# YELLOWHEAD INSTITUTE

# A Year in Review.

June 2019 - May 2020



# **OUR MISSION**

# Yellowhead Institute generates critical policy perspectives in support of First Nation jurisdiction.

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#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

We have to recognize the Yellowhead family, including the late Vernon Yellowhead, but also Lori, and Bill McRoberts. They continue to sanction the use of the Yellowhead name and support our organization's work with Indigenous students in particular. Thank you.

Dean Pamela Sugiman and our colleagues in the Faculty of Arts have ensured that we had the resources we needed in 2019 - 2020. We've taken those resources and continue to grow within the university but also outside of it into the community.

Our partnerships with Laidlaw and Inspirit Foundations (facilitated by Allison Urowitz) along with the donations from individuals and families means that we can compensate our collaborators fairly and continue to produce high quality research and programming.

Finally, we continue to be held up by a community of Indigenous people from across the country, people that have trusted us with their words, ideas and commitment. This includes our Board of Advisors, Research Fellows, researchers, and community collaborators. We will work to maintain that trust.







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# **A Message**

# from Our Executive Director

This past year has seen Yellowhead's emergence as what I think is an authoritative voice on Indigenous law and policy in Canada, as well as an organization that is learning more all the time about how to support young Indigenous leaders.

Between our last annual report and this one, we've influenced positive change, too: joining the Land Back movement, successful community campaigns against racism and unwelcome resource development, helping make the federal child welfare legislation better, being an integral part of scrapping a bad self-government agreement in Ontario and more.

I think this influence has continued into the tumult of the present. We've shifted our focus to support First Nations through COVID-19 and are considering closely the intersections of Black and Indigenous life against the context of structural racism. And, while this moment in time may feel uncertain, as our collaborators have shown us, there are also many reasons to be hopeful.

Yellowhead will continue to be guided by our mission and our growing community, while also remaining reflexive and responsive. After two successful years, I think I can say that whatever comes next, we'll be there.

# Hayden King

Executive Director, Yellowhead Institute

# Highlights

# from the Year

# 2019

# **JUNE**

# **Global Indigenous Solidarity Grant**

Yellowhead and Ryerson International sends six Indigenous Ryerson students to attend the 2019 Native Association of Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) conference in Aotearoa (New Zealand).

Red Paper Accountability Workshop & Yellowhead Board Meeting are held

# **JULY**

# **Growing our Team**

Eva Jewell, Anishinaabekwe from Deshkan Ziibiing, joins Yellowhead as an Associate Fellow and Ryerson University as Assistant Professor, Sociology in the Faculty of Arts.

# **AUGUST**

#### Freedom School

Yellowhead hosts 11 young Indigenous leaders in Rama First Nation for a weeklong gathering.



# **SEPTEMBER**

## **Special Report Release**

The Rise of the First Nations Land Management Regime in Canada: A Critical Analysis by Shalene Jobin and Emily Riddle



# **OCTOBER**

# **Land Back Red Paper Release**

Yellowhead launches a new website to accompany this report and celebrates with a sold out event featuring a youth panel speaking on the topic of land reclamation.



# **NOVEMBER**

# Cash Back Red Paper Workshop

Yellowhead hosts the first community workshop for our second Red Paper on fiscal relations and economic self-determination.



# **DECEMBER**

#### Vernon Yellowhead Student Award

Two First Nation Ryerson students are the first to be selected for this award honouring the legacy of Vernon Yellowhead; each student received \$6,000.



# 2020

# **JANUARY**

# Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement Critique

Yellowhead releases two briefs and a podcast discussing the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement.

# **MARCH**

#### COVID-19 Call for Collaboration

Yellowhead announces a Call for Collaboration for community work from any medium and on any area of policy, in support of Indigenous creators and researchers.

# **FEBRUARY**

### 50+ Yellowhead Policy Briefs

Yellowhead reaches a milestone by publishing over 50 briefs since launching. Our 51st brief, Wet'suwet'en: Why Are Indigenous Rights Being Defined By An Energy Corporation? received a record breaking number of page views on the Yellowhead website.



