

Perry Bellegarde

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We focus on bringing back Indigenous languages, ceremonies, cultures, traditions - all that was lost over the past 150 years. This is how we'll generate hope - for all Canadian people.

~Perry Bellegarde

If you want to change a mind, there's no better way than a dialogue over coffee.

~Perry Bellegarde

My dad died when I was 17. He had heart and other problems. He was a good father, lots of love. But he was affected by it. When he died, mom picked up the reins and raised six boys all on her own.

~Perry Bellegarde

Living on reserve we hunted; we fished; we trapped. We lived off the land. If we didn't hunt, we didn't eat. In summer, we hauled water from the slough. In winter, we hauled in snow to heat for water.

~Perry Bellegarde

Indigenous languages are Canada's national treasures. They are our identity. We simply have to put greater effort into rejuvenating and revitalizing them. It is key to moving forward.

~Perry Bellegarde

We are a nation within a nation.

~Perry Bellegarde

In Cree, an *oskâpâwîs* is a servant or a helper, someone who hauls in rocks for sweats, or pipes or medicines. I equate that to leadership. You're a servant or helper of people.

~Perry Bellegarde

I experienced racism in different settings: I was followed in stores, in cars. The way you experience racism depends on how you deal with it.

My memories of Goodeve are good ones.

~Perry Bellegarde

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