

# NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DIABETES ASSOCIATION SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Taanishi. (hello in michif)

Please enjoy this edition of the Summer NIDA newsletter.

Maarsii. (thank you in michif)



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Happy Summer from the National Indigenous Diabetes Association Board of Directors and Staff!

As the summer season winds down, we at the National Indigenous Diabetes Association extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. The end of summer is a time to reflect on the vibrant energy and connections we've made, and to prepare for the transitions ahead. Whether you've spent the season engaging in community activities, harvesting traditional foods, or simply enjoying the long days, we hope it has been one of wellness and renewal.

In this Summer Newsletter, we're pleased to share some updates:

- Save the Date for our NIDA AGM on Thursday, November 28th, 2024, which will be hosted in Toronto, ON.
- Last call for open nominations for the 2024 Caroline Daigneault Award.
- Invitation to join the Global Diabetes Walk on November 14th, 2024.
- Our meeting with The Honourable Minister of Health, Mark Holland, in Ottawa, ON, alongside Diabetes Canada and JDRF.
- Highlights from our participation at the KSDPP Gathering in Winnipeg, MB.
- NIDA testifying in Parliament to the Standing Committee on Health on Bill C-64, An Act Respecting Pharmacare.
- NIDA's Indigenous Community of Practice of Canada's Tobacco Strategy Gathering in Halifax, NS.
- Save the Date for our 2025 National Indigenous Diabetes Conference from May 7th to 9th, 2025, at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg, MB. Join us to celebrate 30 years!
- Stay tuned for updates on our continued work on the National Indigenous Framework for Diabetes as we move into phase two of our distinctions-based pathways.

Thank you for standing with us as we work towards healthier futures. As we transition into fall, let's carry forward the spirit of unity and wellness.

All my relations, Celeste Theriault

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**National Indigenous Diabetes Association**  
**Annual General Assembly**  
**November 28th, 2024 Toronto, ON**

**More details to follow.**



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# Caroline Daigneault Diabetes Shkaabe Award



Call for Nominations National Indigenous Diabetes Association annual Caroline Daigneault Diabetes Shkaabe Award.

The Caroline Daigneault Diabetes Shkaabe Award recognizes individuals and/or communities that are leading the way in diabetes prevention and management for their Peoples.

The National Indigenous Diabetes Association is eternally grateful to Caroline for her contributions to our organization. Caroline shared her knowledge and wisdom with respect, love, and kindness. Caroline volunteered her time in her community to bring Elders and others together to share about their experiences with diabetes and to help people on their journeys.

[Caroline Daigneault Diabetes Shkaabe Award](#)

# JOIN THE GLOBAL DIABETES WALK

Join the Global Diabetes Walk today and take steps towards a healthier you!

The Global Diabetes Walk campaign organised by the World Diabetes Foundation (WDF), is WDF's contribution to the International Diabetes Federation's World Diabetes Day on 14 November.

The Global Diabetes Walk is a fun and easy way to promote physical activity and healthy living. Participating in the Global Diabetes Walk can make a positive impact on your overall well-being and that of those around you.

This year, the Walk is turning 20! We hope you will join us in celebrating 20 years of collective efforts to mobilize people around the world to take steps towards a healthier life.

Organise a Walk or join a Walk near you!

Want to learn more about the Walk? Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and our Newsletter!

Let's get walking!



**WILL YOU STEP UP FOR CHANGE?**

Join the Global Diabetes Walk Movement.

Get involved at [www.globaldiabeteswalk.org](http://www.globaldiabeteswalk.org)

The graphic features a red background on the left with the text "WILL YOU STEP UP FOR CHANGE?" in white. Below it is the text "Join the Global Diabetes Walk Movement." and the website "www.globaldiabeteswalk.org". On the right is a photograph of several men wearing white vests with logos, looking towards the right. A circular logo with "20 WALK" is overlaid on the photo.



