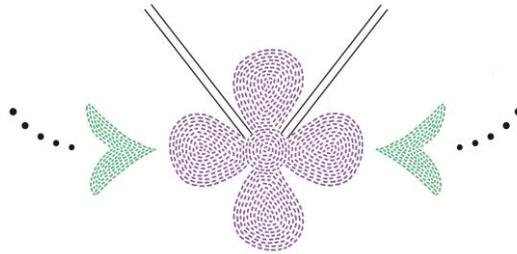


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--- Upon commencing on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: My name is Daria --

MOTHER BEAR: M'hm.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: -- Boyarchuk. And I'm -- My name is Daria Boyarchuk, and I'm a statement gatherer for the National Inquiry for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Today's October 30th. And we're about to hear the story that Mother Bear has come in to share about her grandparents. Mother Bear and her grandparents are both First Nations. Could you please state your name?

MOTHER BEAR: *Giju' Mui'n*, means Mother Bear.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Thank you. And we are also here in the presence of the health support worker.

MS. LINDA THOM-FRANCIS: Linda Thom-Francis (ph), the resolution health support.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Thank you. Mother Bear, could you please confirm that you voluntarily come -- agree to have liberty -- the -- your -- to give your -- your testimony today?

MOTHER BEAR: Yes, I agree.

MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Thank you. Okay. So you have come in here today to -- to talk about your -- your grandparents as I understand. What is their -- like,

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1 what story would you like to share with us and with the
2 commissioners?

3 **MOTHER BEAR:** My dad, he told me this long
4 time ago. I was brought up by Elders. My dad is born
5 1927. And he told me that his parents went across Bras
6 d'Or Lake --

7 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

8 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- to sell baskets. And it was
9 also -- another family were on the boat too, and they never
10 returned back. And this is 78 years ago. And he was 12.

11 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay. You had said
12 7 -- 78 years ago. When it -- when is it exactly, 78 years
13 ago from today?

14 **MOTHER BEAR:** It was back in 1939.

15 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** 1939.

16 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

17 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

18 **MOTHER BEAR:** When he was 12. Twelve years-
19 old that time when he -- the last time he seen his parents
20 -- took off on the boat.

21 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** When he was 12 years-
22 old?

23 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

24 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

25 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. And I asked him

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1 questions. Like, he believed that they drowned.

2 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

3 **MOTHER BEAR:** And as me growing up, they
4 would have washed up somewhere because it's just Bras d'Or
5 Lake. And they -- he said it was a beautiful day, wasn't
6 cold, it wasn't rainy or anything. And the -- and he also
7 said the boat was a brand new boat. And, I guess, that's
8 what they did, they were -- they go and make their baskets
9 and they go sell it across the lake, Bras d'Or Lake. And
10 it's Big Pond area --

11 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

12 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- Big Pond area come -- it's
13 the only two -- Big Pond.

14 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay. So they crossed
15 this lake, as I understand it.

16 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

17 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

18 **MOTHER BEAR:** Bras d'Or Lake, yeah.

19 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

20 **MOTHER BEAR:** And I ask him, why didn't you
21 go with them? He said, "I couldn't because" -- he was
22 looking after his brother. And -- and people came and
23 asked questions too.

24 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

25 **MOTHER BEAR:** Of, you know, in that time they

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1 recorded my father on an old cassette tape. And they
2 recorded him. And they were from North Sydney before.
3 They were living in --

4 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Your grandparents?

5 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

6 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

7 **MOTHER BEAR:** They were living in North
8 Sydney, and he was born in North Sydney. He was born in
9 the wigwam, and that's 1927. And from that, it looks like
10 three, he looked like he was three. Then there was
11 civilization. Then they were moved to Eskasoni that time.
12 And the man that recorded him, he's not here now, he passed
13 away not -- not too long ago, the one that recorded him.
14 Because he tried to figure things out, like what happened.
15 And he came to my dad, and he -- they found the boat, they
16 found the basket, and they found a gun. There was nothing
17 wrong with the boat. There was, like, he investigated the
18 boat. And -- and they told me also that time -- sometime
19 it tends to go back to the story, if I remembered.

20 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

21 **MOTHER BEAR:** Don't mind me. Like,

22 I --

23 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Of course. Yes.

24 **MOTHER BEAR:** Just -- and they -- what do you
25 call that? They dragged -- they dragged the bottom of the

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1 Bras d'Or Lake. The Mi'kmaq people, they went on their
2 boats and they dragged.

