

# Canada

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## **ON THE ROAD WITH GOING THE DISTANCE.**

GD Project Supervisor, Elaine Cairns and Vice Chair, GD National Indigenous Advisory Circle, Ted Norris, went the distance across Canada speaking to an enthusiastic response from Indigenous organizations, politicians, community groups, employees and employers. We are pleased to announce that the project has already been extended for an additional year to November 2021.

Here are some of the connections that have been made:

**Mandie Abrams – Hospitality  
Training Centre, Toronto**



A delight, meeting Mandie and the trainees working at the Hawthorne.  
Potential new partner working with our pilot site, Saugeen First Nation.



Thanks to Donnalee Bell, Suzanne Klinga, and Lisa Semchuk for meeting with us. It was great to discuss the GD project and learn more about the work of the Canada Career Development Foundation. We greatly appreciate their making new connections for us and sharing information about career development in Canada.

Senator Yvonne Boyer



Brigid Hayes (LES Specialist)



Giving us expert advice  
on the GD project.

**Elaine was pleased to attend at the invitation of CEO Phillip Mondor of Tourism HR Canada –  
their Labour Market Forum on tourism in Ottawa.**



What a great learning opportunity  
and chance to make local, provincial  
and national connections.

**Next, the launch of our work in a third province – Saskatchewan.**

**It was an honour to tour Wanuskewin Heritage Park and meet with CEO, Darlene Brander.**



**Wanuskewin Heritage Park**



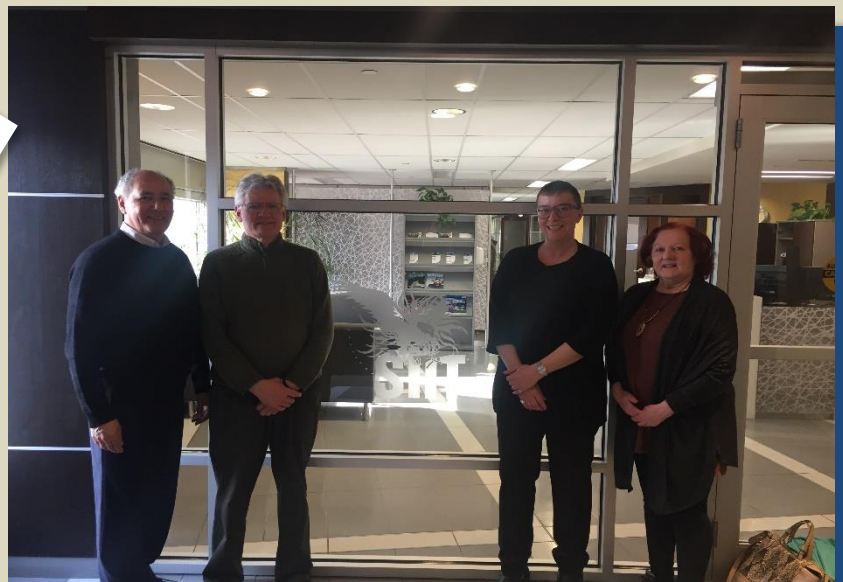
**Darlene Brander - CEO**

A pleasure to meet with Marilyn Poitras, Ethical Space Designer, Director at Wiyasiwewin Mikiwahp Native Law Centre and Master of Laws, and Candace Wasacase- Lafferty, Director of Indigenous Initiatives, University of Saskatchewan. The Gordon Oakes Red Deer Student Centre, is amazing and serves as a model to others.



**Candace Wasacase-Lafferty and Marilyn Poitras  
at Gordon Oakes Student Centre**

Then a visit to Saskatchewan Institute of Technology and an excellent meeting with Lorain Kennedy, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Grant Young, Associate Dean of Trades and Industrial Programs.



**Grant Young & Lorain Kennedy at the  
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT)**



**What a pleasure to meet with Darren Prefontaine at Gabriel Dumont Institute, Culture and Research. A special highlight was seeing the largest public collection of the art work of Christi Belcourt.**



**Darren Prefontaine, Gabriel Dumont Institute, Culture & Research**

And the JOURNEY continues!

Next Stop Nova Scotia and the beautiful town of

ANTIGONISH.



Home to the Prestigious ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

UNIVERSITY/COADY INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE.



Eileen Alma, COADY Institute, Director of Women and Indigenous programming (St Francis Xavier University), Elaine Cairns, E.D. Further Education Society (FESA), Teal Dratowany, Going the Distance Project Manager (FESA) at a partnership meeting in Antigonish.



Meeting with staff at the COADY Institute Elaine and Teal visited the campus May 24 to 25 as a follow-up to the COADY facilitated ABCD workshop held at FESA's offices in April. The

ABCD workshop trained FESA staff and representatives of First Nations communities in [Asset-Based Citizen-Led Development](#) (ABCD) principles.

COADY Institute Director, Eileen Alma hosted the meeting, introduced Elaine and Teal to other COADY staff including Executive Director Gord Cunningham. They were also fortunate to join in some of the

final classes of the Global women's leadership training and the ABCD training to International students. Elaine and Teal attended the inspiring graduation ceremony the following day. Congratulations to all the 2019 COADY grads!

