



Treaty No. 6 Territory

Wicapi Omani *“Walks Among the Stars”* best known as Gord Downie truly does now walk among the Stars. “In our teachings, the person’s journey to be with the ancestors is determined by the actions done in this life on Mother Earth” shared Grand Chief Willie Littlechild. “The work he compiled to bring awareness of those who experienced the Indian Residential School era in Canada added to the reconciliation we continue to strive for, that along with his music, poetry and other achievements, I am confident his journey is on a good path.”

Mr. Downie was moved by the story of a young 12 year old Anishinaabe boy who died after running away from the residential school in northern Ontario while trying to get home, Chanie Wenjack. He developed a multi-media project called “The Seretary Path” that includes a book, album and animated film based on poems and music by Gord Downie.

As one of the Commissioners to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada on the Indian Residential School era, Grand Chief Littlechild agrees that the project headed by Mr. Downie has advanced the discussion to reconcile a dark part of Canadian history. “As a former student and hockey player of the Indian Residential Schools, and as a Commissioner, I understand there is much work still to be done to bring true reconciliation and I admire the efforts of Gord to help.”

“Our Chiefs travelled to Gatineau last December to participate in the honouring of Gord at the Assembly of First Nations; it was truly of moving experience to meet the man and to give thanks on behalf of our Indigenous peoples. I was also there to witness his induction as a member of the Order of Council.”

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