

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



Media Advisory

September 19, 2017

## Media Accreditation and Scheduling of Community Hearings in Smithers, BC

**Vancouver BC**- The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Women and Girls will hold community hearings at Dze <u>L</u> K'ant Friendship Centre Hall in Smithers, British Columbia from September 26- 28, 2017.

Chief Commissioner Marion Buller & Commissioners Michele Audette and Qajaq Robinson will be hearing from more than 40 witnesses through public, private, and sharing circle testimonies. Scheduling runs from 9 am through 5 pm PDT.

Media are invited to the public hearings All media who wish to participate must RSVP to <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 technical briefing will take place on September 25 at 5:00pm PM PDT for media that want to report on-site during the three day event.

Location: Dze <u>L</u> K'ant Friendship Centre Hall 3955 3rd Avenue, Smithers BC

On the final day of the event there will be **MEDIA AVAILABILITY** that will also take place in the same location.

Who: Chief Commissioner Marion Buller Commissioner Michele Audette Commissioner Qajaq Robinson

What: Summary of this week's activities

When: Thursday, September 28, 2017 @ 11:00 AM PDT

A reminder for those who can't attend, the Smithers Community Hearings will be live streamed 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 northern British Columbia nations. There will be a Sacred Fire 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 allowed.

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