



Photo: Glenbow Archives.

Dr. R.B. Nevitt's 1876 winter scene of Fort Calgary with Blackfoot people and the NWMP. The painting depicts Mooks as sis (Nose Hill) looming over the fort and O mock cow wat che mooks as sin (Swan's Bill) on the horizon (left).



MOH-KINS-TSIS

CALGARY INDIGENOUS HERITAGE ROUNDTABLE

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)

Fort Calgary (Calgary, Alberta)

Groundbreaking discussion on the protection of Calgary's Indigenous heritage sites.

Calgary has a rich Indigenous heritage with many places of sacred and cultural significance – from Nose Hill to Paskapoo Slopes. And yet these important places are rarely protected by provincial legislation or recognized by municipal bylaws and policies. **MOH-KINS-TSIS** | *Calgary Indigenous Heritage Roundtable* aims to open a dialogue and to find solutions to this gap in knowledge and protection.

Bringing together elders and knowledge keepers with practitioners in the fields of heritage, archaeology, architecture and planning, **MOH-KINS-TSIS** will discuss heritage sites in Calgary and how Indigenous and Non-Indigenous protocols for protection of heritage places can be aligned.

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ROUNDTABLE AGENDA – OCTOBER 21, 2015 (Calgary)

8:00 am	Continental Breakfast Available
8:30am – 8:45am	Drumming Group - Crowfoot Young Warriors
8:45am – 9:00am	Opening Prayer - Andy Blackwater
9:00 am – 9:10am	Welcome –Naheed Nenshi, Mayor, City of Calgary
9:10am – 9:20am	Background to Roundtable - Natalie Bull (National Trust) Creating an Ethical Space – Lorna Crowshoe and Makiinima, Roy Fox
9:20am – 10:50am	Indigenous Historical Perspectives on Blackfoot Territory and Moh-Kins-Tsis Moderator: Makiinima, Roy Fox Speakers: Wilton Good Striker and Herman Yellow Old Woman [Health Break]
10:50am – 12:00pm	Further Indigenous Historical Perspectives on Moh-Kins-Tsis Moderator: Makiinima, Roy Fox Speakers: Jack Royal, Dr. Eldon Yellowhorn, and Dr. Gerry Oetelaar.
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Lunch
12:30pm – 1:15pm	Speaker: Dr. Reg Crowshoe – <i>The Dual Paradigms: Indigenous and Western Ways of Knowing</i>
1:15pm – 3:15pm	Making Paskapoo Slopes: Reflections on a Pathbreaking Development Project Moderator: Lorna Crowshoe Speakers: Aaron Aubin – <i>Challenges and Opportunities for Incorporating Indigenous Paradigms in Planning</i> David Couroux & Lorna Crowshoe – <i>Overview of the Paskapoo Slopes Project</i> Panel on the Paskapoo Slopes Development Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andy Blackwater• Bruce Wolf Child• Grant Mihalcheon – For Trinity Developments• David Couroux – City of Calgary Paskapoo Slopes Area Structure Plan• Brian Vivian – Archaeological Perspective• Blair First Rider – Provincial Perspective• Michelle Reid – Calgary Parks Perspective [Health Break] Panel Discussion; Question and Answer Period
3:15pm – 4:30pm	Incorporating Western and Indigenous Practices in Civic Engagement Moderators: Eldon Yellowhorn and Natalie Bull Ways of Knowing: Group Exploration and Exchange– see outline attached
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Conclusions from the Day – Eldon Yellowhorn, Lorna Crowshoe, Makiinima, Roy Fox Next Steps for the National Trust - Natalie Bull
5:30pm – 7:30pm	National Trust Conference Meet & Greet (East Village Sales and Experience Centre, 553 Riverfront Avenue SE) – Located a short distance from Fort Calgary, all Roundtable participants are invited to continue their discussions over food and beverages in this inspiring CMLC facility.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Lorna Crowshoe (Mok-Kins-Tsis Co-Chair) – Aboriginal Issues Strategist, City of Calgary

Lorna is a Piikani First Nations member from Southern Alberta and maintains her strong ties to the Blackfoot community. Employed by the City of Calgary as an Aboriginal Issues Strategist, Lorna's career involves her in projects that allow for creativity in culturally motivated environments. These projects include the Calgary 2012; Making of Treaty 7 Project, the University of Calgary's Spopi Solar Home project, the Calgary Poverty Reduction Initiatives Aboriginal Constellation; and helping to plan the opening ceremonies for Calgary's Aboriginal Awareness week in June.

