

# FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL MINISTERIAL REPORT

**Date:** March 20, 2026

**Title:** National Indigenous-Federal-Provincial-Territorial (IFPT) Meeting on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ People (MMIWG2S+)

**Originating Department (s):** Family Services and Justice

**Participants:** Nunavut Tunngavik Inc (NTI), Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council (QNSWC).

## **Nunavut Position (s):**

Nunavut emphasized that prevention must address root causes including housing insecurity, victim services, addictions, intergenerational trauma and limited access to services in smaller communities.

- **Trauma-Informed and Culturally Grounded Supports:** investments must prioritize land-based healing, elder involvement and community designed programming.
- **Interdepartmental Collaboration:** Addressing gender-based violence requires coordinated efforts across Family Services, Justice, Health, Education and Housing.
- **Inuit-Led Solutions:** Programs and prevention initiatives must reflect Inuit culture, languages and community realities.
- **Integrating social-impact mitigation into major project planning** is crucial to keep community support in line with development, ensuring that prevention, programs and shelter funding increase alongside growing population demands and service pressures.

## **Current Situation:**

Key themes emerging from the meeting included:

### 1. Human Trafficking

The Chief Advisor to combat Human Trafficking presented engagement findings identifying:

- Overrepresentation of Indigenous women, girls, boys, and 2SLGBTQI+ youth among trafficking victims.
- Increased risks linked to remoteness, housing instability, child welfare involvement, addictions, and systemic racism.
- Gaps in Indigenous-specific shelters, safe homes, and long-term supports.
- The need for sustainable, flexible funding and Indigenous-controlled data systems.

Participants emphasize that culturally grounded, survivor-led, and land-based approaches are critical protective factors.

## 2. Red Dress Alert- Manitoba Pilot

The Manitoba led Red Dress Alert Pilot Project was presented as a proposed Indigenous-led public alert system to respond rapidly when an Indigenous woman, girl, or 2SLGBTQI+ people goes missing.

Key elements include:

- Indigenous governance and trauma-informed response models.
- Centralized coordination and case management tools.
- Community engagement (43 sessions and over 1,000 survey responses).
- A phased implementation approach beginning in 2026.

Discussions highlighted the importance of trust in policing systems, coordinated cross-jurisdictional responses, and family-led safety planning.

## 3. Major Project and Community Safety

A presentation that examined the relationship between large industrial projects and increased risks to Indigenous women and girls. Industry representatives outlined gender and cultural safety plans, including:

- Mandatory training and codes of conduct.
- Workforce accommodation measures.
- Gender Safety Advisory Committees.

Indigenous partners emphasized shared accountability, regulatory oversight, early Indigenous engagement, and measurable outcomes aligned with the Calls for Justice.

## 4. Justice and Legislative Reform

Indigenous partners raised concerns that recent federal justice reforms may increase incarceration and systemic inequities if not implemented through a distinctions-based, MMIWG- informed lens.

Participants underscored:

- The need for Indigenous-led prevention and restorative justice models.
- Sustainable, distinctions-based funding.
- Alignment between enforcement measures and trauma informed victim support.

## 5. Provincial and Territorial Updates

Jurisdictions, including Alberta, provided updates on Roadmaps, funding programs, Indigenous housing investments, mental health initiatives, and anti-trafficking grants aligned with National Action Plan priorities.

Across all agenda items, families and survivors reinforced that prevention is possible when governments invest in communities, listen to lived experience, and act without delay.

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) also announced that, upon completing its review of progress on Federal and Inuit led actions under the National Inuit Action Plan on MMIWG2S+, it will initiate a corresponding review of Provincial/Territorial actions and has invited these governments to participate.

### **Next Steps:**

The Department of Family Services and Justice will review meeting outcomes to assess alignment with Nunavut's priorities and existing initiatives supporting Inuit women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ people. We will continue engagement with federal counterparts and Indigenous partners regarding emerging initiatives such as alert systems and trafficking responses.

Opportunities for interdepartmental coordination (Family Services, Justice, Health, Education, Housing) will be explored to strengthen prevention and survivor support.

