

National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Enquête nationale sur les femmes et les filles autochtones disparues et assassinées



Media Advisory

Monday, November 6, 2017

Media Accreditation and Scheduling of Community Hearings in Edmonton, AB

Vancouver BC- The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Women and Girls will hold community hearings at the Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre in Edmonton, AB from November 7 - 9, 2017.

Three Commissioners will be in attendance for the full duration of the hearing. Chief Commissioner Marion Buller and Commissioners Brian Eyolfson and Qajaq Robinson will hear from approximately 45 witnesses through public and private hearings, sharing circle testimonies and artistic expression panels.

There will also be statement gatherers on-site for those who decide to register. Scheduling runs from 9 am through 5 pm MT daily. The **Schedule** is available on our website: <u>http://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/files/edmonton-external-schedule.pdf</u>

Media are invited to the public hearings. All media that want to participate must RSVP through our email account: <u>media@mmiwg-ffada.ca</u>. You can download the accreditation form on our website: <u>http://mmiwg-ffada.ca/en/media-room/media-accreditation/</u>.

A mandatory technical briefing will take place on **Monday, November 6 @ 7:00 PM MT** for media that want to report on-site during the three day event.

Location: Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre 11834 Kingsway Avenue Edmonton, AB Ridgewood Room, Level 2

Throughout the week there may be opportunity with Commissioners and spokesperson(s) to accommodate media requests. However, you will need to provide requests in advance with any of our Communications people on-site: Shaylen Smith, Sr. Communications Advisor

On Thursday, November 9, 2017 there will be a **PRESS CONFERENCE** that will also take place in the main hearing room at the Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre.

Who: Chief Commissioner Marion Buller



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What: Media availability that summarizes the week's activities When: Thursday, November 9, 2017 @ 1:30PM MT Why: Answer outstanding questions relating to Community Hearing

A reminder for those who can't attend links to media outlets that will live stream the Edmonton Community Hearings will be listed on our website and Facebook page:

Website: <u>http://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/MMIWG/</u>

The entire process will be guided by traditional ceremonies of the Treaty Six Territory. There will be a Sacred Fire at the **Amiskwaciy Academy** that will be kept burning through the entire event. All Ceremonies are open to the public, but out of respect for local protocols no photos or video will be tolerated.

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