**Reconciliation Matters! Content for Sunday Bulletins at WPGUC**

**…the collection from Sept. 6, 2020 to January 31, 2021….**

**Sept. 6, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***How long will true reconciliation take?***    **Senator Murray Sinclair:**  ***“Dismantling systemic racism***  ***will be a long fight….”***  Listen to him on the Aug. 2, 2020 edition of  *“The Sunday Edition”* on CBC Radio  <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thesundayedition/the-sunday-edition-for-august-2-2020-1.5665613/senator-murray-sinclair-says-dismantling-systemic-racism-will-be-a-long-fight-1.5665625>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Sept. 13, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  [**Shame and Prejudice: A Story of Resilience**](https://moa.ubc.ca/exhibition/shame-and-prejudice/)  **Exhibit of Ken Monkman’s work**  **[Cree artist]**    at UBC’s Museum of Anthropology  Aug. 6, 2020 to Jan 3, 2021.  <https://moa.ubc.ca/2020/08/restorying-justice-kent-monkmans-shame-and-prejudice-a-story-of-resilience/>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Sept. 20, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  **Orange Shirt Day is coming!**  See the source image  **September 30, 2020**  ***We will observe the day on Sept. 27.***  ***We invite everyone to wear an orange shirt***  ***or orange ribbon to our service.***  (in-person and online)  Read more details here:  <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Sept. 27, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***Honouring Nisga’a Elder***  **Hereditary Chief Joe Gosnell**  Image result for joe gosnell photo  **Renowned treaty negotiator, politician,**  **and leader of the Nisga'a Nation,**  **who died on Aug. 18 at age 85.**  <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/nisga-a-joe-gosnell-dead-1.5690778>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Oct. 4, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***Two Former Residential Schools***  ***Designated as National Historic Sites***    One in Manitoba, one in Nova Scotia  *Read more details here:*  <https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/two-former-residential-schools-named-national-historic-sites-1.5087347>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Oct.11, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***Highway of Tears in Northern BC***  **(Highway 16)**  *A commemorative pole will honour*  Missing and Murdered  Indigenous Women and Girls    <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/memorial-totem-pole-highway-of-tears-1.5711324>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Oct. 18, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***University of Victoria to House***  ***National Indigenous Law Centre***  (funds provided by BC and Federal Govts.)  Speakers pose for a photo on the lawnSpeakers pose for a photo on the lawn  <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/uvic-national-indigenous-law-centre-announcement-1.5711550>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Oct. 25, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***Thousands of Children Died***  ***In Canadian Residential Schools***    *….and we now know some of their names…*  *Please read this account >>*  <https://www.thestar.com/edmonton/2019/09/30/thousands-of-indigenous-children-died-in-canadian-residential-schools-now-we-know-some-of-their-names.html>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Nov. 1, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  **Honouring Kimberly C. Baird, O.C.**  *First Indigenous Woman*  *to address the BC Legislature*  *Re: BC Treaty Negotiation Process*  Image result for Kim Baird BC Indigenous woman  **Kim Baird**  **Member, Tsawwassen First Nation**  *More details are included in these 3 articles:*  <https://www.bcibic.ca/council-board-members/councillor/kimberly-c-baird/>  <http://kimbaird.ca/about/biography/>  <https://indspire.ca/laureate/kim-baird/>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Nov. 8, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***Honouring Indigenous Veterans***  ***in Canada***  See the source image  ***Lest We Forget***  <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/history/historical-sheets/aboriginal-veterans>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Nov. 15, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  **Honouring Yvonne Boyer**  **Senator of Canada**    Senator Boyer is a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario; her ancestral roots are the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and the Red River.  She began as a nurse and transitioned to practice law for 22 years.  *Read about what Yvonne has accomplished* >>  <https://senatorboyer.ca/about/>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Nov. 22, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***Empowering Indigenous Student Success***  **Additional funds have been allocated by the**  **BC Ministry of Advanced Education,**  **Skills and Training.**  *Announced by Minister Melanie Mark*  See the source image  *Read the details here:*  <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0033-001111>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Nov. 29, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***Honouring Sheila Watt-Cloutier***  Inuit Human Rights & Climate Activist  See the source image  She has previously served as the  International Chair for the Inuit Circumpolar Council (formerly called the Inuit Circumpolar Conference).  Read more details here >>  <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/sheila-watt-cloutier>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Dec. 6, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***Uncovering the Complicated History***  ***of Blankets in Indigenous Communities.***  See the source image  ***Read more details here >>***  [*https://www.cbc.ca/radio/unreserved/uncovering-the-complicated-history-of-blankets-in-indigenous-communities-1.5264926/a-short-history-of-indigenous-blankets-in-canada-1.5270362*](https://www.cbc.ca/radio/unreserved/uncovering-the-complicated-history-of-blankets-in-indigenous-communities-1.5264926/a-short-history-of-indigenous-blankets-in-canada-1.5270362)  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Dec. 13, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters** ***Honouring Wendy Grant-John***  Member, Musqueam First Nation    *Former Chief Grant-John (nee Sparrow) launched Canada’s first Indigenous commercial fishery* in 1990.  *Read details of her background life & work:*  <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wendy_Grant-John>  <https://indspire.ca/laureate/wendy-grant-john-2/>  <https://www.musqueam.bc.ca/councillors/785/>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Dec. 20, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***The Huron Carol***  Image result for transformation of the huron carol  ***The transformation of the Christmas story***  ***using Indigenous language & themes:***  ***Read the interesting details here >***  [Huron Carol - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Huron_Carol)  *See the link to the music on this page too*  *and listen.*  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Dec. 27, 2020**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***Honouring Daphne Odjig, O.C.***  (1919-2016)  Learn about Daphne Odjig  An acclaimed artist, Odjig was the driving force behind the Professional Native Indian Artists Assn. (“[Indian Group of Seven](https://www.bing.com/search?q=Indian%20Group%20of%20Seven%20wikipedia&form=WIKIRE)”) that brought First Nations art to the forefront of Canada's art world.  <https://www.odjig.com/>  <https://beyondthedash.com/obituary/daphne-odjig-987896411>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Jan. 3, 2021:**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***The Tragic Story of the Pentlatch People***  ***on Vancouver Island:***  ***A Door into a Lost World***  Image result for pentlatch people photo  *Read this account:*  <https://www.macleans.ca/news/human-remains-found-on-vancouver-island-have-opened-a-door-into-a-lost-world/?utm_source=nl&utm_medium=em&utm_campaign=mme_daily&sfi=37e727b670e3231a783936b3b125b0c0>  or  https://www.macleans.ca/author/terry-glavin/  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Jan. 10, 2021**

