Inquiry Insider

The Inquiry Insider is a behind-the-scenes look at the MMIW hearings taking place in communities across the country. Tanya Talaga will be writing about those who are involved, those we have lost and the survivors we have won. No issue or thought is too big or too small and Tanya is always open to suggestions.

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A ceremonial fire is lit at the beginning of the national inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Exhibit: National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
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CANADA
The importance and lessons of the sacred fire at the inquiry in Whitehorse
A fire, no bigger than the size of a dinner plate, was lit before sunrise Monday by an Indigenous firekeeper and will burn until the hearings in Whitehorse are over.

Laurie Odjick holds a picture of her daughter Maisy in 2015. Maisy disappeared in September 2008. She was 16.
CANADA
Mother of missing Indigenous teen carries on as inquiry begins family hearings
Laurie Odjick’s daughter Maisy was 16 when she disappeared in 2008 along with her best friend Shannon Alexander, 17.

Among her wishes for the national inquiry into murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls, Maggie Cywink wants all the work that has already been done to be recognized and taken into account.

CANADA
One sister’s five wishes as hearings begin on Canada’s 1,181 lost women and girls
Over the coming months, the Star will be following the progress of Canada’s inquiry into murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls. Here are family member Maggie Cywink’s five wishes for the process.

Everett Chief was originally charged with two counts of second-degree murder, and one of the charges was upgraded when the 44-year-old man appeared in territorial court.

CANADA
Man faces first-degree and second-degree murder charges in deaths of two women in Whitehorse
Everett Chief was charged after the bodies of Wendy Carlick and Sarah MacIntosh were found last year in a home belonging to MacIntosh.
CANADA

MMIW inquiry holds hearing in Calgary delves into systemic issues
Commissioners from the national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls are holding the first of two hearings on government services.

Deanna Desjarlais was twice reported missing to Vancouver police, but her remains found in a Surrey park in May 2016 were not identified until September.

VANCOUVER

B.C. inquest jury makes 10 recommendations after 2016 death of Saskatchewan woman
Deanna Desjarlais' body was found in a Surrey park two years ago but remain unidentified for months.

CANADA

One group in B.C. tackles reconciliation together
CANADA

Advocate for Vancouver women calls for end to violence in final MMIW public hearing
GTA

Toronto protesters demand justice for Tina Fontaine and other Indigenous girls
CANADA

Jury to decide fate of Raymond Cormier, accused of killing Tina Fontaine
CANADA

Prosecutors argue Raymond Cormier's own words convict him in Tina Fontaine's death
CANADA

Jury finished hearing evidence in trial of man accused of killing Tina Fontaine
CANADA

Indigenous woman's family tells MMIW inquiry they want answers about her death
CANADA

'These monsters keep getting let out': Tougher laws urged at MMIW inquiry in Moncton
CANADA
No DNA links between accused, objects connected to Tina Fontaine's death, trial hears

Manitoba trial hears recording of Tina Fontaine's voice as murder trial begins

Trudeau says government is far from 'starting over or scrapping' MMIW inquiry

Celebrated missionary in Quebec abused Innu girls, inquiry hears

Missing and murdered Indigenous women inquiry opens Edmonton hearings

Tim Harper: Bloated bureaucracy the real enemy of Indigenous reconciliation: Tim Harper

Missing and murdered Indigenous women inquiry calls for creation of police task force to probe cold cases