



First Nations Tax Commission
Commission de la fiscalité des premières nations

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To whom it may concern:

RE: YOU CAN CALL ME ROGER, documentary film, Popular Demand Pictures

I was born on the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation. With the unwavering support of my mother, my father became the Chief of the Kamloops Indian Band. Following a tenure as a Councillor, I followed him in that role and served as Chief from 1984-2000.

As a Band councillor in the late 1970s I was part of the decision for community to take over the premises occupied by Kamloops residential school and incorporate the facility within our community to help bring back our language, history and culture, as well as our governmental institutions and use it to help heal the past, deal with the present, and also begin to prepare us for the future.

The discovery of the unmarked graves in May 2021 on the property was a real wake-up call for all of the injustice suffered by our people.

I feel optimism about the future. First Nations, Indigenous people have proven their resilience. Optimism is the basis of constructive change.

I support the documentary film *You Can Call Me Roger* because it's important for Canadians to continue to grow their understanding of the truth of our history, as difficult as it may be, and find the intersections of truth in the history of Canada. This film is a small part of that healing process.

My friend Roger Augustine is a courageous gentleman and an ally for many years. He is grounded in his philosophy and his spirituality. His continued work and his legacy will move the healing forward.

Sincerely,

FIRST NATIONS TAX COMMISSION

C.T. (Manny) Jules
Chief Commissioner