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| **Reconciliation Matters** ***Indigenous leadership crucial******to protecting the planet*** The land surrounding Neskantaga First Nation as seen from a plane descending into the reservation. (Photograph by Chris Donovan )  *“Canadians can benefit from Indigenous leadership in understanding values and policies based on reciprocity with the natural world. [We] can become an environmental leader by becoming an Indigenous rights leader.”*  <https://www.macleans.ca/opinion/indigenous-leadership-is-crucial-to-protecting-the-planet/?utm_source=nl&utm_medium=em&utm_campaign=mme_daily&sfi=37e727b670e3231a783936b3b125b0c0>  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Jan. 17, 2021**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***Dr; Lorna Williams***  ***Professor Emerita, Faculty of Education***  ***University of Victoria***  has been appointed to the **Order of Canada**.    Lorna is a member of the Lil’wat Nation in BC, and has been responsible for initiating and overseeing the development of Indigenous Language Revitalization Programs for teachers, students, and the public.  *Read the details of Lorna’s life and work*:  [Dr. Lorna Wanosts’a7 Williams | Indspire](https://indspire.ca/laureate/dr-lorna-wanostsa7-williams/)  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Jan. 24, 2021**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***How West Coast First Nations***  ***are coping with the COVID-19 Pandemic***  *Youtube:*  ***“Our Changing World”***  *with host Michelle Washington*  See the source imageVector illustration of the sun symbol  **How are West Coast communities responding? What makes them particularly vulnerable? What can we learn about ourselves through this process?**  [New doc looks at how West Coast First Nations are coping with pandemic | CBC Arts](https://www.cbc.ca/arts/canadacouncildigitaloriginals/new-doc-looks-at-how-west-coast-first-nations-are-coping-with-pandemic-1.5799673)  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Jan 31, 2021**

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| **Reconciliation Matters** **Ardith Walkem****First Indigenous Woman****appointed to the BC Supreme Court**  MANDATORY CREDIT: Nadya Kwandibens of Red Works Studio    UNDATED -- Ardith Walkem is the first Indigenous woman named a Justice on the BC Supreme Court. (MANDATORY CREDIT: Nadya Kwandibens of Red Works Studio) (For Dan Fumano story) [PNG Merlin Archive]  ***“It’s About Time!”*** say those who know  Ardith Walkem, member of the [Nlaka’pamux First Nation](https://www.nntc.ca/pages/departments.aspx" \t "_blank), Vancouver Island. She is described as “calm but powerful, like the ocean.”  [*https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/its-about-time-leading-first-nations-law-expert-named-to-b-c-supreme-court*](https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/its-about-time-leading-first-nations-law-expert-named-to-b-c-supreme-court)  ***All Our Relations!*** |

**Feb. 07, 2021**

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| **Reconciliation Matters**  ***Widespread racism and discrimination***  ***against Indigenous people***  ***in BC’s health-care system***    **Former judge Mary-Ellen Turpel-Lafond leads the investigation:**  [Investigation finds widespread racism and discrimination against Indigenous peoples in B.C. health-care system | CBC News](https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/bc-health-care-racism-report-1.5820306)  ***All Our Relations!*** |