3 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

4 **MOTHER BEAR:** Dragged that whole lake. They
5 didn't find nothing. And when he told my dad -- now, I'm
6 going back to the man that --

7 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

8 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- about the boat and all that.

9 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Mother Bear, could you
10 please clarify, for who was this man? Was it a police
11 officer?

12 **MOTHER BEAR:** No.

13 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** So he was a member of
14 the community?

15 **MOTHER BEAR:** Mi'kmaq man from
16 (indiscernible). Mi'kmaq man from Eskasoni. His name is
17 Gregory Johnson (ph).

18 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Gregory?

19 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

20 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Gregory Johnson.

21 **MOTHER BEAR:** Gregory Johnson.

22 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

23 **MOTHER BEAR:** ~~And he used mind --~~ I [He's the
24 one that] recorded my dad.

25 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** What was the

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1 relationship between him and your grand --

2 **MOTHER BEAR:** I don't know if they're related
3 or any -- I don't know that.

4 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

5 **MOTHER BEAR:** But his -- his brother wife is
6 related to my dad.

7 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** He's Gregory's
8 brother?

9 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

10 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

11 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah, Ernest Johnson's (ph)
12 wife is related to my dad. It's his uncle.

13 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

14 **MOTHER BEAR:** And he showed my dad a basket.
15 I remember him bringing a basket. And the basket was
16 probably this round. And it had, like, ball -- like, a
17 ball shape on each corner. And he showed it to my dad and
18 he said -- and my dad looked at him, and he said, "Yes.
19 This is my mom's work." And you could tell it's really old
20 because wood tends to age, and turns darker colour -- it's
21 just when it's black ash.

22 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

23 **MOTHER BEAR:** It'll tend to age. And I'm
24 just trying to remember what year was it? I think I was 20
25 -- 21.

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1 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: 1921?

2 MOTHER BEAR: I was 21.

3 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

4 MOTHER BEAR: I was 21. So I'm, like, 46
5 now.

6 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Sorry, what year was
7 this?

8 MOTHER BEAR: I'm just trying to remember the
9 year now.

10 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay. Okay.

11 MOTHER BEAR: It was, like, 1992.

12 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: So if -- if he's --

13 MOTHER BEAR: '93. '93, I think.

14 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

15 MOTHER BEAR: 1993. My sister she went to a
16 psychic. And she went there for her. Like, we're not
17 brought up in the same home, all my siblings.

18 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

19 MOTHER BEAR: And she just -- she came right
20 to me right away, and she had something to tell me. Said,
21 "Sister, I got something to tell you." She said, "There's
22 -- the psychic I went to, she mentioned your dad's parents.
23 That -- that there was man that lived in North Sydney" --

24 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

25 (Indiscernible).

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1 **MOTHER BEAR:** He said -- he said, that the
2 man killed them. Killed the men, and raped -- raped the
3 woman, and also killed them. There were two sets of
4 families that went there. One of them was pregnant too.
5 The marsh [sic] -- the Marshall's, and -- and the Hurney's
6 (ph). And when I found out, when she told me this, the
7 hardest thing is to tell my dad that. He -- he, when I
8 told him, it was like a totally blank came from him and he
9 didn't want to believe that.

10 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** He didn't want to
11 start --

12 **MOTHER BEAR:** He didn't want to believe that.

13 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

14 **MOTHER BEAR:** Because he always told me that
15 they drown. And I just -- I just left it like that. And I
16 didn't -- and that time they were building the highway
17 there, and -- and that highway over there on Big Pond and
18 going to Chapel Island, and when they were building the
19 roads there. And there were men working -- working on that
20 highway that time. Now, there was times that we go to
21 Chapel Island, we have to go across that area, and every
22 time we go across that area, we -- like, we drove there,
23 and my dad would be quiet because he'll be thinking about
24 them. Like, there was a convenience store there that he
25 used to buy baskets there. And I -- so when I told him

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1 that, I kept it quiet, and I didn't say nothing no more
2 about it after. And though, I tend to have that feelings
3 at that area too. Like, me -- I -- I believed they're
4 buried -- buried. And then a few years ago, I think it was
5 -- not sure, seven years ago, that's 2010.

6 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

7 **MOTHER BEAR:** There was a elder man that
8 spoke to me and he told me that a man was on his dying bed,
9 and he confessed. He confessed that -- he talked about the
10 Native people from Eskasoni, the two couples on the boat.
11 And he said he killed them.

12 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** This dying man, right?

13 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

14 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Like, he was --
15 when --

16 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. And he's from North
17 Sydney. And he said -- he said where they're buried at --
18 the women are buried two different areas.