# **APRIL**

# **Community Collaborations**

Yellowhead supports a donation drive for Eabametoong First Nation, releases two briefs on COVID-19, and collaborates on an animated video on Anishinaabe Pandemic Prophecies as part of our Call for Collaboration.



# MAY

#### COVID-19 & Bad Data Brief

Yellowhead releases a brief written by Research Fellow Courtney Skye exposing the discrepancy in COVID-19 data between First Nation communities and the Canadian government.



# Reach & Influence

At a Glance



Site Page Views

355, 303

104% increase







10,000 downloads of Yellowhead reports and accessible resources

Media Features & Mentions

<del>88+</del>

70+ briefs, special reports & community tools/resources produced in collaboration with over 50 Indigenous writers and researchers

# Yellowhead Research

Our research portfolio includes policy briefs, reports and special features.

We produce and publish works – primarily by Indigenous leaders and researchers – that address key questions of Indigenous governance and offer critiques and alternatives to settler colonialism in Canada today.

This year, we released two special reports, 35 Yellowhead Briefs, our inaugural Red Paper, Land Back, and a number of related accessible resources.

# **POLICY BRIEFS**

# <u>Yellowhead Briefs continue to be a priority and flagship initiative. From June 2019 - May 2020, we published 35 policy briefs on a wide range of topical and pressing issues.</u>

Published almost weekly and written by 90% Indigenous authors, our aim is to provide critical, communitygrounded Indigenous perspectives on relevant policy topics and issues.

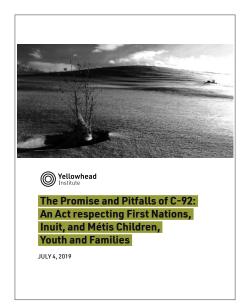
For example, in February 2020, as Wet'suwet'en Strong solidarity actions were happening across Canada, Yellowhead received an unsigned agreement between a Wet'suwet'en First Nation and Coastal GasLink, along with financial documents. The resulting brief, written by Research Director, Shiri Pasternak, reinforced

Yellowhead's assessment of the ways these private contracts can dramatically undermine First Nation rights and jurisdiction. The brief, which also expands on some of the concepts discussed in our Land Back Red Paper, is our most read with over 32,000 pageviews and led to multiple media requests and features. Briefs like Eva Jewell and Ian Mosby's TRC Calls to Action Accountability: A Status update on Reconciliation, and Courtney Skye's Colonialism of the Curve: Indigenous Communities & Bad COVID Data also had tangible and wide-ranging impacts.

# Top 10 Most Viewed Briefs from June 2019 - May 2020

#	BRIEFTITLE	AUTHOR(S)
1.	Wet'suwet'en: Why Are Indigenous Rights Being Defined by an Energy Corporation?	Shiri Pasternak
2.	Calls To Action Accountability: A Status Update on Reconciliation	Eva Jewell, Anishinaabekwe, Deshkan Ziibiing & Ian Mosby
3.	Research, Ethnic Fraud, and the Academy: A Protocol for Working with Indigenous Communities and Peoples	Karen Lawford, Lac Seul First Nation, Treaty 3 & Veldon Coburn, Anishinaabe, Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn
4.	The Rise of The Anishinabek Nation: Self-Government for the Status Quo?	Hayden King, Anishinaabe, Beausoleil First Nation
5.	Colonialism of the Curve: Indigenous Communities & Bad COVID Data	Courtney Skye, Mohawk, Turtle Clan, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory
6.	COVID-19 did not cause Food Insecurity in Indigenous Communities but it will Make it Worse	Elisa Levi, Chippewas of Nawash & Tabitha Robin, Swampy Cree
7.	Making the Most Out of Canada's New Department of Indigenous Services Act	Naiomi W. Metallic, Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation
8.	G'ganoonigonaa Zaagigan   The Lake is Speaking To Us: Nuclear Waste in Saugeen Ojibway Nation Territory	Bidaabinokwe, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, Saugeen Ojibway Nation & Waseekom, Saugeen First Nation, Kettle and Stoney Point First Nation
9.	The Green New Deal in Canada: Challenges for Indigenous Participation	Eriel Tchekwie Deranger, Dënesųłiné, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation
10.	Answering Calls to Justice: A National Action Plan on Ending Violence	Courtney Skye, Mohawk, Turtle Clan, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory

