



## 2020 INDIGENOUS STRATEGIC PLAN

Advancing our vision of UBC as a leading university globally  
in implementation of Indigenous peoples' human rights

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020





## ABOUT THE INDIGENOUS STRATEGIC PLAN

UBC IS THE FIRST UNIVERSITY in Canada to take a human rights-based approach to its Indigenous Strategic Plan. In addition to providing a framework for the university to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Calls for Justice, the Plan represents the UBC Vancouver campus' response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

*We acknowledge that UBC's campuses are situated on the traditional, unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh, and on the territory of the Syilx Okanagan Nation.*

*This page: Indigenous students participating in an Indigenous Strategic Plan engagement session, Fall 2019*

*Cover: Reconciliation Pole, artist: 7idansuu (Edenshaw) James Hart*

## PROGRAM OF CEREMONY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, 1:00 P.M.

PERFORMANCE BY TSATSU STALQAYU, COASTAL WOLF PACK

WELCOME FROM MUSQUEAM ELDER LARRY GRANT

WELCOME FROM THE RECONCILIATION POLE

WITH DR. SHERYL LIGHTFOOT AND DR. MARGARET MOSS

REMARKS FROM SANTA J. ONO, PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

### FEATURED REMARKS

- Chief Wayne Sparrow, Musqueam Band
- ʔaʔsiwʔ Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President, Union of the B.C. Indian Chiefs and former Okanagan Nation Alliance Chairman
- The Honourable Joyce Murray, Member of Parliament for Vancouver Quadra
- The Honourable David Eby, Q.C., Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, Vancouver-Point Grey

### A GLOBAL IMPACT

REMARKS FROM PROFESSOR KRISTEN CARPENTER

United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

### IMPACTS FOR CANADA

REMARKS FROM GRAND CHIEF WILTON LITTLECHILD

Former Commissioner, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

### IMPACTS FOR INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS

REMARKS FROM THE HONOURABLE MARION BULLER

Former Chief Commissioner, National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

### PANEL DISCUSSION

- Moderator: Dr. Charles Menzies, UBC Senate and Faculty
- The Honourable Steven Lewis Point, UBC Chancellor
- Vicki Lynne George, UBC Alumni and Staff
- Laura Beaudry, UBC Student

### CLOSING REMARKS

For more information about the event and to read the

2020 UBC Indigenous Strategic Plan visit: [indigenous.ubc.ca](https://indigenous.ubc.ca)

## SPEAKERS AND HONOURED GUESTS



**MUSQUEAM ELDER LARRY GRANT** is an Adjunct Professor in the First Nations and Endangered Languages Program, Elder-in-Residence at the First Nations House of Learning, and a Language and Culture Consultant for the Musqueam First Nation.



**DR. SHERYL LIGHTFOOT** (Anishinaabe) is Senior Advisor to the UBC President on Indigenous Affairs, Canada Research Chair of Global Indigenous Rights and Politics, and Associate Professor in Political Science, Indigenous Studies and the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs.



**DR. MARGARET P. MOSS** (Hidatsa/Dakhóta) is on faculty in Applied Science at UBC, is Director of the First Nations House of Learning, and focuses on Indigenous issues in Nursing and Law.



**PROFESSOR SANTA J. ONO** is President and Vice-Chancellor of UBC. He is also a professor of medicine and biology, Chair of the U15 Group of Universities, and Past Chair of Research Universities of British Columbia.



**CHIEF SPARROW** After serving as a councillor for many years, Wayne Sparrow (yəkʷyakʷəlʼəq) was elected Chief of Musqueam Indian Band in 2012. He is currently serving a four-year term beginning in November 2016. Chief Sparrow's principled approach is to be open and involved through his knowledge and passion for Musqueam culture and traditions.



**GRAND CHIEF STEWART PHILLIP** concluded his fourth consecutive four-year term in October 2008 as Chief of the Penticton Indian Band (PIB), and served the Band as Chief for a total of 16 years. In addition, he served as an elected Band Councillor for a 10-year period. He also served as a member of the PIB Council for a total of 24 years, and as the Chair of the Okanagan Nation Alliance for 15 years.



**THE HONOURABLE JOYCE MURRAY** is the MP for Vancouver Quadra and has dedicated her career across sectors to serving the community and enacting change for the transition to a greener and more sustainable world.



**THE HONOURABLE DAVID EBY, Q.C.** is the MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey and B.C.'s Attorney General. A proud local resident, David previously served as Executive Director of the BC Civil Liberties Association, an adjunct professor of law at the University of British Columbia, and president of the HIV/AIDS Legal Network.



**KRISTEN CARPENTER** is Council Tree Professor of Law and Director of the American Indian Law Program at the University of Colorado Law School. Professor Carpenter also serves on the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as its member from North America. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School.



**GRAND CHIEF LITTLECHILD** For more than 40 years, Dr. Littlechild has dedicated himself to building positive bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples globally through sports, politics and law. An accomplished lawyer, he brought Indigenous issues to international public attention. He was bestowed through sacred ceremony by Elders and Chiefs the position of International Chief for his many sacrifices and important work at the international level.



**THE HONOURABLE MARION BULLER** was the first Indigenous woman to be appointed as a Provincial Court Judge in B.C. She founded the First Nations Court, a criminal court, and provided the foundation for the Indigenous Family Court. Ms. Buller was also the Chief Commissioner for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.



**DR. CHARLES MENZIES** (Gitxaala Nation) is a Professor in the Department of Anthropology on UBC's Vancouver campus; he has been a faculty member since 1996.



**THE HONOURABLE STEVEN LEWIS POINT, OBC** (Xwě lī qwě l tēl) is the former 28th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. He served as Chief of the Skowkale First Nation and Tribal Chair of the Stó:lō Nation. With a Degree in Law from UBC, he practised both criminal and native law before accepting an appointment as a Provincial Court Judge in 1999. He has received Doctor of Laws, honoris causa (LLD) from the University of the Fraser Valley (2000), University of Victoria (2012), University of British Columbia (2013) and Capilano University (2017).



**VICKI LYNNE GEORGE** (Wet'suwet'en) is the Assistant Director, First Nations House of Learning and a key team member in development of the Indigenous Strategic Plan. She came to UBC with over 20 years' experience in the legal profession and extensive knowledge of Indigenous rights and history, particularly in B.C.



**LAURA BEAUDRY** (Cree and Métis) grew up in Grouard, Alberta on the Kapawe'no First Nation. Laura has lived in Vancouver since 2006. Laura graduated from UBC in 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and she is currently in her second year at the Allard School of Law.

*This page: ʔəlq̓sən (Point Grey) installation, artist: Brent Sparrow Jr.  
Back cover: Musqueam Post, s̓ʔi:4q̓ə́y q̓eq̓ən (double-headed serpent post),  
artist: Brent Sparrow Jr.*





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