



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## From the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

National Expert Hearings are taking place in Winnipeg, Manitoba during the week of August 21, 2017. The three day event will focus on Indigenous Law and Decolonizing Perspectives. There are six experts scheduled to speak during the hearings that are also open to the public. Families and survivors are welcome to attend and observe the expert testimony.

WHO	SUBJECT
Dr. Val Napoleon & Dr. Hadley Friedland	Basic concepts of Indigenous law
Dawnis Kennedy	Anishinabe law and life experiences
Tuma Young	L'nuwey law, two-eyed seeing & Mi'kmaq worldviews
Karen Drake	Lead an Indigenous law talking circle
Sandra Omik	Inuit law and life experiences

**Where: Canadian Museum for Human Rights- 85 Israel Asper Way, Winnipeg, MB**  
**Opening remarks will begin at 8:30 am on Tuesday, August 22, 2017**

Welcome messages will happen on behalf of: Treaty One Leadership, The Manitoba Métis Federation, the Inuit Association of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, and the Head Fire Keeper of the Sacred Fire. A lighting of the Qulliq will happen during this time. There will also be an Honour Song by The Northern Eagle Drum Group that will carry into the start of Expert Hearings.

A 6:00 am Sunrise Ceremony at the Oodena Circle in The Forks will help start the Expert Hearings in a good way. A pipe Ceremony and Water Ceremony will follow.

Lead Elders are Thelma & Stan Morrisseau.

Anyone can attend but no pictures or video of any Ceremonies will be allowed.

There will be a Sacred Fire for the duration of the Expert Hearings.

It will be under the guidance of local Firekeeper Jason Parenteau.

The Bear Clan will also provide members to help assist.

*Our Women and Girls are Sacred / Nos femmes et nos filles sont sacrées*