



Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

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Statement – Release of *Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls* – June 3, 2019

Recognizing the importance of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and our desire to support its work, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) sought and was recognized as a party with standing. The CACP attended seven of the nine institutional and expert hearings, submitted oral and closing submissions and put forward Retired Chief Clive Weighill as a witness for the Police Policies and Practices hearing in Regina, Saskatchewan.

The [CACP Closing Submission](#) to the Inquiry provides an extensive overview of the many initiatives of our organization and the priority we have given to this very important national issue. Within the submission, the CACP provided over 20 recommendations ranging from improvements in socio-economic funding by governments, alternative approaches to reduce disproportionate representation of indigenous people within the Criminal Justice System, First Nation Police services, culturally sensitive and trauma-informed missing persons manuals and policies, civilian oversight and increasing officer knowledge and involvement relating to traditional, spiritual and cultural awareness.

The CACP acknowledges the National Inquiry's recommendation to:

“Create a national strategy, through the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, to ensure consistency in reporting mechanisms for reporting missing Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA people. This could be developed in conjunction with implementation of a national database.”

We are grateful for the National Inquiry's trust in the CACP to recommend that it lead this important national strategy. The CACP is committed to continuing to study the Final Report and its recommendations and identify how it can assist police services across Canada with supports and education to aid in their understanding and implementation of the National Inquiry's recommendations. The CACP remains committed to continuing to strengthen its relationships with the Indigenous community and Indigenous partners and its goals of advocating for community partnerships and the highest professional and ethical standards within the police community.

The CACP would like to thank the National Inquiry Commissioners and their staff for their tireless work and commitment throughout this process. As well, the more than 2,380 people who participated in the National Inquiry, particularly all of the families, loved ones, survivors, witnesses, members of the National Family Advisory Circle, Elders, and Grandmothers who shared their truth and helped guide the work of the National inquiry.