

Message from the Chair: Mr. Wilton Littlechild

On behalf of my fellow Commissioners, I would like to thank all the people of Saskatchewan for the trust and honour to work on this challenging opportunity. While there have been several reviews of the justice systems across Canada, this is uniquely important for its focus, its vision and mission.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, working with Saskatchewan Justice, have been vital to the development of our mandate as outlined in our terms of reference. Their sincere concern and desire for reform and improvement for everyone must be acknowledged.

Your Commission has been deliberate in our preparations as we embark on a crucial dialogue with the people of Saskatchewan to look together for solutions for the future. We are very encouraged by the assistance of several people, including our stakeholders. Our preliminary review, unfortunately, indicates that while a lot has been done in the name of justice reform, not enough has changed. Our collective task, then, is to bring about meaningful change, one that makes a positive difference.

As your Chairperson, I believe we can learn from the past experiences to build on today, so that we may give a better Saskatchewan to our children and youth of the future. To accomplish that, we must build on our successes as we look ahead. Hopefully, our dialogues will allow everyone who wants to, to contribute to the meaningful reform we all seek. With the collective experience, knowledge and wisdom of our youth and our Elders, we can build a better justice system that is sustainable for Saskatchewan.

I note an early signal that it will require development of positive relationships, working partnerships and shared responsibilities. Ultimately, it will take everyone's commitment and respect to ensure implementation of our recommendations for future justice reform. We look forward to your guidance and prayers; together we will build a better future.

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Yours in justice



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