



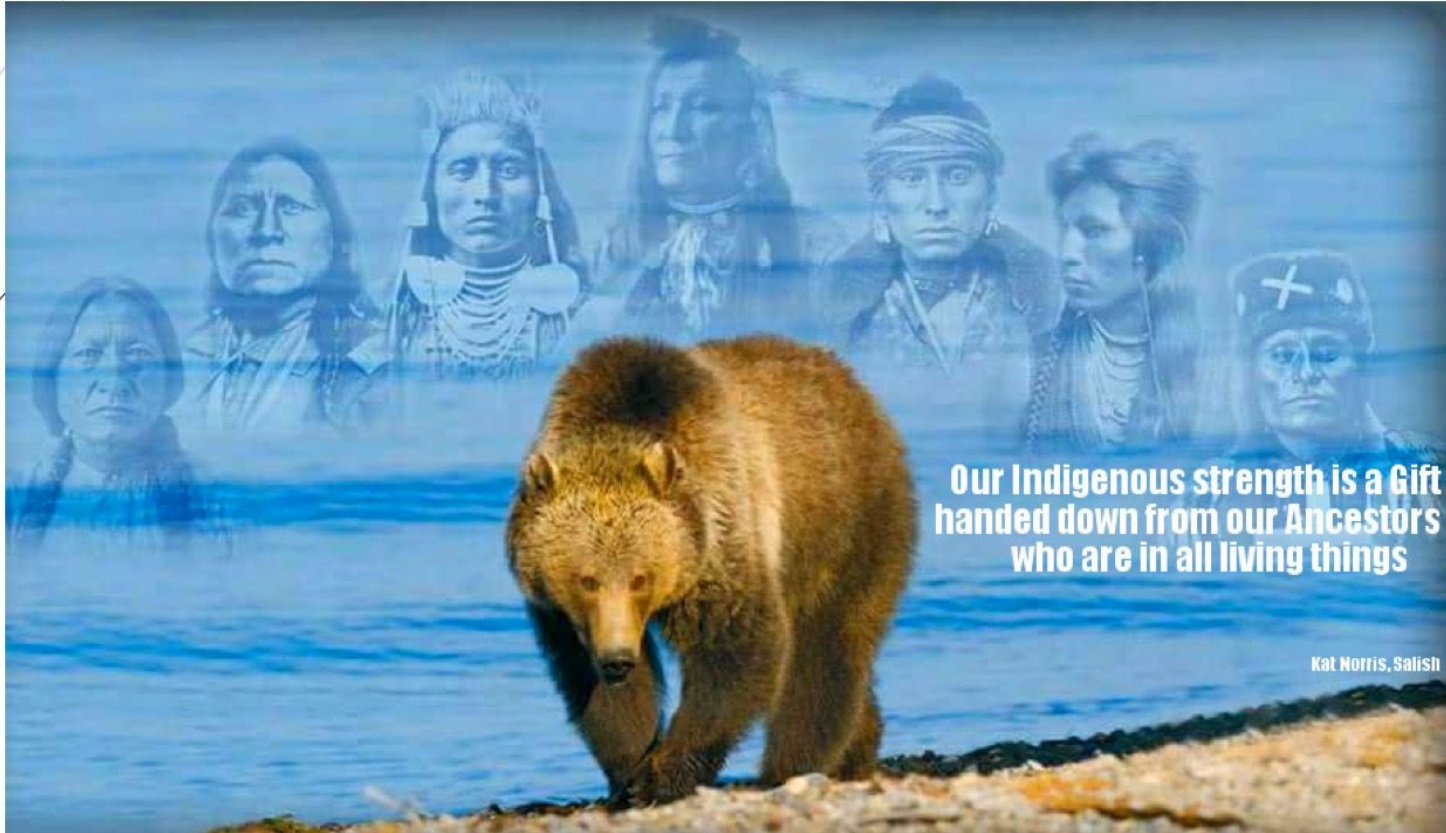
WITHOUT RESERVATION

A Survivor's Story

Part II:

Kat Norris

Loving Our Indigeneity (SP)

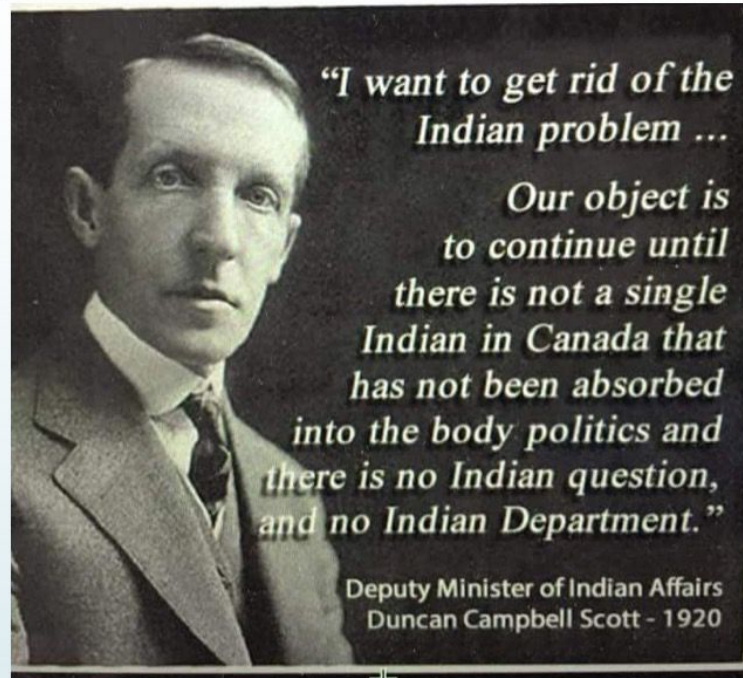


**Our Indigenous strength is a Gift
handed down from our Ancestors
who are in all living things**

Kat Norris, Salish

Salish Potlatch Cowichan





Usage of 'words' as power, to instill and instigate segregated thought, racism, taking away our reality as human beings.