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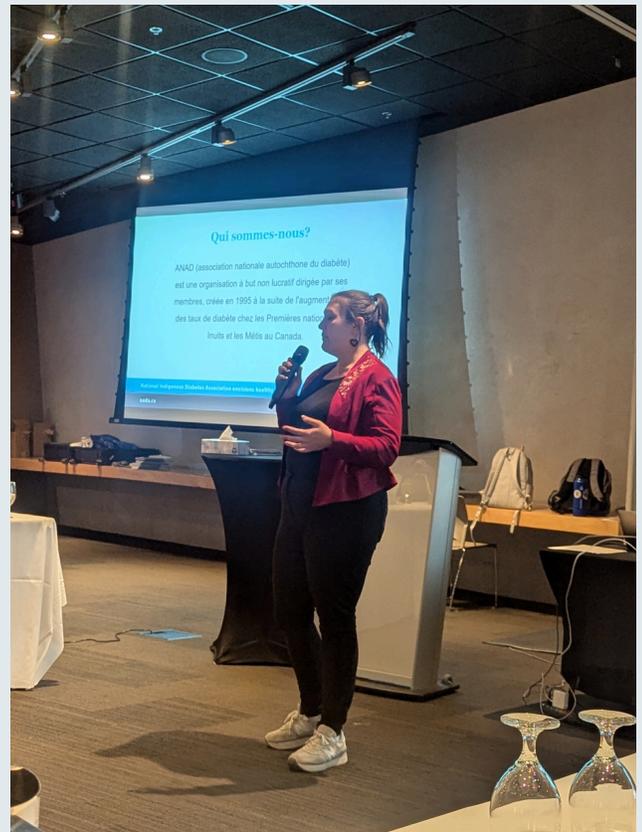
The graphic features a blue background on the left with the text "WILL YOU STEP UP FOR CHANGE?" in white. Below it is the text "Join the Global Diabetes Walk Movement." and the website "www.globaldiabeteswalk.org". On the right is a photograph of a large group of people, many wearing blue shirts, participating in a walk. A circular logo with "20 WALK" is overlaid on the photo.

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Celeste Theriault, Executive Director, National Indigenous Diabetes Association, Diabetes Canada's Russell Williams, Senior VP of Mission and Glenn Thibeault, Executive Director of Government Affairs, Advocacy and Policy, along with colleagues from JDRF/FRDJ Canada via Zoom met with Hon. Mark Holland, PC, MP, Minister of Health to discuss Bill C-64, An Act Respecting Pharmacare.



# KAHNAWÁ:KE SCHOOLS DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM (KSDPP) & THE C2C RESEARCH TEAM MOBILIZING RESILIENCE THROUGH COMMUNITY-TO-COMMUNITY (C2C) EXCHANGE: SEVEN GENERATIONS THINKING FOR WELLNESS AND DIABETES PREVENTION PROJECT ADVISORY CIRCLE ANNUAL GATHERING

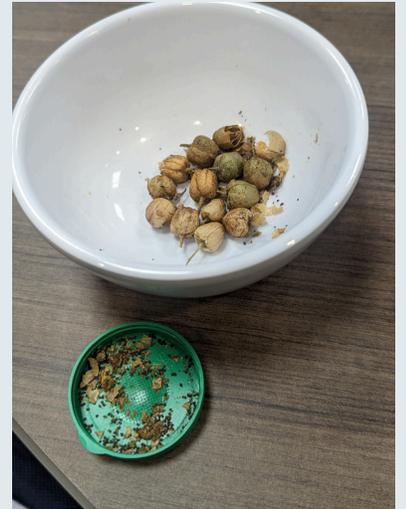


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Celeste Theriault Executive Director National Indigenous Diabetes Association, testified at the Standing Committee on Health meeting on Bill C-64, An Act Respecting Pharmacare.



# 2024 INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE OF CANADA'S TOBACCO STRATEGY GATHERING HALIFAX, NS





**NATIONAL  
INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES DAY**



# 2025 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DIABETES CONFERENCE

**MAY 7-9, 2025**

**DELTA HOTEL WINNIPEG, MB**

**JOIN NIDA AND CELEBRATE 30 YEARS**



# 2024 DIABETES CANADA/CSEM PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE



Diabetes Canada recognizes that Indigenous people are disproportionately affected by Type 2 Diabetes and chronic illness as a result of Canada's historic and continued colonial policies. As a progressive act towards reconciliation, Diabetes Canada is committed to supporting Indigenous populations, communities and organizations as being experts in their own healing and health outcomes.

Diabetes Canada and the Canadian Society of Endocrinology & Metabolism would be honoured to host Indigenous Health Care Providers at the 2024 Diabetes Canada/CSEM Professional Conference taking place at the Halifax Convention Centre November 20-23, 2024.

Indigenous Science topics will include:

- Practice Pearls for Indigenous Clinical Interactions
- "Indigegogy"
- Sleep Health
- Culturally Appropriate Nutrition Protocol
- Plant Medicines to Support Healing and Diabetes Management
- Balancing the Quadrinity
- Journey to Remission

Additional conference highlights include:

- What's new in the Diabetes Canada Clinical Practice Guidelines
- Networking opportunities with speakers and peers from across the country
- Earning continuing education credits

At the conference, delegates will have the opportunity to attend original research presentations and learn from leading experts in diabetes, endocrinology and other related fields.

