



Media Advisory

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Media Accreditation and Scheduling of Community Hearings in Membertou, NS

Vancouver BC- The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Women and Girls will hold a community hearing on Membertou First Nation at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre-50 Maillard St from October 30 to November 1, 2017.

Two Commissioners will be in attendance, which is the standard approach to hearings. Commissioners Qajaq Robinson and Michèle Audette will hear from approximately **40** witnesses through public and private hearings, sharing circle testimonies and artistic expression panels. There will also be statement gatherers on-site for those who decide to register. Scheduling runs from 9 am through 5 pm (Atlantic Time/AT) daily.

Media are invited to the public hearings. All media that want to participate must RSVP through our email account: media@mmiwg-ffada.ca. You can download the accreditation form on our website: <http://mmiwg-ffada.ca/en/media-room/media-accreditation/>.

A mandatory technical briefing will take place on Sunday, October 29 @ 5:00 PM AT for media that want to report on-site during the three day event.

Location: Membertou Trade and Convention Centre
50 Maillard St, Membertou, NS
Hampton Inn Membertou B room

Throughout the week there may be opportunity with Commissioners and spokesperson(s) to accommodate media requests. However, you will need to provide requests in advance with any of our Communications people on-site: Director of Communications Bernee Bolton; and Communications Advisors Shaylen Smith & Tiar Wilson.

On Tuesday, October 31, 2017 there will be a **PRESS CONFERENCE** that will also take place in the main hearing room at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre.

Who: Commissioners: Qajaq Robinson and Michèle Audette

What: Media availability that summarizes the week's activities



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



When: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 @ 1:30 PM AT

Why: Answer outstanding questions relating to Community Hearing

A reminder for those who can't attend, the Membertou Community Hearings will be live streamed on our Facebook page:

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

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

The entire process will be guided by traditional ceremonies of the Mi'kmaw people. There will be a Sacred Fire at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre 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 tolerated.

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