19 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

20 **MOTHER BEAR:** Like, the -- the men and the
21 women are buried in two different areas, at Seven -- they
22 call it Seven Mile bridge. There used to be a tavern
23 there, Seven Mile bridge. From Big Pond area to Seven Mile
24 bridge, that's a -- quite distance, they had no vehicle and
25 all that. Like, there -- they went there with a boat.

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1 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

2 MOTHER BEAR: So there was some witnesses up
3 -- back in the day, they -- the Elders said they seen them
4 at the tavern. They seen them at the tavern over there at
5 the Seven Mile bridge. There's a Legion there now on the
6 other side, but it's before the -- before the Legion, there
7 used to be a tavern there.

8 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

9 MOTHER BEAR: Near the river.

10 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Did you actually go
11 there to the burning place?

12 MOTHER BEAR: Yeah.

13 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: You did, okay.

14 MOTHER BEAR: I offered tobacco there, in
15 July.

16 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

17 MOTHER BEAR: And the elderly man said they -
18 - they tried -- people tried to sell the house and they --
19 nobody couldn't buy it. Nobody didn't want to buy the
20 house. So it eventually burnt, and now there's a residence
21 just beside it. And I offered tobacco there, soon as I
22 knew where -- where.

23 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

24 MOTHER BEAR: I had to offer tobacco.

25 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

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1 **MOTHER BEAR:** Because this has been 78 years
2 ago.

3 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Right.

4 **MOTHER BEAR:** It, like --

5 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Did you go there with
6 your father?

7 **MOTHER BEAR:** No.

8 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** No.

9 **MOTHER BEAR:** My father passed on.

10 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay, so --

11 **MOTHER BEAR:** My father passed on -- in 2 --
12 1999.

13 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay. So your father,
14 he never heard that story then?

15 **MOTHER BEAR:** No. No. And then though I
16 offered tobacco there, in -- especially that the highway
17 where they were building the road that time, it was back in
18 1939, the women could be buried there, or either side. And
19 I -- and me growing up thinking, who could have that power
20 to stop the highway in -- by -- find the remains? You
21 know, I was even, like, I like to brainstorm and think.

22 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

23 **MOTHER BEAR:** Like, I know now, they have
24 things that they could -- it's like a big machine and you
25 could detect what's in the ground. It's like a lawnmower

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1 or something, it's a big thing, and you could check what's
2 in the ground. Instead of digging it up --

3 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

4 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- they could just see if they
5 find anything -- anything in the ground.

6 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Like, was -- was the
7 dying ~~woman~~ [sic][man], do you have his name by any chance?

8 **MOTHER BEAR:** No.

9 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** No.

10 **MOTHER BEAR:** No.

11 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay. But it is --
12 you could stand where they're buried, where you --

13 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

14 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

15 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. I mean it is the
16 compassion, like.

17 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Right. And who was
18 this man who told you about this?

19 **MOTHER BEAR:** An elder man
20 from --

21 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Man from --

22 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- you know --

23 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Yeah.

24 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- an elderly man, a Mi'kmaq
25 man --

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1 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

2 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- told me. I -- I can't give
3 his name. I have to ask him first.

4 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Of course. No,
5 it's --

6 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

7 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** -- it's fine.

8 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. He -- he moved when --
9 that's does one thing, it -- it lift me up, like, in good
10 spirits and -- because I know it -- it's not solved. And a
11 lot of people still talk about it -- that know what
12 happened, like, they -- last they know, they left on the
13 boat. That's all. And never returned. It's -- I just try
14 to put puzzles together because they were from North
15 Sydney.

16 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

17 **MOTHER BEAR:** They're -- they were from North
18 Sydney. In that darn civilization, they were moved out of
19 that area. They were living in Ferris Hill there, in North
20 Sydney. And you look back now and that's where the power
21 lines are. And -- well, there's got to be something --
22 they might of knew each other, maybe they seen each other.

23 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** So this old man and --
24 and your grandparents, you think they might --

25 **MOTHER BEAR:** They might have known each

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1 other.

2 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** -- have known each
3 other.

4 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. They might have known
5 each other.

6 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Because he was also --
7 he was also from North Sydney. (Indiscernible).

8 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. From North Sydney.
9 Yeah. And back in the day, there was not that many people
10 in the communities areas.

11 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

12 **MOTHER BEAR:** It was like -- every -- like,
13 everybody would know everybody. You know, and -- and when
14 I offered the tobacco in July --

15 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

16 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- about not even a month
17 later, I found a phone call to do an inquiry. I don't know
18 -- I don't know about the rest of the family. Like, my --
19 my dad's siblings. But I know that -- what he shared and
20 talked about.

