



Agenda

1331-ON 26, Midhurst, Ontario L0L 1X0

Time	Name	Topic
11:00 am	Rosanne Monague	Opening Prayer and Water Ceremony
11:20 am	Chief Guy Monague	Welcoming Address
11:30 am	Grand Council Chief Glen Hare	Anishinabek Nation Address
11:45	Elizabeth Brass Elson	Reflection – Site 41, Springwater Park
11:55	Christine Nugent	Political Prisoners in the Honduras
12:05	Sara Monague	Traditional Water Knowledge
12:15	Gillian Von Langsdorff	South Africa, the Indigenous Liberation Walk: Intersections and Connections through Land, Water & Human Rights
1:15	Break	
1:30	Dr. William Shotyk	Artesian Springs of the Wye River Watershed
2:30	Brandon Amyot, Jesse Sharma, and Keegan Hobson	The Indigenous LGBTQ Movement and Two-Spirit Pow Wow
3:15	Beze Gray	The Impacts of Chemical Valley on Aamjiwnaang First Nation
4:00	Shelley Essauce	Traditional Knowledge and Climate Change
4:30	Brandon Stiles and Vicky Wolske	Protecting Lake Simcoe for Future Generations
5:00	B. Jeff Monague, Dr. Hayden King, Kerry Taylor, JD, and Brandon Amyot	Charting the Path Forward on Truth and Reconciliation

Rosanne Monague

Rosanne is an elder from Beausoleil First Nation, who was part of the Site 41 movement, the Manido Gaaming Water Walk, Grandmother’s Against Drugs and other Indigenous water and healing movements. She is second degree Midewiwin of the Three Fires Midewiwin Lodge and practices a traditional way of life.



Chief Guy Monague

Guy has been performing for local area audiences for over 30 years as a solo performer and with a band. He plays guitar, piano, and harmonica and has been writing songs for over 15 years. The country-based musician has performed in Ontario bars and special events in First nation communities. He is currently serving his first term as Chief of Beausoleil First Nation and likes to promote younger people and inspire them into the gift of music. Guy has also supported the movement to protect the water in the Alliston Aquifer.

Elizabeth Brass Elson

Beth was on the 5 women who began the Protest Camp at Site 41. In addition, she held the occupation of Springwater Provincial Park when it was threatened with closure in 2013. Beth has participated in various water walks led by Grandmother Josephine Mandamin. She currently serves at the South East Region Water Commissioner for the Union of Ontario Indians.

Sara Monague

Sara is a member of the Three Fires Midewiwin lodge, who was born and raised in the traditional way of life. In the past, Sara was a lead coordinator of the Manido Gaaming Water Walk in 2013, the Water Walk to the Teedon Quarry in November 2017, in addition to participating in Mother Earth Water Walks and ceremonies in Matane, QC. An activist all her life, Sara will share her experiences about women, water and working for life.

Shelley Essauce

Minwaabekwe Ndizhnaakaaz, Ngig dodem, G'chinaamenmissing Ndoonjibaa, Niizho Mideo Shelley is in her 3rd year in the Indigenous Social Work Program at Laurentian University. She worked for Georgian Bay Islands National Park, Parks Canada interpreting our local First Nations history and culture and has worked with archaeologists and Elders.

When she was 10 years old, she discovered her passion for water advocacy and has been a Water Protector since. Hearing the 'Creation Story' in the early 1990's by Onaubinisay, Jim Dumont, entrenched her passion to protect the earth through healing. In 2009, she was a co-founder of Dumpsite 41 camp, protecting the Alliston Aquifer from a landfill development. In 2011, Shelley helped carry the water across Washington State in the 4 Direction Water Walk with Grandmother Josephine Mandamin. In 2016, she conducted water ceremonies along the North Saskatchewan River after the Husky oil spill. Also, in 2016, Shelley travelled to Standing Rock to join the Water Protectors against a pipeline that scheduled to go beneath the Missouri River through Sioux territory. In 2018, she completed the Climate Reality Training with Al Gore.



Shelley is passionate about being plastic free and zero waste by promoting the use of feast bundles and refillable water bottles while learning the language for these actions. She administers two Facebook groups called 'Gaween Plastic' and 'Zero Waste February'. She will be celebrating 34 years of marriage with Yvon this year, she has 2 sons and four grandchildren, who adopted her from Saskatchewan. Miigwech.

