

Encampment sweeps in Edmonton are yet another example of settler colonialism

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sought to maintain permanent restrictions on encampment evictions, and had been supported by many advocates in Edmonton, including those who submitted affidavits.

While the coalition's claims are important, appealing to human rights does not necessarily identify the depth of colonialism's role in the ongoing events.

Encampment evictions also happen in the context of treaty rights and the

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which are violated when Indigenous people are forcibly removed from land.


In the case of the sweep of one Edmonton encampment, a sacred fire was extinguished despite the agreement between an Elder and Edmonton police that a few tents and the fire could remain.

Jesse Thistle, a Métis-Cree assistant

professor at York University, has developed a definition of Indigenous homelessness that doesn't just encompass structure and property rights, but also land, traditions, ancestors and family — all of which amplify how the loss of community and relationships that are present at an encampment entrenches homelessness.


Housing scholar and activist Andrew Crosby uses the concept of domicide — the destruction of community

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The private sector housing experiment has failed: Ottawa must now step up on social housing

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was committed to this kind of housing after the Great Depression, but began to step away from it in the early 1990s.

With funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Social Housing and Human Rights coalition is bringing together researchers, advocates and people across Canada experiencing homelessness and housing precarity to raise public awareness about the causes and solutions

The Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO) applauds the unanimous decision made by the Supreme Court of Canada in favour of An Act Respecting First Nations, Métis and Inuit Children Youth and Families (The Federal Act, formerly Bill C-92).

"Today's ruling affirms what we have always known—that we have the authority to ensure our children remain close to their culture, tradition, values, language, and Nations. We will continue to prioritize our children to keep them healthy and safe based on First Nation family laws and customs," shared Grand Chief Jerry Daniels.

The decision made in Ottawa affirms the rights and jurisdiction First Nations have over child and family services. The Federal Act sets out principles that apply nationally, including the best interest of the child, cultural continuity, and substantive equality.

The Supreme Court's decision means that federal law will take priority over conflicting or inconsistent provisions of other laws. This ruling is a step in the right direction toward empowering First Nations families and

communities to make decisions about what is best for their children.

"First Nations have exercised jurisdiction over their children and families since time immemorial," shared Margaret Swan, Chair of the Southern First Nations Network of Care. "This unanimous ruling by the Supreme Court will enable our First Nations to fully implement family laws and customs based on their own traditions and values, in collaboration with wisdom from their elders. This ruling affirms the authority of First Nations to govern their own affairs and to develop their own laws and customs."

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CBC/Radio-Canada launches first-ever National Indigenous Strategy

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an Indigenous podcast initiative with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC).

Truth and Reconciliation — We will take meaningful actions toward reconciliation, for example by initiating a journey towards understanding. This initiative will include a historical review and comprehensive analysis, conducted within CBC/Radio-Canada's archives by a third party, of representations of the experiences and events affecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis. Centred on Indigenous voices, narratives, and experiences, the study will also provide recommendations for more respectful, inclusive, and accurate portrayals of Indigenous Peoples.

"Strengthening Relations, Walking Together honours the rich and diverse perspectives of First Nations, Inuit and Métis and reaffirms the national public broadcaster's commitment to strengthening relationships across this vast land and advancing Truth and Reconciliation. This strategy provides an important framework to measure our commitment to amplifying the voices of Indigenous creators and communities, as well as our own employees and leaders at CBC/Radio-Canada. While the public broadcaster cannot right the wrongs of the past, this strategy provides us a roadmap for greater learning, collaboration and understanding for the future." — *Catherine Tait, President and CEO, CBC/Radio-Canada.*

"I'm thrilled to see the launch of this first-ever National Indigenous Strategy. It's the culmination of years of work and engagement with First Nations, Inuit and Métis from coast to coast to coast. And it's more than words on a page — it's a vibrant promise of ongoing, two-way engagement with Indigenous Peoples. It's an invitation and an opportunity for everyone, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to join us on this journey." — *Inšise o16āices (twar)sexual(e)0o*

'Fortress' conservation policies threaten the food security of rural populations

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These policies must recognize people's rights of access to these landscapes to ensure dietary diversity in rural settings. Policies for sustainable forestry are also a key component of sustainable food systems.

Settling down

Human societies were nomadic for the

majority of our history. In turn, traditional diets were mostly comprised of wild foods, both plants and animals, that were harvested from the surrounding environment.

However, over time, communities became increasingly sedentary and relied more and more on foods that were cultivated, rather than those collected from the wild.

This process dramatically accelerated in the last century with the Green Revolution beginning in the 1940s, characterized by the increased dominance of monoculture agriculture. This shift is the greatest driver of forest and other habitat loss globally, resulting in the substantial



simplification of our diets.

