



## Quotes

“Through this Governance Project, the Cree Nation of Mistissini is working to develop fundamental laws that will capture in written form the heart of our Cree worldview—our understanding of good governance, of accountability and of how we relate to each other and to our lands and our waters. These laws will set forth traditional Cree knowledge and authority in the form of legislation that clearly describes how our *linou lidouwun*—our laws and legal systems, values, principles and practices—apply today.”

*Chief Thomas Neeposh  
Cree Nation of Mistissini / Mistissini linuuch*

“Revitalizing Indigenous legal traditions is central to reconciliation. That is why implementing CTA 50 remains a priority for our Government. I am pleased to support the Cree Nation of Mistissini with their important Governance Project. The revitalization of Indigenous laws in Québec, through partnership with Indigenous peoples, is a critical step in strengthening communities, advancing self-determination and increasing access to justice”

*The Honourable David Lametti, P.C., Q.C., M.P.  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada*

## Quick Facts

- In Budget 2019, the Government of Canada responded to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Call to Action 50 by announcing \$10 million over five years in support of Indigenous law initiatives across Canada.
- To strengthen community-based justice systems and support self-determination, the 2020 Fall Economic Statement also proposed investments to support the development of Administration of Justice Agreements with Indigenous communities.
- Through the release of Budget 2021, the Government of Canada announced investments of \$18 million over 5 years, and \$4 million ongoing to revive the Law Commission of Canada to support, among other things, the work to address systemic barriers in the justice system, including barriers to justice faced by Indigenous peoples.
- The [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#) (the Act) became law on June 21, 2021. Under the Act, the Government of Canada will work in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous peoples, to ensure federal laws are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration), prepare and