**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS-FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL-TERRITORIAL MEETING ON MISSING  
AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS, AND 2SLGBTQI+ PEOPLE  
AGENDA**

**February 11 and 12, 2026 - Hybrid Conference  
Rogers Centre Room 205-207 and Online  
55 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa  
Day 1: 10:30 AM – 4:15 PM EDT  
Day 2: 10:00 AM – 3:45 PM EDT**

***Elders and Knowledge Keepers:*  
Linda Boudreau-Semaganis (Métis)  
Albert Dumont (First Nations)  
Sylvia Maracle (First Nations)  
David Serkoak (Inuit)**

***Facilitators:*  
Wina Sioui (First Nations)  
Dr. Marie Delorme (Métis)  
Nikki Komaksiutiksak (Inuit)**

***Chairs:*  
The Honourable Minister Alty  
Hilda Anderson-Pyrz  
The Honourable Minister Lyne Chantal Boudreau**

**Objective of Meeting**

The objective of this meeting is to provide:

- Indigenous partners and federal and provincial/territorial (FPT) governments a space to have a meaningful and constructive dialogue towards advancing the Calls for Justice and ending the violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ people, (MMIWG2S+);
- a safe, trauma-informed space that centers families and survivors in all discussions;
- and;
- the important opportunity to set the stage, hear from diverse voices, and ensure they are incorporated and respected in advancing discussions and proposed paths forward.

This meeting will focus on subject matters that have been identified by Indigenous partners, as well federal, provincial, and territorial partners, as priority issues. Some of the agenda items are updates to discussions from previous IFPTs, while others focus on emerging issues.

The two-day meeting will include plenary presentations and discussions on specific topics and strategic discussions with Indigenous, federal, and provincial/territorial leadership at local, regional and national levels.

## Agenda

The sensitive nature of the subject matter discussed at this meeting may negatively impact participants. Health supports will be available throughout the meeting. Support can also be accessed through the crisis number [1-844-413-6649](tel:1-844-413-6649).

### DAY ONE

#### OPENING AND WELCOME

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| 7:30 – 10:15 am EST  | <b>Registration</b><br><br><i>Participants attending the NFSC pre-event should pick up their name tags before the pre-event</i> |
| 8:45 – 10:15 am EST  | <b>NFSC Pre-Event</b>   |
| 10:30 – 10:50 am EST | <b>Opening</b><br><br><i>Spiritual Advisor Albert Dumont<br/>Grandmother Linda Boudreau-Semaganis</i>                           |
| 10:50 – 11:00 am EST | <b>Setting the stage</b><br><br><i>Wina Sioui</i>   |
| 11:00 – 11:20 am EST | <b>Welcoming Remarks</b><br><br><i>Minister Rebecca Alty, Minister Lyne Chantal Boudreau, and<br/>Hilda Anderson-Pyrz</i>       |

#### AGENDA ITEM #1: CHIEF ADVISOR TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING – ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

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| 11:20 am – 11:40 pm EST | <b>Updates on the Chief Advisor to Combat Human-Trafficking Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Engagement Summary Presentation</i></li><li>○ Jennifer Richardson, the Chief Advisor to Combat Human Trafficking</li></ul> |
| 11:40 – 12:00 pm EST    | <b>Plenary Discussion #1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Actionable recommendations for keeping Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ People Safe</li></ul>  |

#### AGENDA ITEM #2: RED DRESS ALERT

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| 12:00 – 12:20 pm EST | <b>Updates on the Red Dress Alert Pilot Project in Manitoba</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Sandra DeLaronde, Project Lead and Red Dress Alert, Giganawenimaanaanig</li><li>○ Brenda Dhillon, Country Manager for Canada, Genvis</li></ul> |
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12:20 – 12:55 pm EST      **Plenary Discussion**

12:55 – 1 :00 pm EST      **Facilitators**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EST      **LUNCH BREAK**

**AGENDA ITEM #3: MAJOR PROJECTS: IMPACTS ON INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS, AND 2SLGBTQI+ PEOPLE**

2:00 – 2:30 pm EST

**Update and Discussion on Major Projects**

- *Industry Collaboration with Indigenous communities* – Presentation by Woodfibre LNG:
  - Daria Hasselmann, Director Community Affairs
  - Sheryl Rivers, Manager, Indigenous Workforce Development and Squamish Nation Knowledge keeper and Junior Elder
  - Carla George, Floatel Cultural Manager and Squamish Nation Knowledge keeper and Junior Elder
- *MMIWG2S+ Perspectives* – Presentations by:
  - Hilda Anderson-Pyrz, President of the National Family and Survivors Circle
  - Diane Redsky, Shoal Lake 40 First Nation