# **SPECIAL REPORTS**



Report image by Stan Williams

# ASPECIAL REPORT The Rise of the First Nations Land Management Regime in Canada: A Critical Analysis by SHALENE JOBIN and EMILY RIDDLE SEPTEMBER 2019 Yellowhead Institute

Report image by Christi Belcourt

# The Promise & Pitfalls of C-92: An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Children, Youth and Families

By Naiomi Walqwan Metallic, Mi'gmaq, Listuguj First Nation, Hadley Friedland, and Sarah Morales, Su-taxwiye, Coast Salish

In July 2019, Yellowhead released a follow up report to our *Does Bill C-92 Make the Grade*, after Bill C-92 *An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families* became law. The site page featuring Bill C-92 is one of our most visited pages ever with over 12,000 pageviews.



Knowledge Mobilization: The report was released with a factsheet outlining 21 implementation strategies for the Bill aimed at assisting Indigenous communities in navigating and working with the new law.

# BY THE NUMBERS

1,059 report downloads

684 factsheet downloads

# The Rise of the First Nation Land Management Regime in Canada: A Critical Analysis

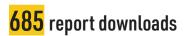
By Shalene Jobin, Cree and Métis, Red Pheasant Cree First Nation, and Emily Riddle, nehiyaw iskwew, Alexander First Nation, Treaty Six

As more and more communities move rapidly into the First Nations Land Management regime this special report provided a much needed analysis on the regime's philosophy, process and outcomes, providing answers to the following questions: 1. What are the benefits of the First Nations Land Management regime and the threats?; 2. How are communities transformed through the land code process?; 3. Does FNLMA represent a substantive form of self-determination?



**Knowledge Mobilization**: The report was released with two factsheets, one providing an overview of FNLMA and one outlining the pros and cons of the regime.

#### BY THE NUMBERS



495 factsheet downloads

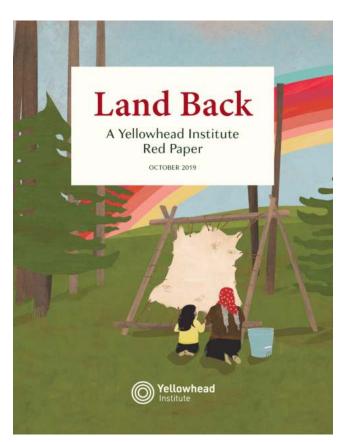
# LAND BACK

# A Yellowhead Institute Red Paper

The project of land back is about reclaiming Indigenous jurisdiction: breathing life into rights and responsibilities. This Red Paper is about how Canada dispossesses Indigenous peoples from the land, and in turn, what communities are doing to get it back.

Land Back is the culmination of a year-long research process informed by Indigenous leaders and land defenders through our community-based research model. It is also a collaboration with artist Julie Flett and many researchers and technicians. The resulting body of work exemplifies a dynamic intersection of research, knowledge mobilization and art. Land Back launched in

October 2019 with a microsite featuring the report, a resource library with related infographics and factsheets, and the Mindsweeper Map, a searchable map of mining claims in Ontario and Quebec. Within weeks of launching, the site and resources featured on the site all hit record highs for Yellowhead in terms of engagement and downloads.



Report image by Julie Flett

# BY THE NUMBERS:

**5,040** report downloads

12,554 site visits

49,400 pageviews



"Just clicked through for my first look at this excellent tool. I'll be returning to it and reading the full report later on. Check it out - not only because the content is essential context for Canadians, but also because it's a great example of quality knowledge translation!"



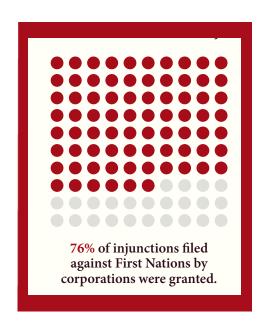
"This is amazing. So much work must have gone into this to make this powerful & visually striking report. The Minesweeper Map really drives home the scale of extraction. Can't wait to read all of it and go to launch event tomorrow!"