With shared philosophies and approaches to building community capacity, there was much to discuss around a partnership between COADY and FESA's Going the Distance project. For exciting details click on the link to read COADY's article announcing the partnership <https://coady.stfx.ca/coady-fesa-partnership-going-the-distance/>



Elaine and Teal at Antigonish Harbour!





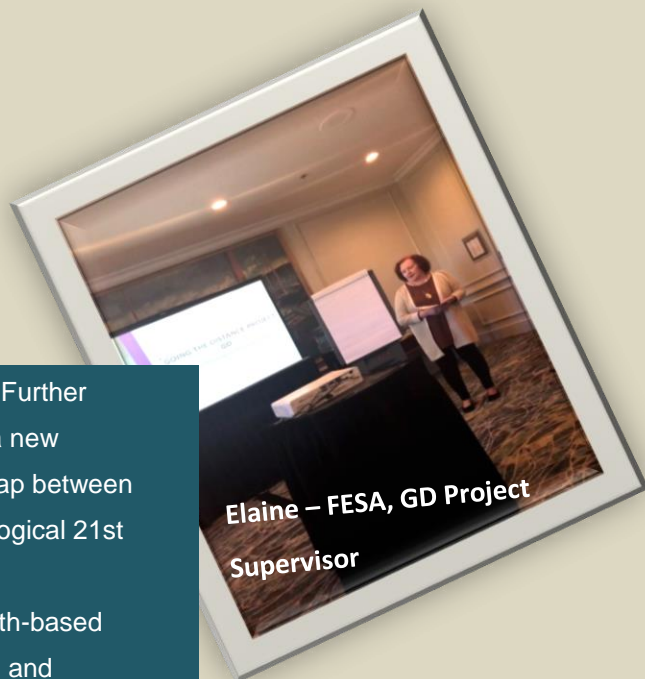
## Halifax! Canadian Evaluation Society - "Bridges that connect" Conference.

The Further Education Society (FESA) in partnership with DIG Insights Inc. presents the

Photo Voice app at the  
2019 CES Conference in May



Ted – FESA, Regional Community Facilitator



Elaine – FESA, GD Project Supervisor

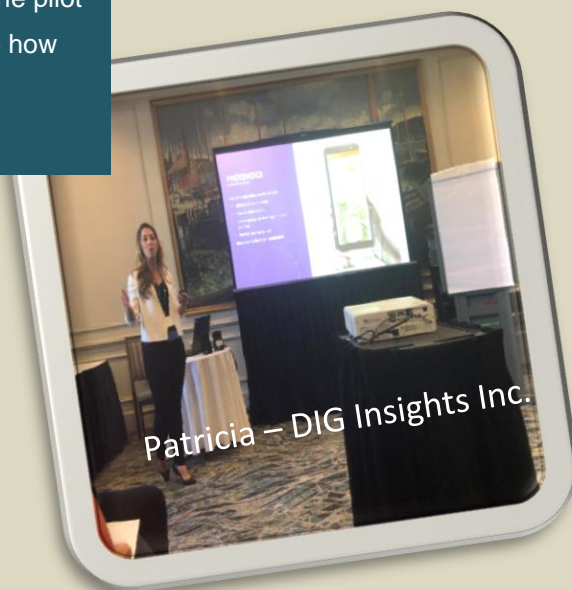
Dig Insights, in partnership with the Further Education Society, has developed a new photovoice app to help bridge the gap between traditional storytelling and a technological 21st century.

Taking the lead from FESA's strength-based approach, Dig developed a rigorous and innovative methodology to measure the impact the program has had on participants understanding, development and application of their essential skills in their daily lives.

This presentation included an overview of the pilot project, evaluation approach, and dove into how the PhotoVoice app has been successful in measuring impact



Teal – FESA, GD project manager



Patricia – DIG Insights Inc.



Welcome to the beautiful city of Halifax where nature  
and food meet.

Walking around Halifax seaport you can see and feel that Halifax is a  
town where the landscape and people speak for itself. Halifax is a modern  
city full of history. The shops, restaurants and tourism operators offer  
authentic tourism experiences.





## GD and The Senate



Happy Bunch – Elaine, Ted and staff of the Senate of Canada, exploring an Indigenous Youth Employment Initiative.

Then to Ottawa for the *Youth Indigenize the Senate 2019* event.

GD Project was part of this memorable youth event at the Senate in Ottawa. The exciting and interesting initiative brings Indigenous youth to Ottawa. Their participation and testimony on their priorities and concerns will help senators forge a strong relationship with Canada and First Nations, Inuit and Métis youth.





WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2019 - Senate, Ottawa.



**Welcoming Ceremonies**



**Elders, Youth and Senators**



**Ted & Elaine in the Senate  
Chambers**



**Elaine and Ted with Inuit Elder, Manitok  
Thompson, an old friend of FESA's, at the Senate**

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