

TASK FORCE ON THE COMMEMORATION OF EDWARD CORNWALLIS AND THE RECOGNITION AND COMMEMORATION OF INDIGENOUS HISTORY

Member Biographies

Yvonne Atwell is presently retired as Executive Director from the Community Justice Society. She has worked as a Policy Officer and Diversity Programs Officer at the Atlantic Centre of Excellence for Women's Health. Yvonne won a Provincial seat in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly in 1997 representing the riding of Preston, making her the first Black woman in Atlantic Canada to sit as an MLA. She worked as Managing Director of the African Canadian Employment Clinic from 1993 to 1997. As a community Developer, Activist and researcher, Yvonne has produced several reports including the report for the Preston Area Housing Fund, the Black Men's Health Network and the Health Canada Research Program "Community Dialogue". She is one of the founding members of the Health Association for African Canadians. She is a former board member of the Criminal Justice Association and a former Member of the Minister's Advisory committee on Citizen Engagement. Yvonne received the Queen Jubilee award, and is a member of the wall of distinct at the Black Cultural Centre. Presently she is a Board Member with the Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute.

Jaime Battiste is a law graduate from Dalhousie University, a resident of Eskasoni First Nation, and a band member of Potlotek First Nation. Jaime is currently the Treaty Education Lead for Nova Scotia. Jaime is a published writer on Mi'kmaw laws, history, and knowledge. He has held positions as a professor, senior advisors, citizenship coordinator and Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief. He graduated from Dalhousie Law, in 2004.

Sheila Fougere served for a decade as an HRM Councillor. A lifelong Haligonian, she is a retired Administrator and Event Manager having worked for Dalhousie University, the Province of Nova Scotia, and others. Throughout her adult life she has served on the Boards and Executives of more than 40 local, provincial and national organizations in business, community affairs and sport. She currently serves on the Boards of the Africville Heritage Trust and the Halifax Foundation.

Pam Glode-DesRochers is the Executive Director with the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre (MNFC) and has been employed with the Centre for twenty-five years. Pamela is a M'kmaw women who has a deep understanding of Indigenous perspectives and is passionate about helping urban Indigenous people access support and guidance in areas such as social justice, health and education that will meaningfully contribute to a safer, healthier and more vibrant urban Indigenous community. Pamela received the Governor Generals award in 2017 for Outstanding Indigenous Leadership and currently sits as a co-chair on the Federal Indigenous Homes Innovation Committee in Ottawa.

Chief Roderick Googoo (Co-Chair), We'koqma'q Mi'kmaq community, graduated from Manitou College in 1975. After graduation he spent three years as a member of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission. He then worked for spent several years as the Advertising Manager for the *Micmac News*, which has today transitioned into the *Mi'kmaq Maliseet Nations News*. Chief Googoo also served as Vice President of the Union of Nova Scotia Indians from 1984 to 1990. Chief Googoo owned and operated Rod's One Stop gas and video lottery terminal station in his home community for many years, to which he retired from and sold to the Band in 2000. Chief Googoo served as Chief of We'koqma'q from 1982-1992 and after having been out of politics for 20 years, he was re-elected as Chief again in 2011.

Dr. A J B (John) Johnston is a historian who had a long career with Parks Canada specializing in the 18th-century history of Atlantic Canada, especially in connection with Louisbourg and Halifax. For his body of work on that colonial era, France made him a chevalier of its Ordre des Palmes académiques. He has also worked on exhibits and publications dealing with the history of the Mi'kmaq. John is the author of 19 books, including five novels.

Dr. Monica MacDonald (Co-Chair) is a specialist in public history. She has spent her career working in national cultural and heritage institutions like the Canadian Museum of History, Parks Canada, and the Canadian Museum of Immigration, where she currently leads the research team. She has taught university courses in the history of communications, and cultural policy, and currently has adjunct status in the history department at Dalhousie University. Her book, *Recasting History: How CBC Television has Shaped Canada's Past* (2019), is forthcoming from McGill-Queen's University Press.

Heather MacNeill is a member of the Millbrook First Nation, and has been a practicing lawyer for over 23 years. Heather has recently taken the position of lead counsel for the Enhanced Mi'kmaq Child Family Initiative, working in support of the Assembly of Chiefs of Nova Scotia through the Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn, Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative on issues of Indigenous child welfare, which she is passionate about. Heather has worked for a decade as a registered nurse prior to her legal career. She has sat on many committees and boards at a local and national level including the Minister's Advisory Committee on Child Welfare and was a former Commissioner with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission. She has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards including the Assembly of First Nations' James Gosnell Award, the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society's Distinguished Service Award, Dalhousie School of Law's Sarah Walker MacKenzie Clinical Law Award and the David M. Jones Memorial award, and the Schulich School of Law's Weldon Award for unselfish public service.

Mi'kmaq Elder Dr. Daniel N. Paul, C.M., O.N.S is the author of several books, including *We Were Not the Savages*, wrote chapters for inclusion in several books by other authors, has been published several hundred times in journals, human rights booklets, school readers, newspapers, and magazines. Among his many honors he is a member of the Orders of Canada and Nova Scotia.

John Reid is a member of the Department of History at Saint Mary's University. His research and writing focuses mainly on early modern northeastern North America, the history of Atlantic Canada, and sport history. He is the author of "The Three Lives of Edward Cornwallis" (*Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society Journal*, 2013).