21 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** How old were you when
22 he shared the stories and --

23 **MOTHER BEAR:** Oh, very young. Very young. I
24 -- I don't remember when he first talked about it, but what
25 I do remember, that every morning, or at evenings we go out

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1 to the shore --

2 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

3 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- and we pray. We -- we did
4 that in the morning, and at night time, the family, we go
5 down there and pray.

6 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** You go to the, sorry?

7 **MOTHER BEAR:** Bras d'Or Lake. Yeah, down to
8 the Bras d'Or Lake. Yeah. And we go doing our offerings
9 and in prayers at the river -- at the lake there.

10 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Do you still continue
11 doing that?

12 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. Now, I'm in Nova Scotia
13 area --

14 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

15 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- protecting the water. And -
16 - and that's what -- that's what was like a reminder. It -
17 - it popped in my head. It popped in my head, and
18 remembering my dad taking us to the river and pray. And it
19 popped in my head not too long ago. It's just like,
20 remember this time? Right there, yeah. It would be like
21 in, yeah, I remember that time now.

22 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Do you think what
23 happened with your grandparents was the reason why today
24 you were going to protect the water? Do you think there's
25 a connection?

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1 **MOTHER BEAR:** It could be.

2 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Could be.

3 **MOTHER BEAR:** It could be. Yeah, it could be
4 any part of the connection to --

5 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** What inspired you
6 to --

7 **MOTHER BEAR:** It could be too.

8 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Yeah.

9 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. I know, like, it's --
10 it's part of our life, on the waters. Especially, knowing
11 the one that was on the boat too. She was pregnant too.

12 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

13 **MOTHER BEAR:** So there was five lives on --
14 five lives that -- and, yeah, like --

15 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Did you --

16 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- it's like constantly praying
17 and --

18 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Praying.

19 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

20 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Perhaps, would you
21 growing up, when you said your father -- how were you --
22 what did you see? How -- how he felt about his parents and
23 if there was any impact on him in a negative way about how
24 he dealt with it.

25 **MOTHER BEAR:** My dad wasn't angry or anything

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1 **MOTHER BEAR:** He went down to the tracks
2 there, and he'd take a penny and he put it on the tracks,
3 and the train goes by, it flattens the copper.

4 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

5 **MOTHER BEAR:** Then he goes back and gives its
6 to his mom. His mom would make something out of that
7 copper. And they were basket makers, made baskets and, you
8 know. And he -- until -- he made baskets too. And he --

9 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Did he ever go back to
10 the routes and sell those baskets, or --

11 **MOTHER BEAR:** Huh?

12 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Your father, you said
13 he also made baskets.

14 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

15 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Did he go the same
16 route as your --

17 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

18 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** -- grandparents, to
19 sell those baskets?

20 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. Yeah.

21 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

22 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. Yeah, they -- they
23 continued making baskets. Yeah, that's the -- back in the
24 day that was the livelihood.

25 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

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1 **MOTHER BEAR:** Of making baskets and all that.

2 Yeah.

3 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** I know your father was
4 probably too young to remember, but do you know if there
5 was any investigation, any interaction with the police?

6 **MOTHER BEAR:** I ask him that too.

7 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Yeah.

8 **MOTHER BEAR:** And he said -- he said that
9 they couldn't under -- they couldn't speak English that
10 well, and they couldn't understand English that well.

11 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** But was there any --

12 **MOTHER BEAR:** Their communications wasn't
13 good.

14 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

15 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. And --

16 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** So you don't know if
17 there was any people who came in, or ask them questions, or
18 even trying to -- to --

19 **MOTHER BEAR:** I don't know.

20 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** You don't know. Okay.

21 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. Like, that's all they
22 told me that they didn't understand.

23 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Right.

24 **MOTHER BEAR:** And they couldn't speak
25 English.

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1 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

2 **MOTHER BEAR:** And when the Mi'kmaq community
3 -- they did it on their own up -- trying to search out when
4 they dragged the Bras d'Or Lake. Yeah. And they -- the
5 way they -- he told me where it's at, and where they took
6 off on the boat.

7 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

8 **MOTHER BEAR:** And it -- it's a bum (ph), what
9 they call that. I don't know how to say -- a bum where --
10 it's -- must be in the middle there. Yeah, I don't know,
11 of Eskasoni. And -- and they took off to an angle, like,
12 an angle and there used to be a old convenience store
13 there. I think it's near Big Pond, between Big Pond and --
14 we -- that tea house over there, between that area right
15 there. Because there's a channel, like, a -- a bridge
16 there.