On October 30th, we celebrated the launch of the Red Paper with a sold out event in partnership with Ryerson University's Social Justice Week featuring a youth panel discussion on reclamation strategies.

The moderator and panelists were (L to R): Riley Yesno (Anishinaabe), Eabametoong First Nation; Amy Norman (Inuk), Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador; Clyde Brandon Moonias (Anishinaabe), Neskantaga First Nation; and Quinn Meawasige (Ojibwe), Serpent River First Nation. Riley, Amy and Quinn were also participants in Yellowhead's Freedom School (see page 15).



# LAND BACK COMMUNITY TOOLS AND RESOURCES



The post of the full version of this infographic on Facebook is the highest performing post (shares, likes and comments) since the launch of Yellowhead Institute.

KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION: The Land Back microsite includes a Community Tools and Resources page with downloads to multiple infographics visualizing the data found on injunctions; a glossary of terms used in the report, factsheets on consent and mapping; and an analysis of the Coastal GasLink Notice of Application for Injunction. These were some of the tools identified by the Red Paper community collaborators as an essential aspect of ensuring both accessibility and practicality of the Land Back research for communities.

# 1,060 total tools & resources downloads

# Top 3 most downloaded resources

- 1. INFOGRAPHIC | A Review of 100 Injunction Cases
- 2. SCAN | Resource Revenue Sharing Chart
- 3. FACTSHEET | Three Frameworks of Consent

Land Back was funded in part by the Laidlaw Foundation and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

# **CASH BACK**

# Community Research Workshop

At the end of 2019, Yellowhead Institute began the process of developing our second Red Paper on the topic, "Cash Back" by welcoming over 20 Indigenous leaders for a two-day workshop on the sources of poverty in Indigenous communities and models for new financial relationships.

These sources of course include ongoing dispossession and colonialism, but also the modern phenomenon of program devolution. Linking to Land Back, we asked how dispossession became a "fiscal" problem. In this collaborative workshop, we aimed to map the political histories and current structures of Crown-First Nations fiscal relations and to work together to build real bases for Indigenous economic self-determination.

Key questions we discussed include:

 Why does the status quo remain? What or who enables these issues/challenges?

- What are examples of ways to destabilize the status quo? What is foundational to a new fiscal relationship?
- What would you want to communicate to communities and the general public to understand about the importance of this issue and impacts?

The outcomes of this workshop will help shape and inform Yellowhead's flagship initiative, the Red Paper, which is slated to be released in late 2020.



# Youth Leadership & Student Support

Yellowhead is committed to supporting the next generation of First Nation advocates and leaders.

With this in mind, this year we focused on building and strengthening our relationships with young Indigenous leaders. We held our first Freedom School in Rama First Nation and we developed two awards for Indigenous students at Ryerson University. We also worked with nine young First Nation researchers during the year.

# FREEDOM SCHOOL

# The Freedom School was a co-created experience that included facilitated group dialogue, art activities, land-based education, peer-to-peer mentorship and guest speakers.

Seven Indigenous youth leaders and three youth advisors/mentors engaged in advocacy/policy on behalf of their communities participated in this week-long program. Based on their feedback, participants felt like this experience was unique and different than other gatherings; they felt a sense of freedom and ownership over the structure of the week and activities, developed strong connections with other like-minded youth, and nearly all have continued to collaborate with Yellowhead.

# Topics and key questions include:

# 1. Building Solidarity & Alliances

How (and when) do we organically build solidarity / alliances between and across communities, and create more spaces like these to foster relationship building? How do we do this across isolated spaces and places?

# 2. Addressing Difference & Conflict

How do we organize while having fundamental differences, such as apolitical divides, different kinds of knowledge and understanding of issues, experiences/existences? When is it useful to "call people out"? How do we do this without "cancel culture"? What has the resources and relationships to do so?

# 3. Safety for 2SLGBTQ folks

How do you create safety for women and 2SLGBTQ folks in movements? Toxic/harmful structures are often reproduced in 'progressive spaces.'

