



**Office of the Independent
Special Interlocutor**

for Missing Children and Unmarked
Graves and Burial Sites associated
with Indian Residential Schools

**Bureau de l'interlocutrice
spéciale indépendante**

pour les enfants disparus et les tombes
et les sépultures anonymes en lien avec
les pensionnats indiens

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**Independent Special Interlocutor on Missing Children and Unmarked Burials Seeks
Intervenor Status**

The Independent Special Interlocutor files an Application to Intervene in Quebec Superior Court

SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER, September 6, 2022 –The Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites Associated with Indian Residential Schools has filed an application with the Quebec Superior Court seeking intervenor status in *Kahentimetha et al. v Société Québécoise des Infrastructures et al.*

Special Interlocutor Murray's Mandate directs her to "identify needed measures" regarding the process of identifying, recovering, and protecting unmarked burial sites across Canada. One of the central issues to be determined by the Quebec Superior Court in this matter is whether the redevelopment plans relating to the site of the old Royal Victoria Hospital should be paused to allow for a full and proper search to determine if there are unmarked burials of Indigenous children on the grounds.

"As the Independent Special Interlocutor, I have been tasked with making recommendations for respectful and culturally appropriate processes for the treatment of potential burials of children taken to Indian Residential Schools and other associated sites. If granted intervenor status in this matter, I hope to assist the Honourable Court in understanding the link between hospitals, universities and Indian Residential Schools, and provide some guidance on how Indigenous laws, customs and protocols can inform and guide the work ahead" explained Special Interlocutor Murray.

- Kimberly R. Murray was appointed by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada as the Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools in June 2022.
- The Special Interlocutor is independent and non-partisan and has a two-year mandate to deliver recommendations on a new federal framework to protect unmarked burial sites and support identification of the missing children.
- The Special Interlocutor will deliver an interim report in June 2023 and a final report in June 2024.



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About Us:

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The Special Interlocutor functions independently and impartially, in a non-partisan and transparent manner to achieve the objectives of her mandate that includes identifying needed measures for a new federal legal framework to ensure the respectful and culturally appropriate treatment of unmarked graves and burial sites of children associated with former Indian Residential Schools. The Special Interlocutor has a two-year mandate and will deliver interim and final reports, with recommendations, to the federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

For more information about the Independent Special Interlocutor and her Mandate visit:

<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/interlocutor-interlocuteur/mtr-mcr.html>

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