

Our Charter – Our Rights

40th Anniversary Conference on the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Fauteux Hall, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

DAY TWO: Friday 17 June

Plenary

9:00 – 9:15 Opening and blessing [Claudette Commanda, Elder-in-Residence uOttawa CML – TBD]

9:15 – 10:30 40 Years for Human Rights – Recalling the Challenges and Progress

- Huguette Labelle *confirmed*
- Professor Edward Ratushny TBC
- William Pentley J. TBC

10:30 – 11:00 Health Break

11:00 – 12:30 Filling Gaps – Environment, Economic & Social Rights, Full Inclusion

- Elizabeth May MP TBC
- James Burton QC [Doughty Street Chambers] *confirmed*
- Dr Murtazah Shaikh [UK Ofcom Hate Speech and Social Media Advisor] *confirmed*
- Dr Fernand de Varennes [UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues] *confirmed*

LUNCH

13:30 – 14:45 The Fourth Branch: Towards Effective Implementation

- Marie-Claude Landry [Chief Commissioner CHRC – 45th Anniversary] *confirmed*
- Kasari Govender [Commissioner, BC Human Rights Commissioner] *confirmed*
- Patricia DeGuire [Chief Commissioner of the OHRC – 60th anniversary] *confirmed*
- Marie-Josée Houle [Federal Housing Rights Advocate] TBC

14:45 – 15:00 Health Break

15:00 – 16:15 The Human Rights Based Approach: All Human Rights for All

- Professor Alan Miller [Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission] *confirmed*

16:15 – 17:30 Reconciliation with Full Lives in Dignity and Rights

- Natan Obed [President, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami] *confirmed*

DINNER

18:30 – 21:00 Ottawa launch of “**The Cost of Freedom**” documentary of refugee journalists in Canada, followed by discussion with film-maker James Cullingham and featured refugee journalist Luis Horacio Nájera *confirmed*