

Report from Saskatchewan, January 9, 2025

On Tuesday, January 7 the STS Executive took part in a Professional Learning opportunity – Reconciliation: Moving Toward Transformative Understanding and Action. It was facilitated by a member of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation. She took many excerpts from Jody Wilson-Raybould's book "True Reconciliation: How to be a Force for Change". I can't begin to summarize the three hours we spent in discussions and activities but we did discuss the Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1996), the 94 "calls to action" provided by The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (2015) and The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (2019),

The STS membership is 12,356 as of January 6, 2025.

The STS has 40 chapters and each has the opportunity for a \$500 Special Projects Grant to host an event to "Celebrate Older Persons" or an event related to "Truth and Reconciliation". We have received 12 applications so far.

We are proposing that our annual fee remain at \$30 which has not changed since 2006. The rebate to chapters is: \$1000 plus \$8 per member.

We learned at the meeting that we lost a member of our Group Benefits Plan to RTOERO's Group plan. This was due to their travel rules allowing each trip to be 90 days as opposed to our 65 days.

Last, but not least, the Executive accepted a recommendation from The Recreation Committee to host a provincial Pickleball Tournament in Regina. This will be held on June 18 and 19 at a facility that has 12 pickleball courts.