Grand Council Chief Glen Hare – Anishinabek Nation/Union of Ontario Indians

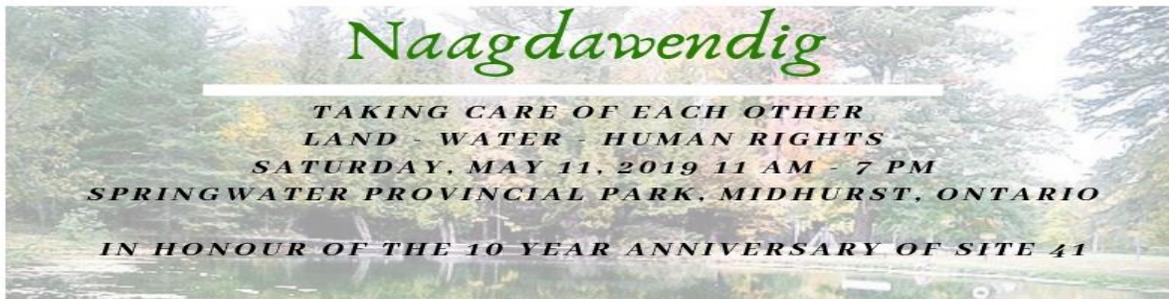
A citizen of M'Chigeeng First Nation on Manitoulin Island, Glen Hare served four consecutive terms as Deputy Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation before being elected into the position of Grand Council Chief at the Grand Council Assembly, June 5-7th, 2018 at Fort William First Nation. Grand Council Chief Hare is a fluent speaker of the Anishinaabemowin language. He served six consecutive terms as Chief of M'Chigeeng First Nation, three consecutive terms as a Councillor, and two terms as the Regional Grand Chief for the Lake Huron Region. Grand Council Chief Hare is an outspoken advocate for First Nations child welfare and customary care laws. He has been critical of the government imposition of non-Indigenous child protection legislation and favours the establishment of our own child and family service laws, interventions and First Nations foster homes. In addition to his role as Grand Council Chief, Hare is also the President of the Union of Ontario Indians and the Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity. Glen and his wife Sally have been married for more than 44 years and have four sons and eight grandsons.

Dr. Hayden King

Hayden is Anishinaabe from Beausoleil First Nation on Gchi'mnissing in Huronia, Ontario. The Executive Director of Yellowhead Institute and Advisor to the Dean of Arts on Indigenous Education at Ryerson University, Dr. King is also an adjunct professor at Carleton University and senior fellow at Massey College. Previously he has taught at McMaster University and was Chair of First Nations Technical Institute Politics program. He is among the noted Indigenous public intellectuals in Canada with his analysis on the Canadian-Indigenous relationship published widely. Dr. King is also the co-founder of the Ogimaa Mikana Project and co-host of the Red Road podcast. Dr. King will speak on contemporary Crown-Indigenous Relations and Indigenous Sovereignty, he will also join the panel on "Charting the Path Forward on Truth and Reconciliation."

Dr. William Shotyk

Dr. Shotyk is a Professor at the University of Alberta, and Bocoock Chair for Agriculture and the Environment, founder of the Elmvale Foundation. B.Sc Agriculture from the University of Guelph and a Ph.D. from the University of Western Ontario in Geochemistry. After postdoctoral research at the University of California, Riverside (1987) and at the University of Western Ontario (1988-1989), he



joined the Geological Institute at the University of Berne, Switzerland, as Oberassistent. and completed his Habilitation (Geochemistry) at the University of Berne in 1995. In October of 2000, he joined the University of Heidelberg as Professor, becoming Director of the Institute of Environmental Geochemistry. He is also a participant in Land Reclamation International Graduate School (LRIGS) program sponsored by NSERC CREATE. Dr. Shotyk's research was a critical element to the success of the 2009 Site 41 movement. He will present on "The Artesian Springs of the Wye River Watershed: How Mother Nature Creates, Maintains and Provides the Cleanest Water on Earth."