However, we have since learned that biodiverse wild and naturalized species are integral in rural food consumption, contributing to diverse diets, better nutrition and overall health and well-being, often for the poorest members of society. In other words, diversity in diets is linked with better nutrition and improved overall health.

Up to 1.5 billion people globally depend on wild foods for nutrition and dietary diversity, particularly in the tropics. Building policies that protect people's rights to access these landscapes is of paramount importance to ensure such dietary diversity in many rural settings.

We must devote attention to people living in rural areas around the planet, where their access to wild foods — including those found in



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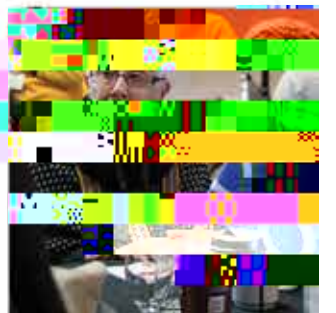
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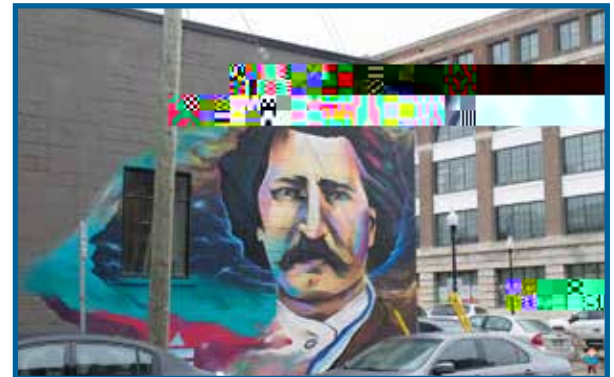
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The proliferation of technology for everyday living can be seen through ChatGPT writing term papers or robots serving meals at a restaurant.

Technology can also be used towards less utilitarian ends. Unfortunately, deepfakes — digitally altered images of people — can be used to spread misinformation.

A new edited volume, which I co-edited, considers the use of everyday technologies in the criminal justice system, ranging from detecting deception to web sleuthing to help law enforcement solve crime.

Technology and policing

Consider the use of body-worn cameras by police, as in the fatal shooting of Ontario Provincial Police Const. Greg Pierzchala in December 2022. Footage from his body camera will provide evidence during the trial of his accused killers.

Police investigations have also been aided by private citizen sleuths via technology, who gather evidence to help police identify criminals. This was the case with convicted murderer Luka Magnotta, where an online network identified him in cat torture videos and provided the information to law enforcement agencies.

Another use of technology can be for public surveillance for crime prevention through the

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The Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF), applauds the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, which supports our government and other Indigenous governments, affirming the rights of the Métis of the Red River and ensuring they are protected in our Canadian constitution.

“It gives us great relief to know that our children will be safe in our care and in our arms,” said David Chartrand, President of the MMF. “Our families will be rejoicing that we will never lose our children to outside forces again. Never will we have to face the external creation of laws and policies that are racial and discriminatory and have created so much devastation.”

The Government of the Red River Métis has been prepared for the transfer of authority found within C-92, and have been waiting to learn the results. Discussions have been completed and

the road is paved for the transfer of authority, forming a direct relationship with Canada that ensures our children are within our own laws and our own welfare system.

“Bill 92 has meant so much to us - it is the assurance that we have made headway in Canada,” said President Chartrand. “It shows that our laws too will be respected, along with our culture and our right to maintain and protect our families. We will be signing our Bill 92 agreement very shortly.”