In 1873 the American government killed 1.5 Million buffalo in that one year alone to starve the native Americans so they would be come more dependent on the American government to survive.



Genocide. Forced
Dependence.
Starved, we were
forced to move on to
reservations



"We will sign this contract with a heavy heart," George Gillette, N. Dakota tribe's chairman said at an emotional ceremony, in 1948 in Washington, D.C. Threats were made against his people, if he did not sign to allow for the Garrison Dam on the Missouri River. Photo published by the Associated Press.

"With a few scratches of the pen, we will sell the best part of our reservation. Right now the future doesn't look too good to us."



Partial Justice

It was the Obama administration who agreed to return nearly 25,000 acres around [Lake Sakakawea](#), which represents only a portion of the lost land, to its rightful owner.

The return of these lands is an important step toward mending a historic injustice, Tribal Chairman Mark Fox said on Tuesday. Half of our adult men were fighting for their country and their homes in World War II when the federal government began making plans to take our lands for the Garrison Dam."

"The flood caused by the dam displaced 90 percent of our people from their homes," "It literally destroyed our heartland."



The truth of First Nations monies, it does not come from the tax payers pocket.

Posted in Comment Section G&M:

Time to set everyone straight.

The Government of Canada is the trustee over First Nations Trust accounts worth today over \$2 trillion. It earns an annual interest of over \$35 billion.

All moneys transferred to First Nations for capital expenditures and for general administration, health, education etc. is drawn from the interest from those trusts. In fact the entire AAND budget is also drawn from those accounts, even though not all the money budgeted goes to the benefit of First Nations.

The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that the government must turn the trusts over to trustees selected by the individual First Nations. Yet the government refuses. Why? Because they don't have all that cash on hand, and any cash that is supposed to be there is used for our benefit as cash flow for the government.

Ever wonder where the stimulus money came from? That is it.

Over the years the trusts have been used to build all kinds of Canadian infrastructure, from the CN railway to the Welland Canal to Osgoode Hall, among many others.

So no taxpayer money is used to pay anything used by First Nations. It is all their own money and has been for over 150 years.

Canada Way 1929



North Vancouver 1893



Shaughnessy Street Poco 1912



Salish net fishing then & now



Salish Delegation 1906





Salish Canoe – Water is Life



Salish Clothing



Cedar Functional & Medicine



Salish Bone-Game “Lahal”



Duncan Scott:

in 1924 he proposed an amendment to the Indian Act that banned those under its jurisdiction from hiring lawyers (without the DIA's approval) to represent them in land and rights claims.

For these and many other contributions, experts call Scott the "architect of Indian policies" during the first decades of the twentieth century.

In 1920, Scott also pushed for and passed an amendment to the Indian Act making school attendance compulsory for all First Nations children less than 15 years of age. As a result of the amendment, indigenous enrollment rose to about 17,000 in all schools and to more than 8,000 in residential schools by the end of his tenure. According to Scott's reports, at this point, 75% of First Nations children were enrolled in some school, which he attributed to a growing motivation among them to take up Western education. Clearly, the fact that the education was now compulsory and that, since 1930, it included all children between the ages of 7 and 16 had something to do with these numbers.

While Scott did not think that education alone was sufficient for civilizing the Indigenous Peoples of Canada, he pushed heavily for it. When he mandated school attendance in 1920, he stated, *"I want to get rid of the Indian problem. I do not think as a matter of fact, that the country ought to continuously protect a class of people who are able to stand alone. . . . Our objective is to continue until there is not a single Indian in Canada that has not been absorbed into the body politic and there is no Indian question, and no Indian Department, that is the whole object of this Bill."*



Sir John A Macdonald

For years, government officials withheld food from aboriginal people until they moved to their appointed reserves, forcing them to trade freedom for rations. Once on reserves, food placed in ration houses was withheld for so long that much of it rotted while the people it was intended to feed fell into a decades-long cycle of malnutrition, suppressed immunity and sickness from tuberculosis and other diseases. Thousands died.

.They turned to Ottawa, expecting Macdonald to honour the [treaties](#) he had signed with them, guaranteeing food in times of famine and a livelihood in the thriving agrarian economy he envisaged for the western plains.

.But he spurned their request. He ordered officials at the Department of Indian Affairs in Prince Albert to withhold food from First Nations until they moved to federally designated reserves far from the path of the CPR. Once they complied, they were trapped. They could leave only with the permission of the government's Indian agent. Aboriginal women were raped. Men could not farm or hunt because they had no land and no freedom. If they complained, their rations were cut. Even if they were pliant, the food was substandard. One contaminated shipment triggered a mass outbreak of tuberculosis.