in 2022.

MDSSC 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 **MDSSC Legacy Fund Outreach Process** is a way for Survivors and families to provide direct input to help guide the implementation of the MDSSC 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 an **MDSSC Legacy Fund Information Session** to learn more about upcoming MDSSC Legacy Fund **Regional and National Outreach Sessions**. Sessions will begin in January 2022 and run until the end of March 2022

How can I participate?

1. Participate in a virtual Regional or National Outreach Session (upcoming dates are posted on our registration page in the “Outreach” section of our website):

- **Atlantic:** Thursday, January 13, 2022
- **French National:** Thursday, January 20, 2022
- **Ontario:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022
- **Saskatchewan:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022
- **Alberta:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022
- **British Columbia:** Monday, February 14, 2022
- **Yukon/NWT:** Thursday, February 24, 2022
- **Inuit National:** Thursday, March 3, 2022
- **English National:** Friday, March 11, 2022
- **Manitoba:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Regional and National Outreach Sessions will take place virtually over Zoom with a limited number of participants to ensure the highest level of engagement. Please note that all Outreach Sessions will be recorded.

All Regional and National Outreach Sessions are followed by a 30-minute mental health aftercare session with our mental health team.

How can I participate?

Our Registration Page is now LIVE. To register in a Regional or National Outreach Session, please go to www.mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca/outreach/outreach-session-registration



How can I participate?

2. Digital Outreach form available at the MDSSC website for those unable to participate in the Regional or National Outreach Sessions:
www.mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca
click on the 'Outreach' tab
3. Email your feedback to MDSSC through their website contact:
info@mcleandayschoolssettlementcorporation.ca
4. Mail us your feedback at:

Mclean Day Schools Settlement Corporation
P.O Box 35090 WESTGATE
Ottawa, ON
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Next Steps

- **MDSSC Legacy Fund Outreach Sessions** will be held regionally and nationally for Survivors and their families. Regional and National Outreach Sessions will be held from January to March 2022.
- Digital and mail options are available for Survivors and families who want to submit their feedback, but are unable to participate in a Regional or National Outreach Session.
- We have updated all submission deadlines to March 25, 2022
- Input from Survivors and their families will provide direction to the MDSSC Board in developing and operating the MDSSC Legacy Fund.



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