

Ịhàà Kati: few words with much meaning

On January 9th, 1972 on the occasion of the opening of a new school in Edzo NWT, Chief Jimmy Bruneau spoke to the assembled guests. He was ill and did not speak for very long, but to those who knew him and the context from which he spoke, his words were powerful, filled with great meaning and said a great deal in very few words. He spoke eloquently and forcefully for the establishment of a new educational system built upon a foundation of traditional Tł̨chq values, but which would integrate the knowledge and skills of two worlds.

Today, from our vantage point, it is clear that Bruneau's "Ịhàà Kati" or speech of few words with great meaning was a TED talk on traditional knowledge, and its place in our modern world, so it is especially fitting that the organizing committee dedicate this symposium to the work and example of Chief Jimmy Bruneau (1881-1975).

