

Constitution Express TIMELINE

1979	
January 25	NIB (National Indian Brotherhood) issued "Statement of Purpose for Chiefs and Elders Visit to England"
July 1	All Chiefs Meeting (London, England)
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April 28 - May 1	1 st First Nations Constitutional Conference (Ottawa, Canada) Decision to open an office in London, England
October 2	Trudeau announces his Constitutional proposal
October 6	Debate starts in House of Commons (Jean Chretien is the Government sponsor)
October 14 - 17	UBCIC 12 th Annual General Assembly passed resolution to ensure that Aboriginal Title and Rights would be entrenched in the new Canadian Constitution
October 20	NIB begins constitutional lobby
October 23	Closure invoked in House of Commons NIB draft amendment made public Indian Rights press conference
October 24	Debate ends in House of Commons House of Commons votes to send Constitutional Resolution to Special Joint Senate/House of Commons Committee
October 26	NIB representatives arrive in London to open office for international lobbying
October 27	Debate starts in Senate
October 28	NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) passes resolutions of support
November 5	Senate votes to send resolution to Special Joint Senate/House Committee
November 6	Special Joint Senate – House of Commons Committee begins deliberations
November 7	NIB, ITC (Inuit Tapirisat of Canada) and NCC (Native Council of Canada) hold press conference in London First Nation office in London is officially opened
November 10	Federation of Saskatchewan Indians begins lobbying in London
November 17	Union of Ontario Indians Canadian lobby begins Televised broadcast of Constitutional Committee begins
November 20	Speech from the Throne (London, England) Warren Allmand presents Bill C-212 'Private Membership Bill' to House of Commons (5:00pm)
November 24	Constitution Express (two trains) leaves Vancouver, British Columbia
November 26	Constitution Express arrives in Winnipeg (two trains merge)
November 27	NIB "Amendments to the Constitutional Resolution"

	NIB Memorandum expressing possible extension for hearings before Constitution Committee Warren Allmand informed that the committee must listen to the concerns of Native groups.
November 28	Constitution Express arrives in Ottawa Russell Tribunal in Rotterdam, Holland
November 29	Conseil Attikamek Montanais, Treaty 9 and Iroquois Confederacy at Russell Tribunal NIB Executive Council meeting in Ottawa (9:00am @ Skyline Hotel) Constitution Express workshop sessions, demonstrations, Pow Wow in preparation for the First Nations Constitutional Conference
November 30 - December 2	2 nd First Nations Constitutional Conference (Ottawa)
December 1	First Nations address from Bruce George MP to the British Commons
December 3	NIB Resolution (Executive Council) – to reimburse Chiefs who are appointed to the Council of Chiefs, and to afford \$70,000 from the Constitution Funds for the Council of Chiefs
December 3 - 5	Constitution Express organizes follow up workshops and prepares for international lobby
December 5	British Parliament announces that they will not accommodate Trudeau's Constitutional proposal until June 1981
December 6	Constitution Express leaves Ottawa for New York to lobby support at the United Nations
December 7	Constitution Express arrives in New York AIAI (Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians) begins lobby in London
December 8 - 9	International lobbying in New York
December 9	Trudeau extends deadline for a report to the House of Commons by the Constitutional Committee
December 10	Constitution Express leaves New York for Ottawa
December 11	Constitution Express leaves Ottawa for Vancouver
December 14 - 15	Native Council of Canada - constitutional hearings in Moncton, N.B.
December 15	Presentation to the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution by the Nishga Tribal Council Constitution Express arrives in Vancouver
December 16	NIB presentation to the Special Joint Senate/House of Commons committee on the Constitution
December 17	Presentation to the Special Joint committee on the Constitution by the Quebec Montagnais (3:30 pm)
December 18	NIB presentation to the Special Joint Senate/House of Commons Committee on the Constitution by (FSI) Federation of Saskatchewan Indians and AIA (Alberta Indian Association)
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January 6	Presentation to the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution by

	the Union of New Brunswick Indians and the Union of Nova Scotia Indians
January 9	Constitutional Committee deadline extended
January 8 - 17	Think tank in Vancouver with the Executive Council, Council of Chiefs and the council of Elders
February 6	Deadline for Constitutional Committee hearings, Joint Senate/House of Commons Constitutional Committee
May 14 - 15	UBCIC Special General Assembly – Indian Survival State of Emergency
November 1	Constitution Express #2 leaves for Europe to petition to refuse to patriate the Canadian Constitution until it can be done without prejudice to Crown obligations to Aboriginals