#### 4. Self-Care (collective and Individual)

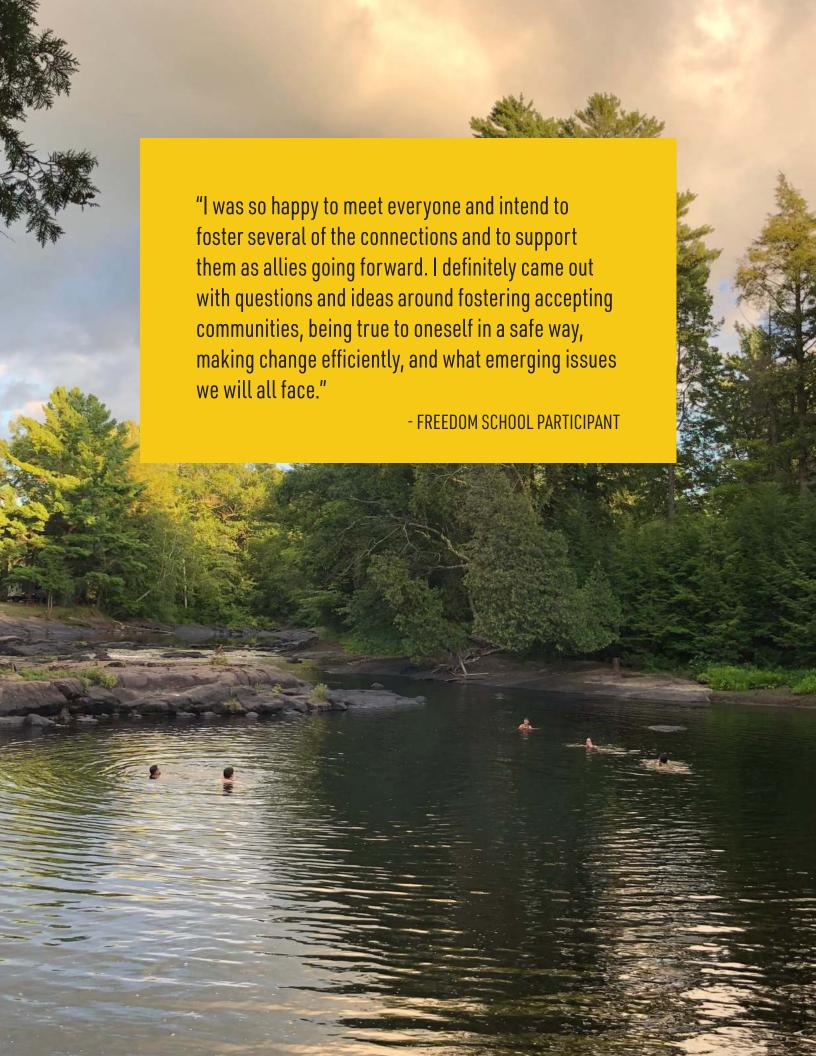
How do we try to organize while burning out and having compassion fatigue? How can we use organizing to heal? How can we be intentional about our own personal boundaries - for safety and to avoid being exploited for being kind/radical?







Stamp making projects by participants



# **STUDENT AWARDS**

# Vernon Yellowhead Award

This award honours Vernon Yellowhead, a passionate advocate of environmental stewardship and Indigenous knowledge. Vernon was a direct descendant of Chief William Yellowhead and Hereditary Chief of the Reindeer Clan.

This annual award is open to all Indigenous students at Ryerson pursuing work in environmental stewardship or Indigenous knowledge; annually, two students student will receive \$6,000 each. This year, we were proud to award Sarah Dennis-Kooji (Anishinawbe Kwe, Nipissing First Nation) and Gillian Kyle (Kanien'kehá: ka / Mohawk from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Turtle Clan) with the Vernon Yellowhead award.

This award is made possible by Lori Yellowhead, Allison Urowitz and Ryerson's PACE program.

"Learning and working hard for our communities is so important and it's also important to have those degrees backing up that work we do for our own. This award has made it possible to support my family while in school and avoid having to access other less ethically sourced forms of student award monies. Thank you for your support, it means so much to us."

