

## Amiskwaciy History Series: A look back at Indigenous organizations and change

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Chester Cunningham, founder and former chief executive officer of Native Counselling Services of Alberta (NCSA) and a member of the Order of Canada, will speak on how Indigenous organizations have developed over time. This presentation is part of the [Amiskwaciy History Speaker Series](#).

**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016  
**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** La Cite Francophone,  
8627 - 91 Street, (Rue Marie-Anne Gaboury)  
**Cost:** Free



Cunningham provided the insight, vision and drive which guided NCSA through 26 years of development. In the organization's first five years, the number of Indigenous provincial inmates dropped from 56 per cent to 28 per cent. His commitment to establishing legal equality for Indigenous people and his persistence in establishing programs to assist in this process have dominated his distinguished career.

The Amiskwaciy History Series is a new Indigenous initiative created to build awareness around the often untold Indigenous history of the Edmonton area. Through free monthly educational sessions, the Amiskwaciy History Series aims to provide accessible and culturally appropriate education to the public on Indigenous history as lived and told by the people.

The name Amiskwaciy comes from Amiskwaciy Waskahikan or "Beaver Hill House," a Cree term used to describe the Edmonton area.

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