2:30 – 3:55 pm EST

**Plenary Discussion #2:**

- Actionable recommendations for keeping Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ People Safe

**CLOSING OF DAY 1**

3:55 – 4:15 pm EST

**Closing**

*Elder David Serkoak  
Elder Sylvia Maracle*

**DAY TWO**

9:00 – 10:00 am EST

**Coffee/Tea**

*Participants who did not attend on Day 1 should pick up their name tags at the registration desk in advance of the meeting*

10:00 – 10:20 am EST

**Opening**

*Elder David Serkoak  
Elder Sylvia Maracle*

10:20 – 10:30 am EST

**Welcoming Remarks**

#### AGENDA ITEM #4: LEADERSHIP PLENARY DISCUSSIONS

10:30 am – 10:40am EST

##### **Contributions from Indigenous Partners**

- Slideshow summary of comments and feedback gathered pre-meeting from partners, family members, and survivors.

10:40 am – 12:30pm EST

##### **What We Learned**

- Summary of preceding discussions in the agenda. Ministers and Indigenous leadership (at local, regional and/or national levels) share views and thoughts on what was learned as well as best practices.

12:30 – 1:30 pm EST

##### **LUNCH BREAK**

#### AGENDA ITEM #5: LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS (continued)

1:30 – 3:00 pm EST

##### **Building Partnerships and Next Steps**

- Ministers and Indigenous leadership (at local, regional and/or national levels) will be invited to speak to their priorities and identify opportunities for collaboration in the future.

3:00 – 3:15 pm EST

##### **BREAK**

#### CLOSING

3:15 – 3:30 pm EST

##### **Closing Remarks**

*Minister Rebecca Alty, Minister Lyne Chantal Boudreau, and Hilda Anderson-Pyrz*

3:30 – 3:45 pm EST

##### **Closing**

*Spiritual Advisor Albert Dumont  
Grandmother Linda Boudreau-Semaganis*



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# **Co-chairs convene the fourth annual National Indigenous-Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQI+ People**

From: [Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada](#)

## **Statement**

**February 12, 2026 - Ottawa, Ontario, Unceded Algonquin Traditional Territory - Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada**

Today, President of the National Family and Survivors Circle Inc., Hilda Anderson-Pyrz; Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, Rebecca Alty; Minister of Seniors and Minister responsible for Women's Equality, Government of New Brunswick, Dr. Lyne Chantal Boudreau; issued the following statement, reflecting the views of the co-chairs, after the fourth annual National Indigenous-Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQI+ People:

"As we work to build a stronger, more prosperous Canada, we must be united in our shared responsibility to protect the lives, rights and inherent human rights of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ people.

Driven by this collective purpose, we came together over the past two days for the fourth annual National Indigenous-Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQI+ People.

As Indigenous, federal, provincial, and territorial leaders, we came together with survivors and families, recognizing the strength of their voices and leadership in shaping solutions. Grounded in their lived experiences, we are advancing actions rooted in accountability and respect, while ensuring their voices remain at the table as we build a stronger nation together.

Together, we are continuing to advance the National Action Plan and the National Inquiry's 231 Calls for Justice, focusing on:

- addressing the trafficking and sexual exploitation of Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQI+ people, including through the work of Canada's Chief Advisor to Combat Human Trafficking and the renewal of the National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking, in partnership with Indigenous communities, survivors, and advocates
- exploring the Red Dress Alert, building on partner engagement work, including their recently released final report, for rapid, coordinated and culturally appropriate responses when Indigenous women, girls or 2SLGBTQI+ people go missing
- developing stronger safety, prevention and mitigation measures throughout major resource projects, along with Indigenous communities and partners, to address the increased risks Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQI+ people experience, particularly along major project corridors.

We discussed the importance of implementing solutions that are grassroots and community-led, as Indigenous communities are best positioned to design and deliver culturally grounded, trauma-informed and sustainable solutions.

This meeting also reaffirmed the essential leadership of survivors, families and youth-their courage, knowledge, and advocacy continue to drive progress and remind us that only through collective action and collaboration can we advance safety, justice and healing. We will be stronger by uniting our voices and making the invisible visible, based on the principle: "Nothing about us without us" or "Nothing for them without them."

We look forward to continuing to work together over the coming year to advance the Calls for Justice, report publicly on progress, and build a future where Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQI+ people can live in safety, free from violence, and with the respect and dignity they deserve."

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