

# First Nations Summit

## STATEMENT

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### **First Nations Summit mourns the passing of Murray Sinclair**

**xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səlilwətał (Tseil-Waututh)/ Vancouver, BC** — It is with great sadness that First Nations Summit leaders learned of the passing earlier today of prominent Anishinaabe knowledge keeper, lawyer, judge and former senator, Murray Sinclair, C.C., O.M., M.S.C., in Winnipeg.

Murray Sinclair's death marks a huge loss, not only for his own community of Peguis First Nation, but for First Nations across Canada. He will be remembered as a highly respected leader in the many capacities he held over the past 50 plus years.

He epitomized leadership and spent his life working to shine a light on the injustices and racism faced by Indigenous peoples across Canada.

Murray Sinclair worked tirelessly, in his role as Chairperson of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) to ensure there was space to accurately tell the stories of residential school survivors and expose the truths about this horrific time in Canadian history. He knew that without the voices of survivors, the path towards reconciliation would be nothing but a void of silence.

We are tremendously appreciative of his life's work, especially with the TRC, which played a vital and necessary role in beginning the lengthy process of reconciliation in this country.

The First Nations Summit sends our deepest condolences to the Sinclair family, including his five children Gazheek, Niigaan, Dené, Kizhay and Misko, and the entire Peguis First Nation community.

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*The First Nations Summit speaks on behalf of First Nations involved in treaty negotiations in British Columbia. Further background information on the Summit may be found at [www.fns.bc.ca](http://www.fns.bc.ca).*

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