

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



Media Advisory

Friday, November 17, 2017

Media Accreditation and Scheduling of Community Hearings in Saskatoon, SK

Vancouver, BC- The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Women and Girls will hold Community Hearings at the Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel in Saskatoon, SK from November 21-23, 2017.

Chief Commissioner Marion Buller and Commissioners Michèle Audette and Brian Eyolfson will hear from approximately 40 witnesses through public and private hearings, sharing circle testimonies and artistic expression panels. There will also be statement gatherers on-site that can accommodate up to another 40 walk-ins who may wish to register. Scheduling runs from 10 am through 5 pm CT daily.

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 20 @ 2:00 PM for media that would like to report on-site during the three day event.

Location: Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel 612 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon, SK Central Ballroom

The three day schedule is full in Saskatoon; a press conference **WILL NOT** be held during the week. However, there will be opportunity throughout the week for journalists to speak with Commissioners, including:

- in the morning before hearings start
- during lunch break
- or after the close of each day

You will **need to provide detailed requests in advance** with our Communications Advisors on-site: Tiar Wilson & Shaylen Smith. If the questions are more technical and process focused, we may direct your requests to staff that are designated as subject matter experts.



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A reminder for those who can't attend, links to access the live stream video of the Saskatoon Community Hearings will be posted 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 Kiwanis Park North (across from the hotel) 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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