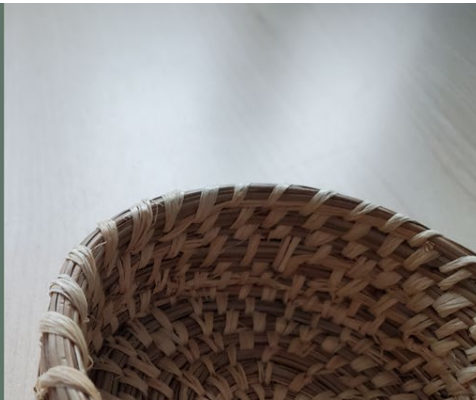


# WEAVING WISDOM

Integrating Ways  
of Knowing &  
Learning in ABE



## 2024 Adult Basic Education Association of BC Conference

Dates: April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Location: Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, BC

### Conference Theme and Keynote Speakers

The 2024 ABEABC Conference is titled “Weaving Wisdom: Integrating Ways of Knowing and Learning in ABE”. This theme was chosen by the ABEABC executive committee in hopes of honoring truth and reconciliation in education, to acknowledge the life experiences and learning of our students, and to celebrate diversity.

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### Introducing Opening Keynote Speaker Ted Gottfriedson

Our opening keynote speaker is Ted Gottfriedson. Ted is from the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, as are his parents. He and his wife Sharon have been married for over 30 years and have four children and one amazing little granddaughter.

Ted is a passionate lifelong learner of his culture and language. Through the years and wonderful mentors, Ted has learned and experienced the magnificence, the joy, and the interminable knowledge found in the ancient language and culture of the Secwépemc.

His journey through experiencing and appreciating our ways of knowing has gifted many things: a sense of belonging, a sense of self, and a sense of dignity — which collectively have helped him in realizing healing and happiness.

Ted has taught in the Kamloops/Thompson School District, Simon Fraser University, and Thompson Rivers University, with a combined experience of 25 years. He also worked for Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc for six years in the Language and Culture Department; through the creation and implementation of programs, documentation and research, and policy development, the department worked—and has continued to work—towards the revitalization of Secwépemc language and culture.

With TRU being located on the ancestral, unceded territory of the Secwépemc, and the Kamloops Campus on the Tk'emlupsemcúlecw to be specific, Ted looks forward to this excellent opportunity to share the Secwépemc ways of knowing with the participants of this year's conference. It is his hope for all to gain an understanding of the Secwépemc, while developing a healthy connection to this beautiful land they are visiting.



## Introducing Closing Keynote Speaker: Roxane Letterlough

**Mixalhíts'a7** a proud member of the St'at'imc Nation and a devoted mother of three, embodies the values of her Indigenous heritage in all facets of her life. She has a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degree from Simon Fraser University; a Master's degree from the University of British Columbia; and is a Doctoral Candidate at the University of Waikato in New Zealand under the supervision of esteemed

scholar Dr. Linda Tuhiwai Smith.

Her research intertwines academia with ancestral wisdom; centering on storywork, a profound method of healing and reclaiming narratives, focusing on the experiences of her mother and two sisters at residential school and their subsequent journey to healing. Through her research, she seeks to amplify Indigenous women voices, honour intergenerational research and resilience, and contribute to the ongoing process of truth and reconciliation.

Mixalhíts'a7 is deeply committed to language revitalization efforts within her community. She is currently entering her third year in the language mentor-apprentice program for St'at'imcets. Her experience as a former classroom teacher in Indigenous-based schools further informs her research and advocacy work, grounding her academic endeavors in the realities of Indigenous education. Guided by Indigenous values of reciprocity, respect, and interconnectedness, Roxane continues to be a trailblazer in the field of Indigenous education, weaving together traditional knowledge with contemporary scholarship to create meaningful change.

## Tentative Schedule

An updated schedule will be available closer to the event date.

### **Day 1, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	Registration and Coffee	TRU Campus, Old Main
<b>9:30</b>	Welcome from Elder - Cecil Mercer Drumming by the TRUSU Drumming Club Keynote Speaker: Ted Gottfriedson	TRU Campus, Old Main
<b>10:45</b>	Morning Coffee Break	TRU Campus, Old Main
<b>11:00</b>	Breakout session 1	TRU Campus, Old Main
<b>12:00</b>	Lunch and AGM	TRU Campus, Old Main
<b>1:30 pm</b>	Breakout session 2	TRU Campus, Old Main
<b>2:30</b>	Afternoon Coffee Break	TRU Campus, Old Main
<b>3:00</b>	Breakout session 3	TRU Campus, Old Main
<b>4:00</b>	Conference break	TRU Campus, Old Main
<b>6:00</b>	Banquet Dinner	Best Western Premier – conference room

### **Day 2, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	Registration and Coffee	TRU Campus, Old Main
<b>9:30</b>	Breakout Session 4	TRU Campus, Old Main
<b>10:30</b>	Breakout session 5	TRU Campus, Old Main
<b>11:30</b>	ABEABC Board Meeting	TRU Campus, Old Main

<b>12:00 pm</b>	Lunch	TRU Campus, Old Main
<b>1:00</b>	Closing Keynote Presentation Roxane Letterlough	TRU Campus, House of Learning
<b>2:30</b>	Afternoon Coffee Door Prizes Conference Closing	TRU Campus, Old Main