

**Wolastoqey Makwahahtin
(A Maliseet Special Gathering)
Delta Fredericton Hotel - Ballroom ABC
Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Registration & Breakfast

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - Traditional Welcome

Imelda Perley, Tobique First Nation/St Mary's First Nation

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Opening Remarks

Tanna Pirie-Wilson, Master of Ceremonies

10:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. - Presentation by Federal Government

Chris McDonnell, Regional Director General, Department of Indigenous Services Canada

10:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. - Wolastoqey Writing System

Imelda Perley, Tobique First Nation/St Mary's First Nation

10:40 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. - Break



**10:50 a.m. - 11:50 p.m. - Presentation by
Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick and Facilitated
Community Feedback Session**

11:50 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. - Lunch

Performance by Muskrat Singers and Traditional Dancers

Staff Information Booths:

- WTCI Booth
- Fisheries Director Booth
- EA Coordinator Booth
- Mapping Booth
- Land Use Studies Booth
- Forestry Advisor Booth
- ASETS Booth
- Species at Risk Booth
- SRP Booth



**12:50 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. - Presentation by Wolastoqey
Tribal Council Inc. and Facilitated Community
Feedback Session**

1:50 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. - Wolastoqey Spelling System

Andrea Bear Nicholas, Tobique First Nation

2:20 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Break

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. – Positive Reflections

Chiefs Panel:

- Chief Candice Paul, St Mary's First Nation
- Chief Ross Perley, Tobique First Nation
- Chief Shelley Sabattis, Oromocto First Nation
- Chief Patricia Bernard, Madawaska Maliseet First Nation

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Indigenous Reconciliation: Finding Common Ground Through Dialogue

Keynote Speaker: Waneek Horn-Miller



While working for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Waneek Horn-Miller knew *process* was just as important as results. The inquiry sought to expose the underlying causes of violence in this country—and make recommendations to eliminate them—in a timely, organized fashion. But this had to be balanced with the emotional needs of participants—their deep need to be heard, validated, and humanized. In other words, it needed to grant victims, and their families, the opportunity to heal. In this keynote, Horn-Miller unpacks the hard but necessary work ahead of us if we want to escape our history of conflict and move to a place of shared understanding. If we embrace the true spirit of reconciliation, we need to make it a way of life—a cornerstone of how we proceed as a multicultural society—and not just a destination. To Horn-Miller, this takes listening, and dialogue; it means extending empathy to

those with different outlooks, and not shying away from debate; it means solutions-based thinking rooted in our shared aspirations. But if we can do this, we can do something unique in this country. And we can embrace what reconciliation is all about—a way of addressing wrongs, living in harmony, and healing for those who need it most.

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Closing Ceremony

Performance by Tobique First Nations Mah-sos Drum Group