



**First Nations Conference
on Reconciliation Processes**



PROGRAM

School of Policy Studies
Queen's University
Kingston, Ontario
June 1-2, 2008

Sunday, June 1

University Club, 168 Stuart Street

1:30 p.m. **Registration**

2:00 p.m. **Opening Ceremony and Welcome**

Arthur Sweetman, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University
Karihwakeron Tim Thompson, FNTI

Thanksgiving Address

Jake Tekaronianeken Swamp
Elder, Akwesasne Mohawk Nation

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission: The Start of the Journey

Regrets: Justice Harry S. LaForme, Chair
Bob Watts, Executive Director
Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission

3:00 p.m. **Keynote Address: The Way Forward**

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Chief, Misipawistik Cree Nation
and Former National Chief, Assembly of First Nations

Greetings from Federal and Provincial Public Services and Chiefs of Ontario

5:30 p.m. **Barbecue and Networking**

8:00 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

Morning Sessions

8:30 a.m. **Opening Announcements**
Arthur Sweetman, Director, School of Policy Studies

8:45 a.m. **Panel on Reconciliation Processes**
Chair: Karihwakeron Tim Thompson, President and CAO, FNTI

Gwen Boniface, Former Commissioner, Ontario Provincial Police
Rick Hill, Professor, Indigenous Health and Environment, FNTI
Bob Watts, Executive Director, Truth and Reconciliation Commission

10:00 a.m. **Open Space Introduction**
Chris Corrigan, Facilitator

10:30 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. **Open Space Discussion – Session 1**

12:30 p.m. LUNCH

Afternoon Sessions

1:30 p.m. **Open Space Discussion – Session 2**

2:30 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m. **Open Space – The Way Forward Action Planning**

4:30 pm **Closing Remarks**
Arthur Sweetman
Karihwakeron Tim Thompson

Closing Ceremony
Jake Tekaronianeken Swamp, Elder, Akwesasne Mohawk Nation