



**Media Advisory**

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**Commissioners will join families for annual Tears 4 Justice Walk into Smithers, BC**

**VANCOUVER, BC-** Chief Commissioner Marion Buller & Commissioners Qajaq Robinson and Michèle Audette will be joining families on the final stretch of the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Tears 4 Justice Walk.

The Commissioners are honoured to be asked by Gladys Radek to be involved with the Walk. On the final day of the walk, which is September 25, 2017, they will walk with families into Smithers and will join the community for a feast and celebration. The event happens one day prior to the Community Hearings set to begin September 26-28, 2017 at the Dze Ɓ K'ant Friendship Centre Hall.

Gladys Radek has walked the Highway of Tears for the past seven years, hoping to stir up some tips in relation to all of the unsolved cases along Highway 16—between Prince Rupert and Prince George. She started the Walk in honour of her niece Tamara Lynn Chipman, who vanished without a trace from an area near Prince Rupert, British Columbia on September 21, 2005.

The Walk is entirely organized by families with missing and murdered loved ones along the Highway of Tears. They will begin their journey with ceremony and a feast in the Nisga'a Hall in Prince Rupert on September 20, 2017 @ 5:00 PM PDT. Their walking journey will start at the Industrial Park Road the following morning at 8:00 AM PDT. This area has meaning to Radek's family because this is where Tamara was last seen.

The Commissioners welcome the public and any media to walk with them in support of all families and survivors in northern British Columbia and across the entire country.

Should you wish to speak with Gladys Radek directly, you can contact her at (705)- 826-2727.

For information regarding the Commissioners or the National Inquiry, please contact our Communications Team. We can arrange for any interviews to take place during or after the walk.

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