Lorna is very proud of her family genealogy project that goes back eight generations when her ancestors were protecting the south entrance to Blackfoot Territory just before the signing of Treaty 7. In her personal life, Lorna was involved in bringing urban Blackfoot women together and is one of the founding members of the Blackfoot Women's Society.

Makiinima, Roy Fox (Moh-Kins-Tsis Co-Chair) – Retired Chief

Roy received the mentorship that traditional Blood leaders were given by their predecessors and his official training started when he was first elected to the Blood Tribal Council at the age of 24 . He was on Council for 6 years until he became Chief of Kainaiwa - the Blood Tribe - in 1980 at the age of 30 and stayed in office for 16 years until his retirement in 1996. Some of his accomplishments are : the Blood Tribe Irrigation Project ; Blood Oil & Gas development ; Blood - Sumitomo partnership ; The Blood Inquiry & Commission and he was a founding Chief of the Assembly of First Nations and signed the Declaration of First Nations on behalf of western first nations .

He was President/CEO of the Indian Resource Council for over 15 years and established many business, political and technical partnerships amongst first nations, the energy sector and government. He introduced and developed private equity participation for first nations in the energy sector and as a result, some western tribes and nations now own their business assets valued in the hundreds of millions .

He has gained recognition over the years and one of them is the Aboriginal Achievement Award. Although he is semi-retired, he continues to work with the energy industry and first nations and tribes in North America especially in developing symbiotic business partnerships and building capacity. Roy and Dr. Genevieve Fox have been married for 43 years and they have 4 children and 12 grandchildren.

Aaron Aubin – President, Aaron Aubin Consulting Inc.

Aaron Aubin is an Aboriginal Community Planner and Engagement Specialist and works with Aboriginal communities across Western Canada. He is active in the Aboriginal community and a member of the Da'naxda'xw/Awaetlala First Nation in British Columbia (BC). In March 2015, he was retained by The City of Calgary to provide Aboriginal engagement advice and support on the development of the Providence Area Structure Plan. Prior to that he worked on The City of Calgary's South Highfield Stormwater Project in 2014 to engage the Treaty 7 First Nations to assess interest in a site formerly used by St. Dunstan's School (also known as the Calgary Indian Industrial School).

Aaron chaired the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) Indigenous Peoples Planning Committee from 2003-2011, leading the development of several projects and initiatives including CIP's first edition of the Plan Canada magazine on Indigenous Planning, which was distributed to Aboriginal communities across Canada.

Aaron has over seventeen years of experience in the consulting industry and has worked with some of Canada's largest and most progressive Aboriginal communities. Both his Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal clients frequently

ask for his advice on: traditional knowledge, community planning and engagement, governance, environmental impacts, strategic planning, economic development and innovative business practices.

Andy Blackwater, Ahtsootoaa – Spiritual Leader, Historian, Ceremonialist

David Couroux – Senior Planner, Planning, Development and Assessment, City of Calgary

David has been a planner with the City of Calgary for more than 9 years, working in areas of research, policy development and planning implementation during that time. He has also been a sessional instructor of Urban Studies at the University of Calgary for 5 years. He has a Master's of Science degree in Geography and is a Registered Professional Planner.

David has worked on a diverse range of complex planning files, recently concluding a land use redesignation of the Paskapoo Slopes in Calgary. This application review gave him the opportunity to work with a group of Blackfoot Elders and bring their concerns and aspirations for the development into the broader planning discussion. He will be sharing some of his experiences with you here today.

Dr. Reg Crowshoe – Spiritual Advisor, Former Chief of the Piikani Nation

Dr. Reg Crowshoe is a member of the Piikani First Nation in Southern Alberta, where he formerly served as Chief. Dr. Crowshoe has a longstanding relationship with the University of Calgary and has generously shared and offered his assistance, ceremonial leadership, and traditional knowledge to students, the Native Centre and other faculties for many years.

