



MEDIA ADVISORY

THE PERMANENT PEOPLES' TRIBUNAL JUDGEMENT FOR THE 57TH SESSION ON DISAPPEARED INDIGENOUS CHILDREN AND UNMARKED BURIALS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 30

**MONTREAL | KANIEN'KEHÁ:KA UNCEDED TERRITORY, Thursday, September 24,
2026**

On September 30, 2026—the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—the [Permanent Peoples' Tribunal](#) (PPT) will release the Final Judgement of its 57th session on missing and disappeared Indigenous children and unmarked burials in Canada. Convened at the request of the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal, the international PPT [Panel of Judges](#) reviewed over 2,000 pieces of evidence and heard testimonies during public hearings in May 2026 to assess allegations of genocide and crimes against humanity under international law.

MEDIA LOCK-UP / ADVANCED EMBARGOED JUDGEMENT

The Judgement will be available one hour before the event under embargo agreement, for the purpose of facilitating accurate and informed reporting. Media wishing to register for the media lock-up must visit the link below, register, return the signed embargo undertaking agreement, and be approved for the embargo distribution list. During the embargo period, materials released must not be published, shared, quoted, posted or otherwise disclosed. The embargo will be lifted at the scheduled start time of the press conference.

Applications must be received by September 29 at 2 p.m. EST.

- Register for Media Lock Up: our-truths.com/final-opinion-embargo

Timeline of the event:

On September 30, 2026 the livestream begins at 9:30 a.m. (Eastern time) at the link: our-truths.com

- 8:30 a.m.: [Registered media](#) will be sent a link containing the embargoed Judgement.
- 9:10 a.m.: Media requiring connectivity tests are asked to join 20 minutes beforehand. No testing will occur after 9:25 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m.: Opening prayer and presentation of the Judgement the PPT Judges.
- 10:45 a.m.: Media Q&A Period with livestream participants, including witnesses, Judges, and members of the prosecution team.

Q&A Information:

Journalists will have an opportunity to ask questions during the Q&A period. These can be directed to: available witnesses, PPT Judges, Na'kuset (Executive Director, Native Women's Shelter of Montreal), Lead Prosecutor Christa Big Canoe (Aboriginal Legal Services), Laura Arndt (Survivors' Secretariat Lead and Expert Witness) and Dr. Scott Hamilton (Survivors' Secretariat Archaeologist and Expert Witness).

Media wishing to join the Q&A period online must register; a meeting link will be shared with registered media: our-truths.com/final-opinion-embargo

Interviews Information:

In-Person Interviews in Montréal:

Reporters based in Montréal are invited to attend the [Every Child Matters March](#) at Westmount Park (Sherbrooke and Melville) on September 30. Na'kuset, Executive Director of the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal, and Kevin Deer will be available for in-person interviews from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

In-Person Interviews in Toronto:

Media are invited to attend a viewing of the livestream at the Royal Ontario Museum, Eaton Theatre. Opportunities for in-person interviews with Survivors, expert witnesses and PPT Judges who joined in-person will be available following the Media Q&A Period.

Interviews after September 30, 2026:

Following the livestream and Media Q&A Period, additional interview opportunities may be available with PPT Judges, members of the Prosecution team, expert witnesses, Survivors and organizational representatives. A contact list of individuals indicating they would accept these additional requests will be provided the day of the event to registered media.

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