

CACP Symposium on MMIWG2S+ Symposium de l'ACCP sur les FFADA2E+

Walking the Path Together:
The 5 Year Anniversary of the Calls for Justice

Cheminer ensemble:
Le 5e anniversaire des 'appels à la justice



June 3–5 juin 2024
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Description

2024 marks the fifth anniversary of the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (the “National Inquiry”), *Reclaiming Power and Place* (“the Final Report”). The Final Report provided Calls for Justice for among others, police. Join us as we discuss how we can continue to walk this path forward together to address the Calls for Justice for police. Discussions will cover lessons learned, leading practices and allow opportunities to share and create future actions of true and meaningful steps of reconciliation and participate in ceremony.

Target Audience

Leaders from the following groups are strongly encouraged and invited to attend to be part of these important conversations:

- Police
- Indigenous Organizations
- Government Policy Makers
- Community Builders
- Police Governance Officials
- Justice Officials; and Citizens

TIME	MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024
17:00 – 19:00	Onsite Registration

TIME	TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024
07:30	Onsite Registration (<i>Wanuskewin - Paskwaw Foyer</i>)

TIME	TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024
07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast (<i>Wanuskewin - Paskwaw Foyer</i>)
09:00 – 16:00	Program (<i>Wanuskewin - Paskwaw Round</i>)
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Ceremonies Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Danny Smyth, O.O.M., Winnipeg Police Service; President, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police
SESSION 1 09:30 – 10:00	Keynote Address from the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Presenter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Description Russ Mirasty was born and raised in La Ronge, Saskatchewan, and is a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. His Honour is a former RCMP Commanding Officer for the province of Saskatchewan. As a former police leader, coupled with his knowledge of Indigenous history. His Honour will provide his thoughts as they relate to the issue of murdered and missing indigenous girls.
SESSION 2 10:00 – 10:45	Keynote Address: Where are we from the Calls for Justice? Presenter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Honourable Michèle Audette, Senator, Senate of Canada
10:45 – 11:15	Network Break (<i>Wanuskewin - Paskwaw Foyer</i>)
SESSION 3 11:15 – 12:15	Uniting for Transformation: Shaping a Just Future in Policing for MMIWG2S+ Communities Presenter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hilda Anderson-Pyrz, Chair, National Family and Survivors Circle Inc. Description This presentation critically examines the essential transformation needed within policing to address systemic and structural racism, a key challenge underscored by the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girl Final Report and the 231 Calls for Justice. It underscores the pressing necessity for law enforcement agencies to foster accountability, initiate comprehensive police reform, and develop practices that are not only culturally responsive but also deeply rooted in respect and dignity for Indigenous communities. By emphasizing the importance of collaboration, the presentation advocates for the co-development of policies and reforms alongside Indigenous partners, including MMIWG2S+ families and survivors of gender and raced-based violence. This ensures that their experiences

TIME	TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024
	and needs are central to reshaping the future of policing. It is a compelling call to dismantle the entrenched barriers of systemic racism and to construct a justice framework that upholds the dignity and safety of Indigenous women, girls and Two Spirit and gender diverse individuals. This narrative champions the significant impact that a united effort and transformative partnership can have on enacting meaningful systemic change.
12:15 – 13:00	Lunch (<i>Wanuskewin - Paskwaw Foyer</i>)
SESSION 4 13:00 – 13:30	<p>Communication with Family</p> <p>Presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Maryanne Pearce, Acting Director General, Royal Canadian Mounted Police <p>Description</p> <p>A key theme of the MMIWG Inquiry was a lack of communication between families and police. The RCMP's response has been the development of two guides for families: of missing persons and of homicide victims. The guides are intended to provide vital information for families regardless of where they live, the occurrence location and the police of jurisdiction. This presentation will introduce the guides.</p>
SESSION 5 13:30 – 14:30	<p>Communication with the Families of Missing Persons: How are Police Doing?</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bernie Williams Blair Buffalo, Family Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, Family Information Liaison Unit Myrna LaPlante, Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, Family Information Liaison Unit Lorna Brown, Executive Director, Tears to Hope Society <p>Description</p> <p>During the National Inquiry, communication with the families of missing persons was identified as a key downfall of many policing agencies. The Calls for Justice specifically call for improved communication between police and families. Hear the perspectives of family members and those assisting families as they discuss how police are doing, specifically whether police have improved their communication and are meeting the Calls for Justice. As well, what next steps police should consider.</p>
14:30 – 15:00	Network Break (<i>Wanuskewin - Paskwaw Foyer</i>)
SESSION 6 15:00 – 16:00	<p>Communication with the Families of Missing Persons: The Policing Perspective</p> <p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superintendent Joshua Graham, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superintendent Gary Maracle, Bureau Commander, Indigenous Policing Bureau, Ontario Provincial Police

TIME TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspector Richard Bueckert, Saskatoon Police Service Jody Smith, Maanaaji'iwinn Project Coordinator, Treaty Three Police Service <p>Description Building upon our earlier session, hear how Federal, Provincial, Municipal and First Nation policing agencies are addressing communication with the families of missing persons. Important questions will be addressed such as: How are police doing? Has communication improved? How are agencies addressing the Calls for Justice? Hear about helpful tools and programs that agencies are using to improve communication with families.</p>
16:00	Closing Remarks

TIME WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024	
07:30 – 08:30	Breakfast (Wanuskewin - Paskwaw Foyer)
08:30 – 15:30	Program (Wanuskewin - Paskwaw Round)
08:30 – 09:00	Opening Prayer
SESSION 7 09:00 – 09:45	Social Determinates of Health, Safety, and Wellness Presenter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Mark Lemstra <p>Description The conference would be incomplete if we didn't talk about the 'elephant in the room' regarding the social determinants of safety and well-being. Although outside the sphere of policing, they continue to place indigenous women and girls at risk. As an academic and practitioner, Dr. Lemstra will provide a segway to stimulate discussion for the breakout sessions that will follow. He will provide the audience with evidence-based research, and experience from his medical practice related to social determinants of health, safety, and wellness.</p>
SESSION 8 09:45 – 10:45	Breakout Discussions - Social Determinants of Safety and Wellbeing
10:45 – 11:15	Network Break (Wanuskewin - Paskwaw Foyer)
SESSION 9 11:15 – 12:15	Report Back & Next Steps - Social Determinants of Safety and Wellbeing
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch (Wanuskewin - Paskwaw Foyer)

TIME	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024
SESSION 10 13:15 – 14:15	<p>Advancing data in two key areas: Missing persons, and; racialized and Indigenous Identity in crime statistics</p> <p>Presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebecca Kong, Assistant Director, Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics <p>Description</p> <p>Call for Justice 9.5 v called upon the CACP to create a national strategy to ensure consistency in reporting mechanisms for reporting missing Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA people. It was suggested this could be developed in conjunction with the implementation of a national database. Hear about Statistics Canada’s progress on the development of a national database. Further, receive updates regarding race based data collection. Learn about these important initiatives that could change the future of policing and give police further and more effective tools to address MMIWG2S+ nationally.</p>
SESSION 11 14:15 – 15:15	TBC
15:15 – 15:30	Closing Prayer
15:15 – 15:30	Closing Remarks