17 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

18 **MOTHER BEAR:** A bridge there. And right
19 there is -- a convenience store was there.

20 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Do you ever go back to
21 that place?

22 **MOTHER BEAR:** I haven't been there since I
23 was a kid.

24 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

25 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. (Indiscernible). It's

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1 no -- no (indiscernible) -- it's no longer an -- a
2 convenience store, but the building's still there. And
3 there was another building there. It's, kind of, like,
4 no -- not there no more.

5 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

6 **MOTHER BEAR:** And, yeah, that's what the --
7 that Elder said too, they were buried in the house. They
8 have gravel floor, gravel ground basement. They were
9 buried there.

10 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** So in -- in flint (ph)
11 house?

12 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

13 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

14 **MOTHER BEAR:** The house is not there no more.

15 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** So when you went to
16 the burial place, where did you offer the tobaccos, like,
17 in the -- the house is burned though, at least I think?

18 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah, I didn't go right into
19 the --

20 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

21 **MOTHER BEAR:** My -- my friends that took me
22 there, they were too scared to go right in.

23 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

24 **MOTHER BEAR:** So I did the offering tobacco
25 near the driveway. There were -- they didn't want to keep

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1 going --

2 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

3 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- to the area. One -- one of
4 them, don't want -- we said can we leave one, but I haven't
5 offered tobacco to the other area.

6 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

7 **MOTHER BEAR:** Where they sew baskets at.

8 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay. Mother Bear,
9 what would you, like, did you have -- I know you -- how --
10 how old were you -- you were fairly young when you first
11 heard this story.

12 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

13 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Like, how old were you
14 when your father shared this story, do you say?

15 **MOTHER BEAR:** Could be five.

16 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Five?

17 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

18 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** All right, so you were
19 very young.

20 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

21 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay. And do you know
22 if your siblings know about this story, or did you tell
23 your siblings about it?

24 **MOTHER BEAR:** They -- I pretty much know --
25 know they know too because I'm --

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1 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

2 MOTHER BEAR: -- the youngest.

3 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

4 MOTHER BEAR: Second youngest. And, like,
5 there -- like, I said, there's 22 of us.

6 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Do you ever talk about
7 it with family?

8 MOTHER BEAR: We might have talked about it.
9 We didn't talk about it when my dad's still here because we
10 didn't want him to feel bad. We didn't talk as much about
11 it. And my sister, we do.

12 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

13 MOTHER BEAR: She wants -- she's the one that
14 went to the psychic.

15 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

16 MOTHER BEAR: We -- we do occasionally talk
17 about it. And I'll tell you. But it was, kind of, let go
18 for a while and we talk about it. Yeah.

19 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: But you said, earlier,
20 that your sister didn't go to find out about your
21 grandparents, she found -- she went for something else?

22 MOTHER BEAR: Yeah.

23 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: For --

24 MOTHER BEAR: Yeah.

25 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: For her own personal

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1 reasons?

2 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. Yeah, and the psychic
3 just mentioned it.

4 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

5 **MOTHER BEAR:** And she was, like, shocked and
6 she told me right away, as soon as she came back. Yeah,
7 she told me.

8 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Did you tell anyone
9 else this?

10 **MOTHER BEAR:** I told my dad.

11 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** You told your dad
12 about the psychic?

13 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. Yeah.

14 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Sorry, I'm just trying
15 to build a timeline because the Elder -- the -- the man on
16 the -- who was on the dying bed, who confessed to the
17 crime.

18 **MOTHER BEAR:** M'hm.

19 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** That was in 2010.

20 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

21 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Right here?

22 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

23 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay. And when did
24 your sister go to the psychic?

25 **MOTHER BEAR:** '93.

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1 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: In '93?

2 MOTHER BEAR: Yeah.

3 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

4 MOTHER BEAR: Yeah, '93.

5 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay. So your father
6 then, did he also know about the psychic?

7 MOTHER BEAR: I told him.

8 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Because he -- he had
9 crossed a blank.

10 MOTHER BEAR: M'hm.

11 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: You had mentioned
12 that. Okay. How did he react?

13 MOTHER BEAR: He just was -- was quiet. He,
14 like, he had a blank --

15 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: M'hm.

16 MOTHER BEAR: -- look. He was quiet. And he
17 just walked away because he believed that they drowned.
18 Because it's -- when it -- always mention it -- that to
19 him. I always talk about it. I always wanted to know.

