

1 Opening Remarks

Tom Porter



Tom Porter, a Mohawk Elder from Cornwall Island, Ontario, is the traditional chief of a group of people who have removed themselves from many of the influences of colonization and have instead made a conscious effort to remain traditional in their beliefs and in their teachings. His wisdom and guidance are sought by Native peoples throughout North America.

We respect the wishes of Mr. Porter that his words would not be published—but rather that participants continue to feel his presence and his blessings as they continue on their paths toward higher learning.