

WE ARE INVITING YOU TO

TRANSFORMING JUSTICE

COMMUNITY
KEYNOTE

IN-PERSON
GATHERING

WEDNESDAY

14

AUGUST

AUDITORIUM
SCHWARTZ SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
1ST FLOOR
4130 UNIVERSITY AVE, ANTIGONISH, NS.

7:00PM

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EVENT

TRANSFORMING JUSTICE COMMUNITY KEYNOTE

We are inviting you to join us at our evening transforming justice keynote event

 7:00pm August 14th 2024

 Schwartz School of Business, St. Francis Xavier University

Open to community members, local organizations, & academics.



NETWORKING



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



SNACKS &
REFRESHMENTS

As part of our Transforming Justice Section 81 conference, we are hosting an evening keynote event in the Schwartz School of Business. The doors will open at 7:00pm allowing time for a keynote speech, networking, & shared reflection throughout the evening. The event is open to the public; there is no charge or registration needed.

Keynote speaker details on the next page

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

TRANSFORMING JUSTICE CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER



SENATOR PJ PROSPER

Paul Prosper is a Mi'kmaq lawyer with more than 25 years of experience in Indigenous legal issues ranging from project management, to First Nation land use and occupation, to governance and community development.

A lifelong advocate for the rights of the Mi'kmaq people, Mr. Prosper is the former Chief of the Paqtnkek (Afton) Mi'kmaw Nation. In 2020, he was elected Assembly of First Nations' (AFN) Regional Chief for Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, representing the collective interests of 17 Mi'kmaw First Nations in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia and over 600 First Nations across Canada.

Mr. Prosper has served on several boards and committees, including the boards of the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat, the Atlantic First Nations Water Authority, and Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey as well as the Eastern Door L'nuk Lawyers Group, Ta'n Etli-tpi'tmk Association, and the AFN Chiefs Committee on Child and Family Services. From 2010 to 2013, he taught Mi'kmaq governance and Aboriginal and treaty rights at Cape Breton University.

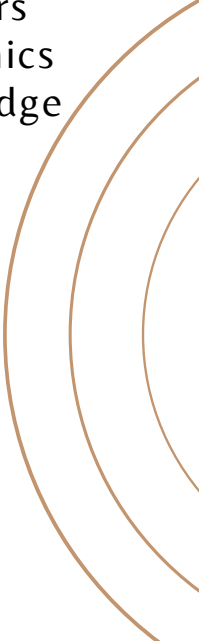
In 2020, Mr. Prosper was inducted as a member of the Bertha Wilson Honour Society at the Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law in recognition of his exceptional service to the legal profession and community. He was also named Wika'paltultimk (Counsellor) for the L'nuk People by the Eastern Door L'nuk Lawyers Group in recognition of his outstanding service to Indigenous Peoples in the legal profession.

Mr. Prosper holds a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie University and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from Cape Breton University.

TRANSFORMING JUSTICE CONFERENCE

The intent of S.81 of the Corrections and Conditional Release Act is to transform the justice system through the involvement of Indigenous communities in the corrections process. This includes programming that embraces traditional Indigenous values and addresses factors that lead to incarceration (Combs, 2018; CSC, 2021). Recent data published by Statistics Canada (2022) reveals that while Indigenous adults represent only 5% of the total adult Canadian population, they account for approximately one third of adult admissions to provincial, territorial (31%), and federal (33%) custody. There are still few S.81 facilities and very low rates of S.81 application acceptances. As a result, the Senate 2021 has called for community-led individualized or small-group alternatives and our partnership has been exploring this context with communities. S.81 is an extension of Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution and Section 25 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (OCI, 2012). S.81 aims to address the mass incarceration of Indigenous Peoples in correctional facilities by providing specific provisions for the care, custody, and release of Indigenous persons to communities (OCI, 2012).

During the in-person conference, we will be having 7 learning lodge discussions with hopes of cross-pollinating knowledge to transform the justice system collectively. For this event, we are looking to bring together first voice persons, Indigenous community leaders and organizations, non-Indigenous ally organizations and academics who work in justice and corrections to enhance collective knowledge and actionable steps.



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