20 MOTHER BEAR: M'hm.

21 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: And he just -- he
22 keeps saying that they drowned. He believed that they
23 drowned.

24 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: But after the psychic,
25 he still believed that they drowned?

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1 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

2 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

3 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

4 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** So he didn't want to
5 believe --

6 **MOTHER BEAR:** No.

7 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** -- all these years.

8 **MOTHER BEAR:** Even when I told him, you know,
9 they were raped. The women were raped, and then killed.
10 And the men got killed.

11 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Did you know it was
12 difficult for your father to accept that fact? To know
13 that his family --

14 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. Yeah.

15 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Do you have any
16 memories of your grandparents?

17 **MOTHER BEAR:** No. Just -- no. I was born in
18 1971.

19 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Yes, of course.
20 Sorry.

21 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

22 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** (Indiscernible).

23 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** But did your father
24 get any -- did he ever talk about you -- his parents and
25 did he -- is there any way how he wanted you to remember

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1 your grandparents?

2 **MOTHER BEAR:** It's -- it's, like, when I told
3 you, when he was a kid, when he went down to the tracks --

4 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

5 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- with a penny, and
6 we -- we were up there, like, there -- there was this
7 (~~indiscernible~~) [hockey tournament], like, we used to go up
8 there --

9 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

10 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- Wally Bernard's (ph), in
11 North Sydney.

12 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

13 **MOTHER BEAR:** And we'd go walk around. And
14 he showed me where he was born, you know.

15 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

16 **MOTHER BEAR:** And he showed me that when he
17 was a little kid -- he showed me the exact track.

18 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

19 **MOTHER BEAR:** He was there. And he said he
20 used to put a penny there, and wait for a train to go by.

21 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Where?

22 **MOTHER BEAR:** It flattens the penny, and he
23 grabs that penny, and --

24 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** And runs.

25 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- and run -- give

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1 the -- his mother, the penny. And you made things out of
2 it. And that's the one, you know, his memory of it. And
3 he shared it to me. And he show me where he was born at.
4 And he was born in a wigwam.

5 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

6 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah, that's what he -- his
7 memory of what he talked about.

8 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Right.

9 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

10 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Do you still --

11 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

12 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** -- you -- do you
13 still -- you'd -- do you still think that you'll continue
14 going and to pray on the -- on the shore?

15 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

16 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Or is there anything
17 else that, like, what ~~others need to be thinking about,~~
18 ~~like, to remembering~~ (indiscernible) [What other ways to do
19 think you would like to remember your] grandparents [by]?

20 **MOTHER BEAR:** I know they're --

21 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** What would help you
22 though?

23 **MOTHER BEAR:** There's these remains --
24 they're remains -- they're remains need to be found.

25 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** So you want an

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1 investigation to --

2 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

3 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** -- (indiscernible)?

4 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

5 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Is there anything else
6 you'd like?

7 **MOTHER BEAR:** They're -- they're remains to
8 be found and we do a proper ceremony.

9 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Oh, okay. Would you
10 be --

11 **MOTHER BEAR:** May I take a break now, please?

12 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Yeah, of course.

13 Would you like to go for a walk, or?

14 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yes, I -- I'll go outside.

15 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay. Take your time.

16 (Indiscernible). For notes taking.

17 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** *Oui.*

18 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** It is 3:42 p.m., and
19 Mother Bear has expressed her interest in taking a short
20 walk. We will be returning shortly.

21 **(SHORT PAUSE)**

22 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** So how are you
23 feeling?

24 **MOTHER BEAR:** Huh?

25 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Better?

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1 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. I really got good fresh
2 air.

3 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** A gust.

4 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. It's like --

5 **MOTHER BEAR:** It's pretty windy out there
6 too.

7 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** That you can tell.

8 **MOTHER BEAR:** This is -- bringing the storm.

9 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** It's 3:50 in the
10 afternoon. And Mother Bear just came back with -- from a
11 little break. And we're going to be starting the statement
12 of truth. All right. So whenever you're ready, Mother
13 Bear, we can go on. If you want to -- to stay and -- ~~were~~
14 ~~you a little bit comforted?~~ [wait a little bit, feel free].

15 **MOTHER BEAR:** I'm trying to remember what we
16 -- what our last --

17 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Talking about.

18 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- talking.

19 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** You can -- you can
20 tell -- tell us anything that you feel comfortable sharing
21 with us. And anything ~~and this person then~~ [that you
22 think is pertinent]--

23 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah, well --

24 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** How you feel.