Dr. Crowshoe is widely recognized for his dedication to Piikani artifacts, traditions, language, culture, and history, and, like his father the late Joseph Crowshoe, was awarded an honorary Doctorate Degree from the University of Calgary in 2001. Dr. Crowshoe is also the founder of the Old Man River Cultural Society, and he authored the book "Akak'stiman, A Blackfoot Framework for Decision-Making and Mediation Processes" published by University of Calgary Press in 2002.

Blair First Rider – Aboriginal Cultural Advisor, Heritage Division, Alberta Culture

Blair First Rider is a member of the Blood Tribe/Blackfoot Confederacy in Stand Off, Alberta. He is also a member of the Sacred Horn Society and Brave Horse/Crazy Dog societies. He has received his Master's designation in Plains Archaeology. Mr. First Rider's work experiences include Traditional Land Use (TEK), Archaeologist, Blackfoot Cultural Interpreter, Tribal Cultural Resource Management and Aboriginal Law/Constitutional Law. He currently works as senior interpreter at Head-Smashed-In-Buffalo-Jump with Blackfoot antiquity and patrimony.

Wilton Good Striker – Kainai Elder

Wilton Good Striker was traditionally raised by his grandparents on the Blood Reserve. Growing up with Elders in his community, many traditional stories were passed on to him which he now shares through his leadership and his art. Wilton has been Tribal Manager of the Blood Tribe and President of the Native Counselling Services of Alberta, as well as, Wilton worked for the National Parole Board of Canada. Wilton is a traditional singer and dancer and in his younger days, he was active in the rodeo circuit. Wilton is now a member of the sacred societies of his people and has served as spiritual leader of his community for many years. Wilton's work has helped advance Aboriginal peoples and has brought recognition of their unique cultural and political perspectives to contemporary society. Wilton has also shared traditional practices with the Blood Tribe Police, the original role of intervention. Wilton shares stories of the History of Our People and our relationship to the Crown. Wilton Good Striker encourages participants to visit him if they have questions or if they are seeking knowledge of our traditional ways.

Grant Mihalcheon – Senior Planner, Brown and Associates Planning Group Ltd.

Grant brings to B&A Planning Group a broad range of planning experience gained through over 20 years of municipal and private sector planning. Grant comes to Brown and Associates Planning Group from Tim Hortons (The TDL Group Corp.) where he was responsible for negotiating municipal land use, development and building permit approvals for new and renovated restaurants throughout western Canada.

Before joining Tim Hortons, Grant spent time at the City of Calgary Development and Building Approvals department in various roles including Planner II and Coordinator, Customer & Business Services. Other Municipal Planning experience include time with the Municipal District of Rocky View and Mackenzie Regional Planning Commission. Grant's expertise lies in the preparation and project coordination of projects ranging from development and building permit to subdivision, land use redesignation and outline plans.

Dr. Gerald Oetelaar – Professor, Department of Anthropology & Archaeology, University of Calgary

Gerald Oetelaar is an Associate Professor in the Department of Archaeology at the University of Calgary. Since 1988, he has conducted archaeological research at various historic and pre-contact sites in southern Alberta. His primary research interests include the evolution of the southern Alberta landscape, as well as human perceptions and uses of this landscape. Although research is his passion, he always tries to incorporate public education as an important part of his archaeological projects.

Michelle Reid – Conservation Landscape Architect, City of Calgary

Michelle Reid is the conservation landscape architect for the City of Calgary Parks Department. She has worked on historic parks in the City including Reader Rock Garden, Central Memorial Park, and Bowness Park. Michelle has worked for the City of Calgary as a Conservation Landscape Architect since graduation in 2006; she attributes her success to a great learning experience provided by the Faculty of Environmental Design. Always passionate about heritage and cultural landscape, Environmental Design alumna Michelle Reid led the City of Calgary's project to redevelop and rehabilitate Calgary's oldest surviving park, Central Memorial Park.

Jack Royal – Founding President and General Manager, Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park

A member of Siksika Nation, Jack is fluent speaker in the Blackfoot language and has dedicated his life to working with First Nations, especially Siksika. Previously he has been the Executive Manager of the Siksika National, overseeing its administration including such files as health, housing and economic development. He is currently the Chair of the board for the Indian Business Corporation (IBC). Jack graduated from Mount Royal University in Business Administration and has held numerous senior positions in economic development and real estate development, including with the Siksika Land Management Corporation.