Join us as we come together to improve the understanding, care and management of diabetes and other endocrine diseases.

Use this complimentary discount code for Indigenous Health Care Providers when registering:  
PC24IHCP

Sincerely,

The Diabetes Canada/CSEM Professional Conference Planning Committee

# MANITOBA MÉTIS FEDERATION DIGITAL NOTICE

Red River Métis Citizens who were children in the care of a Child and Family Services Agency in Manitoba between 2005 and 2019 may be part of a class action lawsuit and entitled to compensation.

Visit the link in our bio to learn more about Children’s Special Allowances eligibility. The information on this website may invoke emotions that may be uncomfortable or traumatic for some visitors. Wellness supports are available:

MMF Mental Health Support Line  
1-833-390-1041 Ext. 1  
7 am to 11 pm CST daily  
\*For Red River Métis Citizens only

Klinic Crisis Line  
204-786-8686  
1-877-435-7170 (toll-free)

Kids Help Phone  
Text “CONNECT” to 686868  
Phone 24/7: 1-800-668-6868

Authorized by the Court of King’s Bench of Manitoba

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Were you in the care of Métis Child, Family and Community Services Agency Inc. and/or Michif Child & Family Services Inc. between 2005 to 2019? You may be a member of a class proceeding and entitled to compensation.

Visit <http://metisclassaction.ca> to learn more.

### GET MORE INFORMATION:

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# CHILDREN'S SPECIAL ALLOWANCE (MANITOBA) CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

Children's Special Allowance (Manitoba)

Claims Administration

EXG has been engaged as the Claims Administrator for Provincially Funded current and former children-in-care of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous CFS Agencies between January 1, 2005 to March 31, 2019.

Please visit the [CSA Settlement website](#) for information about the Settlement.

Background

Between January 1, 2005 to March 31, 2019, the Province of Manitoba required CFS Agencies to remit over \$335 million of the Federal Children's Special Allowance (CSA) payments back to Manitoba's general revenue fund. Where CFS Agencies refused to remit CSA, Manitoba withheld maintenance and operation funding from the CFS Agencies in amount it estimated to be equivalent to CSA the CFS Agency would have received.

CFS Agencies apply for these funds on behalf of children in their care, consistent with the federal Children's Special Allowances Act, which states that the funds are to be used exclusively for the care, maintenance, education, training or advancement of the child-in-care. The monthly CSA payments equal the maximum Canada Child Benefit payment plus the Child Disability Benefit.

In 2018, Class Counsels brought a court Application on behalf of six Indigenous Child and Family Services Agencies, at the same time, a proposed Class Action was filed on behalf of the children. The lawsuits pertained to the Province of Manitoba's illegal claw back from Indigenous Agencies of CSA monies meant for children-in-care (the "CSA Policy").

In response to legal challenges, the Manitoba government passed section 231 of the Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act (BITSA) legislation in 2020, exempting the Province from any legal responsibility.

Class Counsels subsequently filed a constitutional challenge of that legislation and CSA Policy, alleging that Manitoba's actions discriminated against the children based on their race and status as a child-in-care, in breach of the children's Charter rights.

# CHILDREN'S SPECIAL ALLOWANCE (MANITOBA) CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

On May 18, 2022, Justice Edmond issued his decision, finding that Manitoba's actions and section 231 of BITSA were unconstitutional and that they discriminated against foster children in Manitoba, 88% of whom are First Nation and Metis children, all of whom Justice Edmond declared were among the most vulnerable members of our society. Section 231 of BITSA was declared invalid.

On March 19, 2024, an Agreement in Principle was reached between the Province of Manitoba and Class Counsels to settle three Children's Special Allowance (CSA) Class Action Lawsuits which sought compensation for past and current provincially funded children-in-care of Child and Family Services Agencies (CFS Agencies) in Manitoba, whose CSA benefit was clawed back or withheld between January 1, 2005 to March 31, 2019. The Province agreed in principle to pay \$530 million (Agreement in Principle). The agreement is subject to court approval.

The three Class Action Lawsuits are:

Indigenous CFS Agencies (Flette)

Non-Indigenous CFS Agencies (Lavallee)

Metis CFS Agencies (Lafontaine)

The agreed to Settlement amount is allocated to the Flette Action and Lavallee Action for \$445,200,000 and to the Lafontaine Action for \$84,800,000.

Exchange Solutions Inc. (EXG) has been engaged as the Claims Administrator for the Indigenous CFS Agencies (Flette) Action and Non-Indigenous CFS Agencies (Lavallee) Action.

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