

Recommendations

1. I would ask that the Commissioners recommend to federal, provincial and territorial governments that adequate sustained, ongoing funding be provided to organizations so that they can continue to provide culturally-relevant community services that meet the needs of Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQA individuals who are at risk of violence and exploitation. Too often these organizations face challenges in finding the funding they need to carry on their important work, and spend too much of their time securing short term funding that would be better utilized in providing services.
2. The experience of our officers with individuals who are being- or are at risk of being exploited- has confirmed how systemic issues like racism, sexism and poverty put people at risk for not just violence but additional trauma as well. It is clear that there are not enough community supports available. Therefore, I would ask the Commissioners recommend to federal, provincial and territorial governments that they fund an increase in the number of currently available culturally-relevant community services that help people address such issues.

Exhibit: National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls		
Location/Phase: <u>Parts 2/3 St. John's</u>		
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