Brian Vivian – Senior Project Archaeologist, Lifeways of Canada Ltd.

Brian started working with Lifeways of Canada in 1981 and has over 25 years of experience in the field of archaeology, having participated in archaeological projects throughout southern Alberta and the Canadian Rocky Mountains in addition to projects further a field in places such as the Canadian High Arctic, the interior of British Columbia, Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, California, New York, and Ghana, West Africa. Brian's specific fields of expertise include high altitude adaptations in the Rocky Mountains and cultural change in southern Alberta as well as the emergence of the Asante Kingdom in Ghana, West Africa. Currently Brian is in charge of most projects in the Calgary Region in addition to managing the Yellowstone National Park Projects. From 1999 to 2008 he served as President of the Archaeological Society of Alberta, Calgary Centre. Brian remains active in providing public lectures and guided tours of Precontact and historic sites in the Calgary Region for the Archaeological Society and Lifeways of Canada.

Academic Degrees: Ph.D. candidate (Archaeology), SUNY Binghamton; M.A. (Archaeology), University of Calgary; B.A. (Archaeology/Anthropology), Simon Fraser University

Bruce Wolf Child, Makoyiippookaa – Spiritual Leader, Historian, Ceremonialist

Bruce Wolf Child is member of Blood Tribe and the Blackfoot Confederacy. He is a 'grandparent' to Blackfoot traditional and spiritual societies, and supports numerous activities related to traditional and spiritual societies. Makoyiippookaa is a Board member for Red Crow College at Kainai, he is a member of the Kainai Peacekeeping and Peacemaking program for Blood Tribe members and spends his time serving members of the Treaty 7 community in cultural and spiritual activity.

Dr. Eldon Yellowhorn – Professor, Department of Archaeology, Simon Fraser University

Dr. Eldon Yellowhorn (Otahkotskina) is from the Piikani First Nation. Growing up on a farm in a rural community brought many opportunities to explore the Oldman River valley and the Porcupine Hills. These early adventures on the prairie landscape created a lifelong interest in outdoor pursuits. They had a big influence on his decision to pursue a career in palaeontology and archaeology. He completed his studies at the University of Calgary where received degrees in geography (BSc '83) and archaeology (BA '86). He was awarded a Community Scholar Fellowship by the Smithsonian Institution in 1988 and worked with the curator for North American archaeology in Colorado.

Upon returning to Canada he applied to graduate school at Simon Fraser University to study archaeology (MA '93) and completed his student career at McGill University (PhD '02). He was a member of the design committee that produced the exhibit for the Hall of the First Peoples at the Canadian Museum of Civilization between 1992 and 2002 when the hall opened. He was appointed to faculty at Simon Fraser University in 2002 where he teaches archaeology and first nations studies. He was instrumental in establishing the Department of First Nations Studies in 2012 and was its first chair. He is a long-time member of the Canadian Archaeological Association and served on its executive committee as President (2010–12). His research program brings him back to the Piikani First Nation each summer to conduct work on historical and contemporary manifestations of Piikani culture.

Herman Yellow Old Woman – Spiritual Leader

A member of the Siksika Nation, Herman is a fluent speaker in the Blackfoot language and was brought up in the traditional ways of the Blackfoot. He is a former member of the Chief and Council of Siksika.

EXERCISE: WAYS OF KNOWING

Instructions:

Each person's heritage, background, education, experiences, and the societal laws and systems we are exposed to shape the way we think and act.

Today, in exploring places that matter, you've heard about differences and similarities between a Western "scientific" perspective, and an Indigenous "traditional" perspective. Now, let's explore our own "ways of knowing."

Please collaborate with people at your table to compare and contrast our tools, approaches and attitudes toward places of cultural significance.

	Indigenous traditional Perspective	Western/ European Perspective
How to define the cultural significance of a place?		
How to protect places that matter?		
What about property ownership?		
How to respect and honour the land?		
How to share knowledge about places that matter?		

Follow up Questions:

Where do our perspectives toward protecting and managing places that matter differ, and where do they align?

What can each of us do in our own lives and work to honour Indigenous perspectives?

How does the discourse of ethics inform the planning and development process?