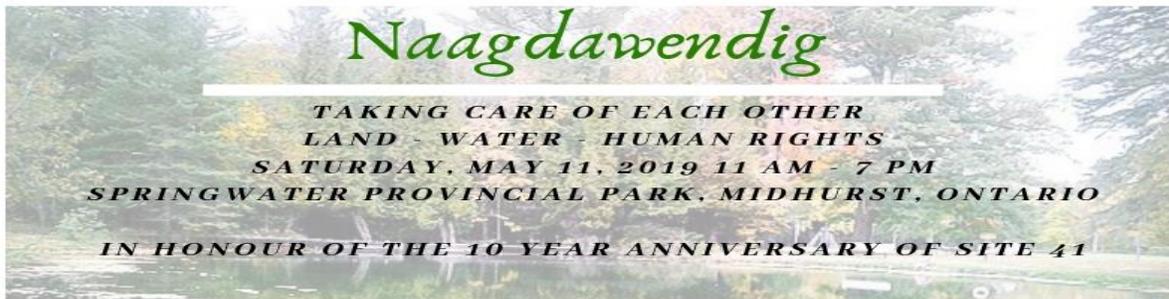
Kerry Taylor, J.D.

Kerry received an Honours Bachelor of Environmental Studies degree from York University in 1995. She then attended Osgoode Hall Law School, where she obtained her LLB (Bachelor of Laws) in 1998. Kerry also completed her graduate work at Osgoode Hall Law School and obtained her doctorate in 2007 (Doctor of Jurisprudence). Her doctoral thesis related to the cultural paradoxes arising from legal regulation of the body. Her research and work experience focussed on genetic and reproductive technologies, disability, employment equity, and the regulation of sickness/disease. In addition to teaching at the Centre, Kerry also enjoys teaching, "Order & Disorder: Human Rights and Sociolegal Perspectives" in the Academic Bridging Program at Woodsworth College. Kerry has ongoing interests in using socio-legal methods and theories to study and teach in the areas of abolition-focussed penology, bioethics, human rights and reconciliation, social/environmental justice, and food security. She is committed to expanding her practice of facilitating experiential learning and multiple ways of knowing. Kerry will join the panel on "Charting the Path Forward on Truth and Reconciliation."

B. Jeff Monague

Jeff is a veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces, as well as former Chief of Beausoleil First Nation. Jeff made history being the youngest Chief ever elected for the BFN community. Jeff went on to promote the Ojibwe language, teaching in various schools and has been directly involved with Indigenous curriculum design. Jeff served as a Treaty Researcher and is an expert in local area history. He is a role model to youth and continues to advocate for youth engagement and youth empowerment across the many spectrums of society. As an active and engaged First Nations citizen, he has been involved with Indigenous Grassroots communities, supporting the Idle No More movement and other various movements across Canada. Jeff was responsible for negotiating a historic agreement on behalf of Beausoleil First Nations and the Ministry of Natural Resources for Springwater Provincial Park, saving the park from closure.

Jesse Michael Sharma



Jesse is one of the lead organizers of the first ever Niizh Manidook Pow Wow that was held at Springwater Provincial Park in 2018 Jesse nintishinikaaz. Saakiin nintoonji. Shiihshiipehns anishinaabe noozowin. Mahkwa nintootem. Anishinaabe indaaw miinwaa kanien'keha indaaw. Niizh manitook indaaw. Aanj bineshiinh ikwe indaaw miinwaa akinamaago ikwe indaaw. Nimaamaa saakiin oonji. Nookmis saakiin oonji. Nintaataa Trinidad and Tobago oonji.

Minidoogaming miinwaa Gihcinameminising nintishitaa. Mino wiisini gitigaan nintashiyanohkii. My name is Jesse Sharma. I am from Saugeen First Nation. Little Duck is my Anishinaabe name. I am from the bear clan. I come from the Anishinaabe and Mohawk nations. I belong to the two-spirits nation. I come from changing bird woman and woman who leaves tracks on earth. My mother is from Saugeen Ojibwe Nation. My grandmother is from Saugeen Ojibway Nation. My father is from Trinidad and Tobago. Georgian Bay and Big Sturgeon Island is where I live currently. Sacred seeds collective is where I work. Jesse is one of the lead youth who planned the first ever two-spirit pow wow.

