



North Battleford, SK

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Share your thoughts on the \$385.5M Foundation that will support
Survivors of Indian Hospitals

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Hello,

My name is Tracie Léost, and I am reaching out on behalf of the Indian Hospital Foundation Engagement Outreach Team.

We are currently undertaking a cross-country engagement process focused on the establishment of a new Foundation for Survivors of Indian Hospitals and their family members. As part of this work, we are connecting with organizations and communities that may have relationships with Survivors and intergenerational Survivors.

We will be hosting an **engagement session in North Battleford on October 6, 2026**, and would greatly appreciate your support in sharing the attached information with Survivors, families, and community members who may be interested in participating.

I have attached materials that can be printed and displayed in your community or organization or shared through your social media channels. You are also welcome to follow and share posts from our [Facebook page](#).

Our goal is to ensure Survivors, families, young people, and community members have an opportunity to learn about this work, share their perspectives, and help inform the future direction, priorities, and leadership of the Foundation.

Thank you for your time and support. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Detailed Information

The cross-country engagement process will focus on the establishment of a new **\$385.5 million non-profit Foundation for Survivors of Indian Hospitals and their family members**. The Foundation will be responsible for two funds: the **Healing Fund (\$150 million)** and the **Research and Commemoration Fund (\$235.5 million)**.

Engagement sessions will take place across the country, including in First Nations communities, cities and towns, and Inuit communities. The engagement process will seek input from Survivors, their families, and communities on the design and leadership of the future Foundation, as well as its priorities and the activities it will undertake.

The engagement process is being led by **Dr. Mike DeGagné, outgoing President and CEO of Indspire**. Dr. DeGagné will use the information gathered through the engagement process to prepare a final report for the Federal Court, which will help inform the establishment and future work of the Foundation.

Engagement sessions will be supported by Elders and mental health supports and will respect the unique protocols of each region. Sessions generally run from approximately **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, with morning and afternoon snacks and a full lunch provided for all participants.

Travel costs associated with attending the session, including eligible meals, mileage, and taxis, will be reimbursed. If hotel accommodations are required, these can be arranged and paid for in advance. Once participants have registered, our team will connect with them directly to ensure we have the information needed to support their attendance and reimburse any eligible costs.

Registration

More information about the engagement process, including background information and FAQs, is available on our website at ihfes.ca.

Survivors and family members who wish to attend the Fort Qu'Appelle session can register through the [Registration Portal](#).

We strongly encourage anyone interested in attending to register in advance so we can ensure there is enough space and food and that any accommodation, accessibility, travel, or other participation needs can be addressed ahead of the session. We want everyone attending to feel comfortable and have what they need to participate fully.

Anyone who requires assistance with registration can contact our team at info@ihfes.ca or call our toll-free number at [1-833-977-5668](tel:1-833-977-5668) and leave a message.

Claims Process

Please note that the Indian Hospital Foundation Engagement Outreach Team **does not administer the individual claims or compensation process** for those who suffered abuse in Indian Hospitals. This is a separate process.

For questions related to individual claims or compensation, please contact the [Federal Indian Hospitals Settlement](#) directly:

Toll-Free: [1-888-592-9101](tel:1-888-592-9101) (press 2 for claims support)

Email: GeneralInfo@Contact.IHSettlement.ca

Thank you again for helping us share this information and reach Survivors and families who may wish to participate. Your support in helping ensure community members are aware of the engagement process is greatly appreciated.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require additional information.

Thank you,

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