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Commissioner Audette recognized for engaging in equality and building bridges

Vancouver, B.C. – Chief Commissioner Marion Buller and Commissioners Qajaq Robinson and Brian Eyolfson congratulate their colleague, Commissioner Michele Audette, who was recently recognized as a leader for her lifelong work and dedication to justice, equality and the rights of people.

Last week Commissioner Audette received the 2018 ***Inspiration Award*** Woman of Distinction from the Women’s Y Foundation Montreal which recognizes the role of women in the advancement of society. “Commissioner Audette is an inspiration not only for women, but for all Indigenous people,” said Chief Commissioner. “She has dedicated her life to making safer spaces for Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA and it’s good to see she’s being lifted up by the community for her efforts.”

The second accolade Commissioner Audette recently received is the ***2018 honorary member prize*** from the Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et des travailleurs conjugaux et familiaux du Québec for her engagement in society and her continuous advocacy for women’s rights, especially when it comes to Indigenous women.

“I’m honoured to call Michèle my colleague and friend, her heart is always in the right place,” said Commissioner Robinson. “She is truly a person who believes in and works toward equality and equity for all,” echoed Commissioner Eyolfson.

Commissioner Audette dedicates her awards to missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, their families, survivors of violence and 2SLGBTQQIA people. “This recognition means a lot to me and I accept the awards in honor of our lost loved ones and their families, survivors and the 2SLGBTQQIA people who entrusted me with a sacred responsibility and who inspire me every single day,” concluded Commissioner Audette.

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