



Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.

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MKO Hosting Events to Honour Third Anniversary of the Release of “Reclaiming Power and Place” on June 3, 2022

Treaty Five Territory, Thompson, MB – On Friday, June 3, 2022, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO)’s Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Liaison Unit will host three events to mark the third anniversary of the release of *Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*.

“As we approach the third anniversary of the release of *Reclaiming Power and Place*, I urge leaders at all levels to work diligently to address the ongoing issue of gender-based violence and its deadly impacts on First Nations citizens across the Province of Manitoba. I also urge citizens to talk about the issue of gender-based violence and stand up to support others who are dealing with this,” shared **Grand Chief Garrison Settee**.

“In the last three weeks, we have heard of the tragic loss of three young Indigenous women to violence,” said Grand Chief Settee. “MKO honours all the people, families, and communities that are being impacted by gender-based violence. We will continue to advocate to address this issue. We invite anyone who would like to spend time remembering and honouring their loved ones to join us in person or virtually on Friday, June 3.”

In honour of MMIWG2S+, families, and survivors of gender-based violence, events will take place online as well as in Thompson and Winnipeg.

Event details:

Virtual: Facebook Live discussion at 11 am

Join us online at 11 am at www.facebook.com/MKONorth to meet and learn more about Heidi Spence, the new Director for MKO’s MMIWG Liaison Unit.

Thompson: City Centre Mall from 1 to 4 pm

- Giveaways, including the 231 Call for Justice booklets

Winnipeg: The Fork MMIWG Monument from 1 to 4 pm

- Red ribbon ties
- Giveaways: Snacks, tobacco, roses, and 231 Call for Justice booklets
- Offer tobacco and roses at the monument to honour and remember all those who have been impacted by the issue of MMIWG2S+

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