



KEEPER OF MY HOME

Teaching Children and Young People About Caring for a Home

SPOTLIGHT ON INDIGENOUS CONTRIBUTORS

Keeper of My Home (KMH) is a free digital educational resource for First Nation students, from Kindergarten to Grade 12, attending schools on-reserve. The resource, which includes both classroom materials and e-learning games, teaches students about caring for a home. Here are some of the dedicated individuals behind Keeper of My Home!

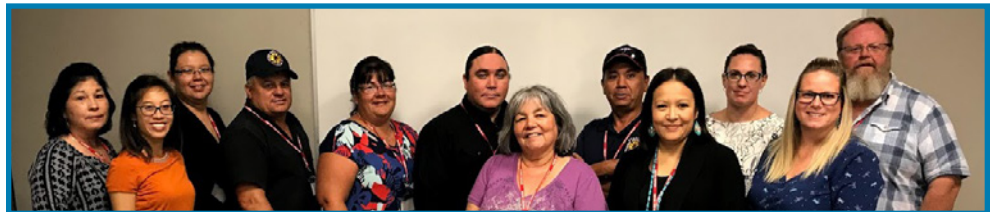
Resource Developers

Three very important contributors have lead the development of the resource. These experts have ensured that the content fits within provincial or territorial curriculums and is both age and culturally appropriate.

- **Susan Beaudin**, Director of Education, Sakimay First Nation (from Cowessess First Nation)
- **Lorraine Bellegarde**, Consultant, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (retired), Saskatoon, Sask.
- **Marnie Ross**, Vice-principal, Saskatoon Public Schools and Educational Consultant, Red Earth Cree Nation, Sask. (currently resides in Saskatoon)

Steering Committee

KMH was developed, in large part, thanks to a steering committee made up of Indigenous education and housing experts. Its members, past and present, have acted as advisors, bringing their expertise and regional perspective to the project.



PAST MEMBERS

- **Martha Campiou**, Elder, Cree Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Awareness Teacher and Facilitator for Regional Education Institutions and Organizations including First Nation Communities, President of the Alberta Indigenous Games for Youth, Driftpile First Nation Member, Edmonton, Alberta resident
- **Claudette Commanda**, CEO, First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres, Ottawa, Ont. (FN community Kitigan Zibi Algonquin Anishinabeg)
- **Wayne Christian**, Tribal Chief, Secwepemc Nation, B.C.
- **Lorne Keeper**, Executive Director, Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre, Winnipeg, Man.
- **Rebecca Majoy**, Saskatoon, Sask.
- **Fred McGregor**, Ottawa, Ont.
- **Gwen Merrick**, Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre, Winnipeg, Man.

CURRENT MEMBERS

- **Pauline Auger**, Retired teacher, Bigstone Cree Nation, Treaty 8 Territory, Alta.
- **Ben Benedict**, Housing Manager, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Ont./Que.
- **Sally Duff**, Director of Housing, Pictou Landing, N.S.
- **Brent Johnson**, Frontier School Division, Winnipeg, Man.
- **Darlene Marshall**, Director of Housing, Eskasoni, N.S., Chair of the Atlantic Housing Network, Chair of the First Nation Housing Professional Association
- **Marnie Ross**, Vice-principal, Saskatoon Public Schools and Educational Consultant, Red Earth Cree Nation, Sask. (currently resides in Saskatoon)
- **Chris Scribe**, Director of Indian Teacher Education, College of Education, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask.
- **Natasha Spence**, Housing Coordinator, Opaskwayak, Man.
- **Corey Tarbell**, Building Inspector, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Ont./Que.

Content Reviewer

In addition to being a Resource Developer and Steering Committee member, **Marnie Ross** was entrusted to review the classroom content and the storyboards for the e-learning games. She was instrumental in providing feedback on cultural references, traditional teachings, character design, graphic sketches, and much more.

Artists and Authors

Keeper of My Home has been brought to life with the help of talented Indigenous artists and authors.

Brent Morrisseau, an Ojibway member of Sagkeeng First Nation in Manitoba, was commissioned to work on the logo. Brent has a unique understanding of Indigenous issues and visual esthetics in branding and design.



Jay Odjick from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation, Quebec, is an artist, author and television producer. He's known for his graphic novel *Kagagi: The Raven*, which has been adapted as a TV series airing on APTN. Recently, he's illustrated Robert Munsch's novel *Blackflies*. Jay has drawn a number of key graphics for Keeper of My Home.

The following authors have contributed short stories to the e-learning games. They are all previous winners of Historica Canada's *Indigenous Arts & Stories* contest, the largest and most recognizable competition of its kind in Canada for Indigenous youth.

Sarina Bouvier is a Métis writer from the Okanagan Valley, in British Columbia, where she is studying history and anthropology at the University of British Columbia Okanagan.

Cyan-Raven Gielewska is currently residing in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, and is attending Eastwood Collegiate Institute as part of the Integrated Arts Program.

Stephanie Wesley is a freelance writer from Lac Seul First Nation, Ontario, currently residing in Thunder Bay. She has written for several publications, including *Wawatay News*. Role modelling and storytelling are two aspects of Indigenous culture that Stephanie has embraced the most, and she hopes to uplift and inspire other Indigenous people young and old through writing.



Voice Actors

To ensure authenticity and direction of Keeper of My Home, an Indigenous cast was sought for the recording of both the English and French e-learning games. The vast majority of voice actors are Indigenous peoples and are from the Ottawa and Montréal regions.

Feedback from Communities

First Nations across Canada were contacted to test and provide feedback on the Grade 6 materials. First-hand feedback was received from teachers/facilitators and students from the following communities: Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Ontario; Ahkwesáhsne Mohawk Board of Education, Ontario/Quebec; Eskasoni, Nova Scotia; Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg, Quebec.

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