Beze Gray

Beze is a two-spirit Anishnaabe, Delaware, and Oneida from Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Treaty #29 territory. They are an organizer of grassroots events based on culture and environment through the group Aamjiwnaang and Sarnia against Pipelines. Events like Toxic Tour and Aamjiwnaang Water Gathering. They focus on telling their experience of living in Canada's Chemical Valley. Beze is currently attending Georgian College in the Anishnaabemowin & Program Development

Gillian Von Langsdoff

Born in Cape Town South Africa, Gillian and her family, left their homeland in the late sixties, for Canada during the brutal escalation of violence within the Apartheid regime. After completing her undergraduate degree at U of T in both Sociology and Social Cultural Anthropology, Gillian continued to work within the Vietnamese community voluntarily. She also became a successful business person primarily in the field of fine jewelry but as well in numerous other business ventures over the following 10 years in the Midland area. In 2018 she completed an MA in Interdisciplinary Studies at York University. Gillian's history mirrors that of most Indigenous people as the Coloured SA community, in large part are the direct descendants of the now dispersed Khoisan peoples (SAs Indigenous peoples) and the many slave communities sent to SA due to colonialism. Reconnecting with her roots through her research, Gillian was forced to come to terms with the harsh realities of genetic, ancestral and historic violence and silencing and the ongoing, negative consequences of settler colonialism on FN peoples. Her work has now led her back to her homeland after 50 years (in 2018 and again 2019), to reconnect with long lost family and to take part in the Indigenous Liberation Walk. This monumental return home, and the involvement with this 1000km+ relay which aims to bring recognition and hope to SAs First peoples while defending their rights as set out in the UNIDRIP (2007), has spurred Gillian's desire to connect Indigenous groups globally and to assist in enlightening the broader society to the common predicament faced by FN peoples due to the resilience of settler colonialism. Connecting with the Anishinabek Nation



members here in Ontario assisted in Gillian (and her daughter Tanisha) bringing Site 41 Water to SA with the hopes of connecting the two nations through the life force, Water.

Christine Nugent

Christine Nugent lives on a farm in Springwater and is retired as a union activist from the telecommunications sector and as a college computer instructor. Christine initiated the Simcoe County Honduras Rights Monitor Committee (SCHRM) along with her neighbors the Spring Family whose family member is unjustly incarcerated in Honduras as a human rights defender. Christine is a political advocate for the Freedom of Edwin Espinal and all political prisoners in Honduras. Christine links this struggle of human rights with indigenous people's right to defend their land, water, resources and the demands of the people for consultation and consent. Her advocacy includes the fight for clean water, Aquifer over Aggregate locally, and the defense of worker rights specifically within the injured worker community. SCHRM's advocacy includes a consistent demand for the Canadian government and all politicians to stand in practice for human rights and the rule of law. Deeds, not Words! Christine and co-founder of SCHRM, Janet Spring will provide an update on their work.

Brandon Amyot

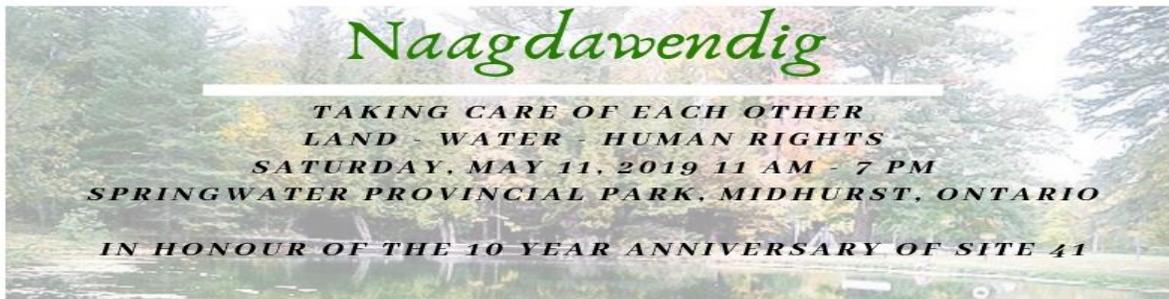
Brandon Rhéal (they/them pronouns) is a post-secondary student involved in community work, and activism. Growing up in Simcoe County for most of their life, they have been an avid volunteer and advocate for the past eight years, involved in initiatives focused on education, youth, diverse communities, and intersectional causes.

In 2010, they launched a anti-bullying campaign called Born This Way Day. From this, Brandon joined in the founding of Fierté Simcoe Pride. In secondary school, they were involved in various student clubs ranging from student governance and the GSA to the arts and mental health. They served as a Student Trustee on the Simcoe County District School Board from 2013 to 2014.