25 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah, that's -- that's how I

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1 feel. It's -- they, you know --

2 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** You said that --

3 **MOTHER BEAR:** When they find -- find their

4 remains, there will be a proper -- proper send off and

5 ceremony. And that's what they need. It's how -- it's

6 been too long. And it was been quiet for a long time.

7 I -- I understood -- I understood that time, like, they had

8 no communication, no language and all that. And it's,

9 like, almost -- it'll -- it'll settle everything, like, in

10 the family.

11 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** ~~In the inquire?~~ [and

12 in your heart].

13 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. Yeah. Yeah,

14 it'll -- it'll settle everything.

15 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Do you think you being

16 here --

17 **MOTHER BEAR:** In peace, like, you know, be in

18 peace too.

19 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** And I think you'll be

20 in peace ~~if they solve this~~ [with yourself as well].

21 **MOTHER BEAR:** M'hm. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

22 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Is there anything else

23 you would like to share with us and you think that -- you

24 would like to tell the commissioners about -- about your

25 grandparents, about how -- how fond they were?

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1 **MOTHER BEAR:** I would like -- I don't have a
2 picture of them. You know, I don't have a picture, I don't
3 even know how they look like.

4 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Yeah.

5 **MOTHER BEAR:** You know, I always -- I always
6 share their -- when I sit last outside here, my father --
7 my father, he died before I was born. My mom was carrying
8 me. And I understood my dad. My dad who brought me up.
9 He lost his dad when he was 12, and he lost his mom when he
10 was 12. My mom voluntarily gave me up. ~~You know, it's~~
11 ~~part of my soul~~ [when I was four months old]. So I
12 understood his -- his feelings.

13 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** So, Mother Bear, you
14 lived -- you lived with a foster family when
15 (indiscernible) was --

16 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. My -- my mom voluntarily
17 gave me up.

18 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

19 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

20 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** How old were you, you
21 said again?

22 **MOTHER BEAR:** Four months old.

23 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Four months.

24 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

25 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** (Indiscernible).

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1 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. And I understood him.

2 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Why do you think?

3 **MOTHER BEAR:** Of not having a -- your family
4 there, your dad, your mom around. You know, and I
5 understood him. I understand his feelings, you know.
6 Because my dad was 33 when he passed away. And it's why I
7 came back to Membertou, to get to know -- he's from Chapel
8 Island.

9 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

10 **MOTHER BEAR:** And my mom's from here. And I
11 wanted to get to know my family. And they shared good
12 stories about my dad. And they found out too, and my
13 father who brought me up, they were best friends. You
14 know, just -- there is something. Because there's a lot of
15 things I was wondering the way I am. Like, I'm part of my
16 dad too. Like, I play ball, I used to play ball, play
17 hockey. I chew tobacco. There's some stuff I didn't know
18 where I got it from.

19 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

20 **MOTHER BEAR:** And -- and when they tell
21 there's men -- people that know my dad, they -- even my --
22 my siblings, my sisters they say, "You're like Dad. You're
23 exactly like Dad." They say that. And I would not know
24 that. Even when I came to Membertou, they said, "Yeah,
25 you're -- you're like your father."

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1 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** How did your father
2 pass away? What happened?

3 **MOTHER BEAR:** I don't know.

4 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

5 **MOTHER BEAR:** I don't know. They don't tell
6 me. I -- that's another thing -- something happened.
7 Yeah. I don't know the truth about it. But they're in
8 silence with it. They won't tell me.

9 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Did you ask when,
10 like, especially now in connecting the truth -- you ask
11 about the --

12 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah, I have my brother. My
13 other brother won't say nothing. My other brother wouldn't
14 say -- say it. Yeah. And the obituary said it's poisoned.

15 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

16 **MOTHER BEAR:** And I found out --
17 fine -- I get -- my brother told me that my dad came home
18 and he was drinking and he took my mom's medication. So I
19 hear two stories.

20 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Do you know what kind
21 of medication your mom was taking?

22 **MOTHER BEAR:** No.

23 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** No.

24 **MOTHER BEAR:** I don't know. And that's the -
25 - I only heard two -- two stories in -- from

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1 my -- my father told me that my dad ate something and he
2 got, like, food poison. See I don't know what happened.
3 And I hear --

4 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** And what about your
5 mother?

6 **MOTHER BEAR:** My mom?

7 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Yeah, your mom. What
8 was she --

9 **MOTHER BEAR:** She never talked about it.
10 Never talked about it. So I wasn't really close to my mom.
11 I didn't even know her.