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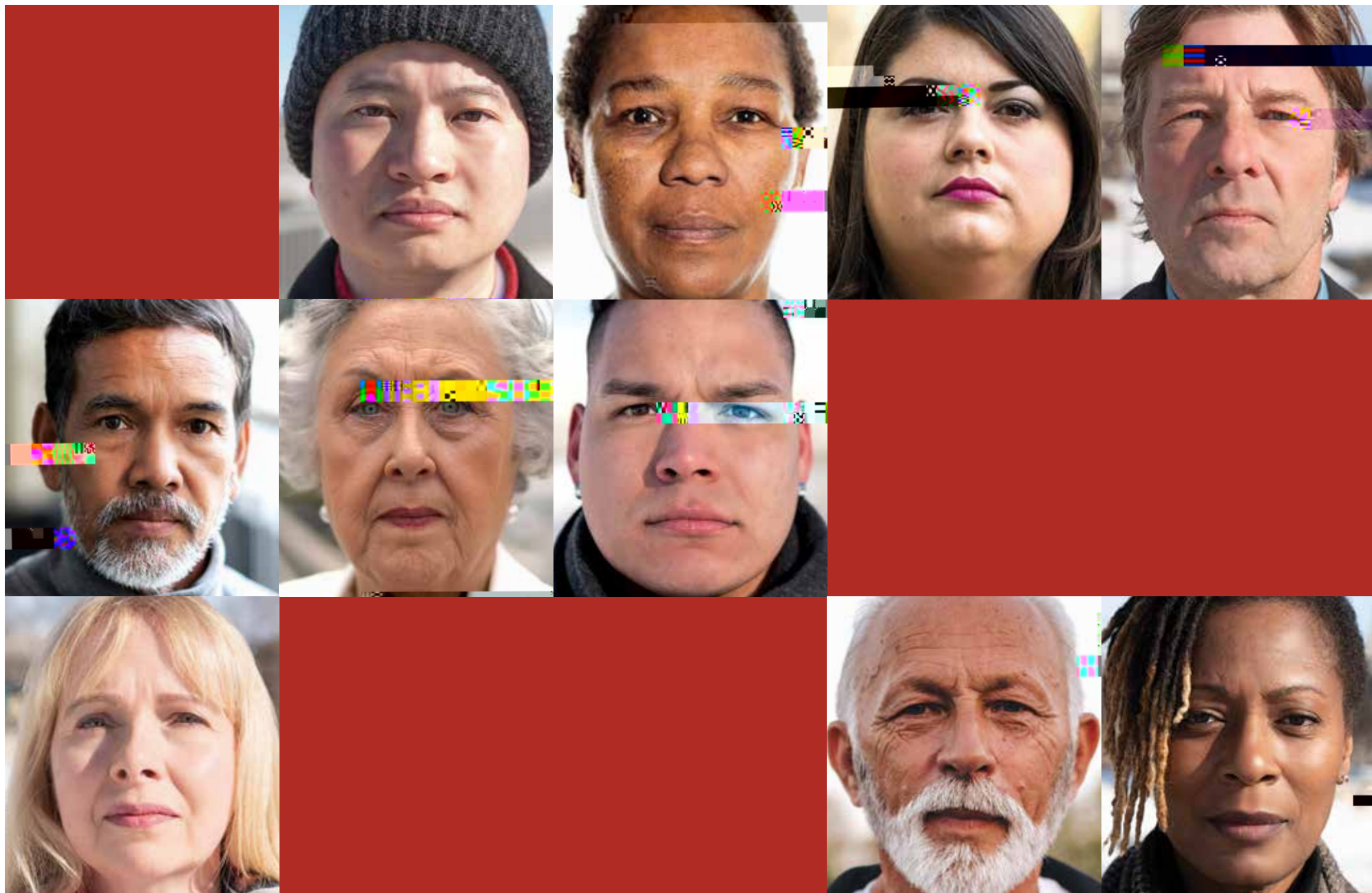
The Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO) is pleased to announce the appointment of Kevin Chief as Community Ambassador for the organization.

"Kevin Chief is a well-respected leader with a strong record of creating and supporting positive change in the communities he works with. The Southern Chiefs' Organization is pleased to announce that Kevin will be joining us in the role of Community Ambassador,"

The Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO) is expressing disappointment over harmful comments shared in Parliament last week.

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Investment to enhance Indigenous programming at Festival du Voyageur

Every year, cold weather, generations of heritage and heartwarming joy combine as Festival du Voyageur transforms Winnipeg's Whittier Park into a mid-winter cultural and artistic experience. As the largest Francophone event in Western Canada, this festival sees over 75,000 attendees and remains a critical tourism attraction for visitors and residents alike.

The Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister for PrairiesCan and Member of Parliament for St. Boniface – St. Vital announced \$99,000 for Festival du Voyageur to strengthen this important Manitoba tradition. This investment will support Indigenous culture, traditions, and art. With a focus on the history of Voyageurs and fur trade, Festival, which runs from February 16 to 25, will continue to shine light on Francophone, First Nations, and Métis culture in Manitoba.

"Festival du Voyageur is an important tradition that puts Manitoba's joie de vivre on display. Enhanced Indigenous programming at the festival will add to the experience of all festival goers. Festival is an important tourism draw for St. Boniface and brings communities together by welcoming all who enjoy winter for this uniquely Manitoba experience. Hé Ho!" – *The Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister for PrairiesCan, Member of Parliament for St. Boniface – St. Vital.*

"For over 50 years, the Festival du Voyageur has been a highlight of the winter for tourists and locals alike. Celebrating Winnipeg's many stories – Indigenous, Francophone and beyond – the festival is a Manitoba icon. I couldn't think of a better initiative for the very first project in the Prairies under the Tourism Growth Program!" – *The Honourable Soraya Martinez Ferrada, Minister of Tourism and Minister responsible for the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec.*

Creating space for Indigenous programming and perspectives is a key priority for Festival du Voyageur. The

history that we celebrate each year during the festival would not have been possible without the Indigenous Nations and Peoples that have called Manitoba home since time immemorial. Festival is proud to honour this important legacy, and with