Brandon is current studying at Lakehead University (Orillia) in the Interdisciplinary Studies program, where they are specializing in Political Science and Media Studies. At Lakehead they have been involved with multiple campus groups, including in their role as the student union's Campaigns Commissioner and as [CFS Ontario](#)'s Two Spirit/Trans Constituency Commissioner. Brandon also has a diploma in Aboriginal Community and Social Development from Georgian College

With FSP, Brandon has served in several roles: Youth Representative (2012-2013), Secretary (2013-2017), and Co-Chair of the Awards Committee (2015-present). Brandon previously served on InterPride as the Regional Director for Canada (2016-2018).

Keegan Hobson



Keegan Hobson (he/him pronouns) is a post-secondary student who is active in his local communities through activism, volunteer work, community outreach and workshop facilitation. With an emphasis on at-risk queer and trans youth and utilizing harm reduction approaches, he is passionate about 2SLGBTQI+ rights, mental health advocacy and Indigenous movements.

Joining the Board of Fierté Simcoe Pride in 2016, he has worked alongside Georgian Pride as their Social Media Director and as a Board member of our neighbouring organization, Muskoka Pride.

Keegan is an alumnus of the Aboriginal Community and Social Development program at Georgian College, and is now attending Ryerson University in Toronto for his Bachelor of Social Work with a minor in Disability Studies.

First elected to the Board in 2016, he has served as the Regional Representative for Barrie in 2016, Vice Chair since 2017, and Secretary since 2018.

Brandon Stiles

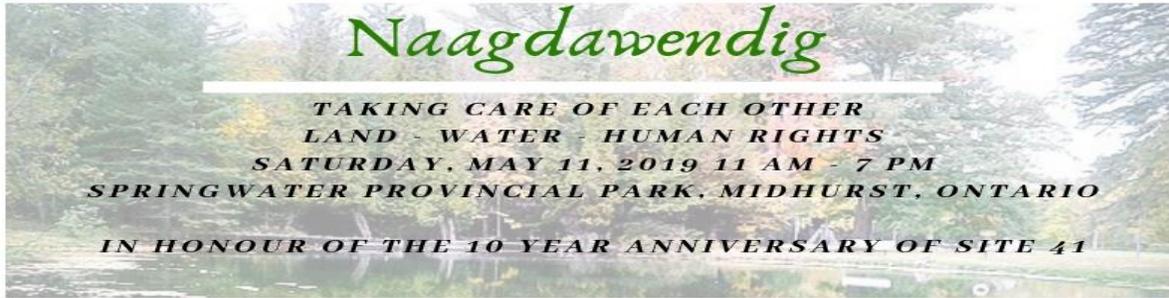
Brandon is an Ojibway from the Chippewas of Georgina Island and Rama First Nations in South Central Ontario. He has a background in tourism, employment services and Indigenous social development and has been working in Indigenous social services since 1998. He has been a successful manager, instructor, proposal writer, program coordinator and event planner and is a certified Career Development Practitioner, Essential Skills Practitioner and Job Club Coach. As a First Nations person, he has always had a vested interest in contributing to the development, enhancement and sustainability of social programs in Indigenous communities across the country.

Vicky Wolske

Vicky is an Anishinabe Kwe from Georgina Island, who has been working fiercely with other women to protect Lake Simcoe for future generations, guided by the teachings of the Midewiwin Lodge. She has been working towards language and cultural revitalization activities in her community, as well as being an advocate for water.

Vicki M. R. Monague

Vicki is an Ojibwe Anishinabe Kwe from Beausoleil First Nation of the wolf clan. She previously served as the South East Region Water Commissioner for the Union of Ontario Indians from 2010-2012. She is most remembered in this area for her lead role at Site 41, which stopped the development of a Tiny Township landfill on a pristine aquifer, where she personally faced a lawsuit, injunction & criminal charges. In 2013, Vicki was a lead coordinator of the Manido Gaaming Water Walk around Georgian Bay,



over 817 Kilometres. Over 120 people participated, representing 11 First Nations communities over the course of 17 days. In November 2017, she also planned & led the Water Walk from Cedar Point to the Teedon Pit Quarry in Tiny Township, to protect the sacred underground aquifers. Vicki has received multiple awards for activism & academic achievement in Ojibwe language & culture revitalization. In 2010 she was named a Legend by the Elizabeth Fry Society of Simcoe County Legends and Legacies Gala. She is a former elected official for Beausoleil First Nation and a graduate of Georgian College. Vicki is currently working towards an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at Lakehead University, Orillia.