12 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

13 **MOTHER BEAR:** Like, it -- I got to see her on
14 holidays and something like that, but I really --

15 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

16 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- didn't -- to sat down and
17 actually talk to her.

18 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Would you like to --

19 (PROBLEM WITH AUDIO)

20 **MOTHER BEAR:** Huh?

21 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Would you like to --
22 thinking of something that will also help you find out
23 like, what happened to your dad? If you don't --

24 **MOTHER BEAR:** I don't know. Because I did --
25 I did an offering to him, like, after -- I just finally

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1 went to his grave two, three years ago.

2 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Okay.

3 **MOTHER BEAR:** Three years ago, I finally --
4 my brother actually took me there then.

5 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Yeah.

6 **MOTHER BEAR:** I'm -- to his grave site, in
7 Chapel Island. And, yeah, and I don't know it was
8 something that I really want to know. And because I know I
9 did my offering and then -- I can't say that he accepted,
10 or anything like that. I don't know that right now.

11 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** That's fine.

12 **MOTHER BEAR:** No. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

13 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Do you think that
14 coming here today helped you? Helped you to -- you could
15 find some peace? And some --

16 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

17 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** -- some comfort maybe?

18 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

19 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Talking about it,
20 sharing the story -- do you think it helped at all?

21 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah, it's -- it helps because
22 it's, like, over what? Forty-one years? Yeah, finally got
23 to talk to somebody --

24 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** M'hm.

25 **MOTHER BEAR:** -- about it. It's also helping

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1 my dad, you know, helping him too. Like, if
2 that's -- that's a part of the agreement we both made.

3 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Do you have anyone
4 else you can talk to? Anyone in the family?

5 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah, I'm -- I'm okay. I'm
6 okay. I'm, like, I'm just happy that everything falls in
7 place, like, ever since I offered that tobacco, everything
8 just falls in place. And I know, it's important for me to
9 talk about it. It's just been 78 years ago when this
10 happened. And I -- and I know it's important to talk about
11 it, and it will be a closure. You know, and they need that
12 send off on -- it's what they need. It's been too long.
13 It's like a restless soul. Yeah. Their souls not settled.

14 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Do you think that
15 coming here today is also going to help encourage them?

16 **MOTHER BEAR:** M'hm.

17 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** The truth about what
18 happened to the people?

19 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yes.

20 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** And to -- to hear your
21 story, and to hear your truth, and what comes from your
22 story.

23 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. Yeah. I mean, it's
24 because they couldn't speak English that well, and
25 communication wasn't great and -- and that's what I told my

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1 dad, I'm here. I'm here, Dad.

2 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Thank you.

3 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. That promise I made to
4 him.

5 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** (Indiscernible) [now
6 you're the voice of your family]--

7 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

8 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** (Indiscernible) [of
9 your father].

10 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. Yeah.

11 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** ~~Every prayer helps~~ [of
12 your grandparents].

13 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah. M'hm. Yeah.

14 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** It took a lot of
15 courage to come here to tell --

16 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

17 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** -- your story. And
18 that --

19 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yes. And that's why I got my
20 name.

21 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Big Bear is it?

22 **MOTHER BEAR:** Mother Bear.

23 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** Mother Bear, sorry.

24 **MOTHER BEAR:** Yeah.

25 **MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK:** I was going to ask

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1 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Okay.

2 MOTHER BEAR: It's up to them.

3 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Well, ~~we are~~
4 ~~(indiscernible)~~ [you're the Mother Bear] and you're here to
5 speak on behalf of everyone I think -- on behalf of the
6 siblings --

7 MOTHER BEAR: Yeah.

8 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: [-- and -- and your
9 family.]

10 MOTHER BEAR: Yeah.

11 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Thank you.

12 MOTHER BEAR: Thank you too.

13 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: If there anything else
14 you would like to share, please feel free.

15 MOTHER BEAR: Yeah. Thank you.

16 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Thank you.

17 MOTHER BEAR: (Indiscernible).

18 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: It is 4:03 ~~on the~~
19 ~~way -- ends in~~ [and we're ending] the statement.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

21 MS. DARIA BOYARCHUK: Thank you very much,
22 Mother Bear.

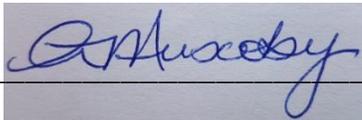
23 MOTHER BEAR: And you too.

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25 --- Upon adjourning at 4:09 p.m.

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