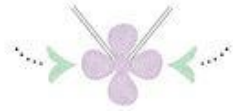




National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls  
Enquête nationale sur les femmes et les filles autochtones disparues et assassinées



# Important Information

## The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

### Community Hearings of the Truth Gathering Process in Smithers, BC

**The National Inquiry Community Hearings will take place on September 26, September 27 and September 28 in Smithers BC**

The Commissioners will be present at these public community hearings, along the Highway of Tears, which will start at 9:00 AM PDT and are scheduled to end at 5:00 PDT each day. The sacred fire will be kept burning, and a ceremony will take place at the end of the community hearings on Thursday, September 28. No photos or recording of ceremonies will be permitted out of respect for local protocols.

The Commissioners' mandate is to examine and report on the systemic causes of all forms of violence against Indigenous women and girls and the LGBTQ2S communities in Canada by looking at patterns and underlying factors. **The Commissioners' mandate also includes examining institutional practices and policies implemented in response to violence experienced by Indigenous women and girls, including examining police investigation practices and responses, as part of this public investigation.**

The community hearings are open to the public to observe unless specified as private by families and survivors. The public may also watch the community hearings by accessing the links to live streaming on our Facebook page and website:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MMIWG/>

Website: <http://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/>

Statement Takers will also be present in Smithers to hear families and survivors share their stories. These sessions are not before Commissioners and are also not open to the public.

**Location: Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Hall  
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