SARAH DENNIS-KOOJI Anishinawbe Kwe, Nipissing First Nation

# **Global Indigenous Solidarity Grant**

The Global Indigenous Solidarity Grant is an opportunity for Indigenous students at Ryerson University to travel to Indigenous territories beyond the borders of Canada and help build global relationships and solidarity.

Yellowhead Institute, in partnership with Ryerson International provided six Indigenous Ryerson Students with a grant covering travel, accommodations and expenses up to \$5,000 to attend the 2019 Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) annual meeting and related symposia at the University of Waikato, Aotearoa (New Zealand) from June 20 - July 4, 2019.

"Walking into the assembly hall with thousands of Indigenous people from different backgrounds, speaking their own languages and wearing their traditional dress. The atmosphere in that room was unlike anything I've ever experienced."

HOLLY MONKMAN
Plains Cree, Peguis First Nation

# Community Responsiveness

Deepening relationships within our network allows us to know what the important issues are on the ground — emerging and longstanding challenges—and address them in collaboration with researchers, analysis, educators, artists and writers.

We respond quickly with accessible Briefs, reports, or community tools, that influence discussion and debate, opening up space for Indigenous alternatives. This year, this was embodied in our response to the COVID-19 with our Call for Collaboration as well as our Truth and Reconciliation status update, work on anti-racism, and the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement.

# COVID-19

# Call for Collaboration

To help support those impacted by COVID-19, Yellowhead launched A Call for Collaboration, offering small grants of \$500 - \$1,500 with the hope of boosting the generation and mobilization of creative and intellectual content for communities.

By May 31, 2020, we released 16 collaborations with Indigenous researchers, artists, and creators, with numerous others in development. Here are some examples of the work we supported:



'Medicine' by Michael Alexander

#### **BRIEF**

# Colonialism of the Curve: Indigenous Communities & Bad Covid Data by Courtney Skye

Research by Yellowhead revealed that the numbers of COVID-19 cases in First Nation communities were nearly triple those reported by Indigenous Services Canada in May 2020. Revealing this data discrepancy led to mainstream media picking up the story and Indigenous Service Canada was forced to explain the discrepancy. The following week they committed millions to Indigenous health data research.

**5,000+** pageviews within 2 weeks of launching



most viewed Yellowhead site page in May 2019





"The work @Yellowhead \_ is doing is so important. Thanks to the indomitable @MOHAWKEMOTIONS for digging in here to direct the conversation back to the fact that bad data carries devastating consequences."



# ANIMATED VIDEO Anishinaabe Pandemic Prophecies

Isaac Murdoch, along with Travis Porter and Fallon Simard worked together to draw, animate and edit a message about Anishinaabe prophecy, knowledge and experience with pandemics.

25,000+
video views on YouTube

"We felt it was important to get the message out that traditional knowledge plays an important role in ensuring safety and security from COVID-19. Together when we use the teachings of the past along with current strategies, we can make a difference and make our families and communities safe. The Land has all the answers."

- Isaac Murdoch, Serpent River First Nation

#### **FACTSHEET**

# Highlights From A COVID-19 Fireside Chat with Indigenous Health Professionals

On March 21, 2020 a group of Indigenous medical professionals got together to provide advice to Indigenous families and communities on COVID-19. Yellowhead Institute compiled highlights from the workshop into a downloadable factsheet.

6,100

reach on Facebook; top performing post in 2020 **259** 

PDF downloads

4 Ideas re: Traditional Medicines



- 1. Share a list of traditional medicines and ways to access them
- 2. Eat traditional foods and immune boosting foods, and drink medicines regularly
- Share and seek out knowledge (i.e. from knowledge keepers, healers and seed savers)
- 4. Listen to guidance from traditional leaders and from trusted western sources too

from A Covid-19 Fireside Chat with Indigenous Health Professionals: a webinar hosted by Indigenous Climate Action and Idie No More.

