

Truth Before Reconciliation Mawio'mi



Sept. 30th – Oct. 4th 2021

**A campus-community event
in partnership with
Glooscap First Nation,
co-hosted by Acadia
University and the Town of
Wolfville**

September 30:

Note: BEE-cause: Every Child Matters!

Please wear orange or an orange ribbon to recognize Orange T-Shirt Day

BEE-safe: Follow COVID Public Health Protocols

Location: The Clock Park, Wolfville

9 a.m. Opening Ceremony

Raising of the Tipi with Elder Dr. Joe Michael and Danny Paul,
Knowledge Keeper

Lighting of the Sacred Fire

Creation of the TRCTalk Tree throughout the day by Acadia students

Morning Drumming

10:30 a.m. Opening Prayer on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Words of Welcome from: Glooscap First Nation Councillor Lynwood Peters and Darlene Peters Copeland; Acadia University President, Dr. Peter Ricketts; Deputy Mayor Oonagh Proudfoot, Town of Wolfville; President of the Indigenous Students Society at Acadia, Leah Creaser; Acadia Students Union President, Matthew Stanbrook and Vice President, Student Life, Georgia Saleski

Remembering, Honouring, Commemorating Indian Industrial Residential “school” Victims, including Survivors, their Families, Communities and Nations: President of the Native Women’s Association of Canada Lorraine Whitman

Reflecting on The Sixties Scoop: Former Chief Shirley Clarke, Glooscap First Nation

Official Unveiling of “Elegantly Departed” Original Painting by Quentin Syliboy, inspired by and in collaboration with Lily-Beth Fisher.

Mawio’ mi-long Dutch Auction of the original painting for the logo, by Mi’kmaw artist Quentin Syliboy, inspired by and in collaboration with Lily-Beth Fisher, as well as five (5) limited edition framed prints, with results announced during the concluding campus-community Mawio’ mi feast on October 4th

Open Mic

Drumming

Mi’kmaw Dancers

Honour Song featuring Indigenous Student Society of Acadia (ISSA) with Melgita’t Women

1 – 4 p.m. Acadia students (no charge, just show your ID) with special guests, Mi’kmaw dancers and drummers, are invited Grand-Pré National Historic Site

Location: Campus Bubble: Front Lawn of the University Hall,

Acadia University

2 p.m. Raising of the Tipi on the Front Lawn by University Hall with Elder Dr. Joe Michael and Danny Paul, Knowledge Keeper

Lighting of the Sacred Fire

Open Honour Song: The Indigenous Students Society (ISSA) invites any Indigenous student to join in

October 1: Treaty Day

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony by the Tipi at the Clock Park

Location: The Clock Park, Wolfville

11 a.m. Opening Prayer, Glooscap First Nation Councillor Larry Peters, Member of the Mi'kmaq Grand Council

Words of Welcome, Darlene Peters Copeland, Glooscap First Nation; Deputy Mayor Oonagh Proudfoot, Town of Wolfville; Acadia Students Union VP, Georgia Saleski

Peace and Friendship Treaty, Zabrina Whitman, Member of Glooscap First Nation and Coordinator, Indigenous Affairs, at Acadia University

Mi'kmaw Elder and Youth Co-Artists Speak about the Mawio'mi Mural they are completing: Gerald Gloade and Lily-Beth Fisher

Reconciliation with Mother Earth: #FridaysfortheFuture: Remarks by Lily-Beth Fisher, youth climate activist, certified beekeeper, and member of Glooscap First Nation

Open Mic

Honour Song

Location: Campus Bubble: Tipi on the Front Lawn of the University Hall, Acadia University

Sunrise Ceremony by Tipi on Campus
Students hear Elders share traditional learning

October 2: BEE-long Day of Friendship

During the day, Elders and community members share knowledge and stories by the tipi at Clock Park

Location: by the Tipi at the Clock Park, Wolfville

10 – 12: Lusknikn, Mi'kmaw Bread

Location: Campus Bubble: Acadia University

1– 3 ASU Creative Gathering: Join Mi'kmaw artist Quentin-Syliboy, co-created of the Hope Mural in the SUB for an afternoon of creativity and conversation in the Fountain Commons' Great Hall. Refreshments Provided.

2 – 10 p.m. ISSA and ASU Mawio'mi Indigenous Film Screening, KCIC Auditorium. Refreshments provided.

2 p.m. *Moana* (family friendly option)

6 p.m. *Indian Horse*

8 p.m. *Angry Inuk*

10 p.m. *There's Something in the Water*

October 3: BEE-well with the Truth

During the day, Elders and community members share knowledge and stories by the tipi at Clock Park

Location: by the Tipi at the Clock Park, Wolfville

12 – 2: Lusknikn, Mi'kmaw Bread

Location: Waterfront Park

2 p.m.: Concert in the Park: The Hupman Brothers

Location: Campus Bubble: Acadia University

11 – 12 noon & 3 – 4 Yoga with Acadia student Olivia Stevenson, a 200-hour certified yoga instructor, by the Tipi on the Front Lawn by the tipi, (Fountain Commons' Great Room rain location)

1 – 3 ASU Creative Gathering: Join Mi'kmaw artist Quentin-Syliboy, co-creator of the Hope Mural in the SUB, for an afternoon of creativity and conversation in the Fountain Commons' Great Hall.

1 – 4 ASU Drum-Making and Interactive Art Workshop for AU Residence Assistants and Students with Mi'kmaw artists, Holly Meuse and Cruzer Meuse, AU student. Fountain Commons' Great Hall.

October 4: National Day of Vigils for Sisters in Spirit, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Location: by the Tipi at The Clock Park, Wolfville

7 a.m. Lighting of the Sacred Fire

Sunrise Ceremony

9– 10 a.m. Sisters in Spirit Remembrance Walk through Wolfville

10:30 a.m. Opening Prayer: Former Glooscap First Nation Chief Shirley Clarke

Opening Ceremony

Opening Statement by Lorraine Whitman, President of Native Women's Association of Canada

Drumming and Dancing featuring ISSA with Melgita't Women

Words of Welcome from Darlene Peters Copeland, Glooscap First Nation; Dr. Peter Ricketts, President of Acadia University; Deputy Mayor Oonagh Proudfoot, Town of Wolfville

Guest Speakers: Glooscap First Nation Chief Sidney Peters; Brooke Paul, Supervisor of the Mi'kmaq Women's Shelter

ISSA Virtual Dialogue about the Highway of Tears with AU Alumna, Lara Hartman, graduate student at The University of Victoria

Unveiling of the Mawio'mi Mural, co-created by Gerald Gloade and Lily-Beth Fisher followed by Expression of Appreciation and Friendship by the Dean of Arts, Dr. Laura Robinson

Homecoming (results from the Dutch Auction) for "Elegantly Departed" the Original Painting as well as five (5) Limited Edition framed prints signed by the artist

Open Mic

Closing Prayer

Honour Song featuring the Indigenous Students Society of Acadia (ISSA) with Melgita't Women

Afternoon: Taking down the tipis at both locations

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