# Additional COVID-19 Call for Collaborations include:

#### PODCAST

On-Reserve During COVID-19 with Heartberry Podcast (Shanna Peltier and Yotakahron Jonathan)

#### BRIEF

COVID-19 and Inuit Nunangat: Research, Responsiblity and Infrastructure Inequality by Jessica Penney and Patricia Johnson-Castle

#### **BRIEF**

COVID-19 Did Not Cause Food Insecurity in Indigenous Communities but it Will Make it Worse by Elisa Levi and Tabitha Robin

#### **FACTSHEET**

Ethical Engagement with Indigenous Youth: Seven Requirements by Indigenous Youth Voices

#### **VIDEO SERIES**

Powwow 101 with Sissy Thiessen Kootenayoo

# **TIMELY RESPONSES**

# Resources & Tools

# Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) Update

In December 2019, Yellowhead released a status update on the TRC Calls to action by Associate Fellow, Eva Jewell, and historian, Ian Mosby. The update showed that in the four years since, the TRC report and calls were released, progress has been slow. By 2019, only nine Calls to Action were completed out of 94.



# Yellowhead Resources

- » BRIEF | Calls To Action Accountability: A Status Update On Reconciliation
- » INFOGRAPHIC | Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action: 2019 Status Update

9,000+ brief page views **654** 

infographic downloads



# **Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement**

In February 2020, Anishinaabeg communities in Ontario voted to ratify a regional self-government agreement. Yellowhead Institute released a series of resources providing breaking down the agreement and providing a missing perspective and analysis on the potential impacts of the policies communities were voting on, contributing to increased public discussion and a subsequent vote against the Agreement.



#### **Yellowhead Resources**

- » BRIEF | The Rise of the Anishinabek Nation: Self-Government for the Status Quo?
- » PODCAST | Roundtable on the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement
- » BRIEF | The Rise Of The Anishinabek Nation, Part II: The Fiscal Agreement
- » FACTSHEET | Funding Sources: The Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement

# Racism at the Bank of Montreal

The December 2019 arrest of Max Johnson of the Heiltsuk Nation and his family at the Bank of Montreal in Vancouver followed a trend of casually criminalizing Indigenous people. Yellowhead collaborated with the Heiltsuk Nation, Nikki Sanchez and Eva Jewell on three resources to contextualize this incident within the larger issues of structural racism in Canada.



#### Yellowhead Resources

- » BRIEF | Banking While Brown: Indigenous People and Structural Racism In Canada
- » TOOLKIT | How do we solve Structural Racism? A 5X5 Review
- » FACTSHEET | Recommendations Related to Structural Racism



#### @YELLOWHEADINSTITUTE\_ FEB 2020 TOP TWEET 16,920 ENGAGEMENTS

"From Max Johnson's arrest at BMO, to the hate that land defenders are currently facing, structural racism is a daily reality for Indigenous people.

In this Toolkit, Dr. Eva Jewell (@ ebaans\_) reviewed 1000s of recommendations on solving the issue..."

# (1) Representation in Society

While not often discussed, there is evidence that Indigenous peoples are experiencing continued psychological harm when instances of anti-Indigenous racism and violence are reported in the media.

Studies show that when Indigenous youth are exposed to mythical, stereotypical, and otherwise negative depictions of Indigenous peoples (including news headlines that focus on poor health and well-being of Indigenous peoples), they report lower self-esteem scores.

This shows a clear link between the lack of positive Indigenous representation and decreased well-being of Indigenous peoples.

A separate but related problem is the online engagement of a racist Canadian public. Since 2015, CBC has disabled comments on all Indigenous-related content as these stories prompted a disproportionate number of "vitriolic" comments that "violate the CBC's guidelines".

The various inquiries and commissions of the last 30 years have maintained that positive Indigenous representation in society will not only have psychological benefits for Indigenous peoples, but can contribute to normalizing Indigenous presence and perspectives in mainstrean Canadian society.



#### Related Recommendations

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Womer and Girls Inquiry (2019)







"Support Indigenous people sharing their stories, from their perspectives, free of bias, discrimination, and false assumptions, and in a trauma-informed and culturally sensitive way.

Call 6.1 ii., Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry (2019)

All Yellowhead Resources and Tools can be found in our <u>Community</u> <u>Resource Library</u> at yellowheadinstitute.org.

# Who We Are

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