

**PUBLIC INQUIRIES ACT**

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**AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A BOARD TO INQUIRE INTO  
MISSING AND MURDERED INUIT AND OTHER INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Whereas the high number of deaths and disappearances of Inuit and other indigenous women and girls in Canada is an ongoing national tragedy that must be brought to an end;

And whereas the Governor in Council has, by Order in Council P.C. 2016-0736 of August 2, 2016, launched the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, to identify and examine the systemic causes of violence against indigenous women and girls in Canada and to make recommendations for effective action;

And whereas the issue of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls involves the presence of various forms of underlying violence, which must be examined by taking into consideration the cultural realities and specificities of Inuit of Nunavut;

And whereas the Government of Nunavut is committed to taking effective action to prevent and eliminate violence against Inuit and other indigenous women and girls in Nunavut;

And whereas the Government of Nunavut supports an inquiry that is trauma-informed, inclusive of personal experiences and views, culturally appropriate, and that advances reconciliation and public awareness of violence against Inuit and other indigenous women and girls;

And whereas the Government of Nunavut supports an inquiry that includes, to the greatest extent possible, informal processes such as the gathering and recording of statements by qualified trauma-informed persons;

And whereas the Government of Canada has undertaken to pay all expenses associated with the operation of the board appointed to conduct the inquiry, including the salaries and expenses of board members, secretarial, support and research services, expert fees and the fees for travel and support of the persons affected by the violence and other persons that will be examined by and participate before the inquiry;

And whereas the Minister of Justice considers it necessary and in the public interest that a territorial inquiry be established jointly with the national inquiry to support the mandate of the national inquiry in respect of matters within the jurisdiction of Nunavut;

The Minister of Justice, under sections 2, 3 and 10 of the *Public Inquiries Act* and every enabling power, orders as follows:

1. A Board is established for the period beginning on the later of September 1, 2016 and the date this instrument is registered with the Registrar of Regulations, and ending on December 31, 2018.

2. The following persons are appointed to the Board referred to in section 1:

- (a) the Honourable Marion R. Buller of Port Coquitlam, British Columbia;
- (b) Michèle Taïna Audette of Maliotenam, Quebec;
- (c) E. Qajaq Robinson of Ottawa, Ontario;
- (d) Marilyn Poitras of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan;
- (e) Brian Eyolfson of Toronto, Ontario.

3. (1) The Board shall conduct a territorial inquiry in conjunction with and under the name of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and support the mandate of the National Inquiry in respect of the matters within the jurisdiction of Nunavut.

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(2) For greater certainty, when acting under the authority of this order, the Board is required to comply with the *Public Inquiries Act*.

4. The Board shall:

- (a) inquire into and report on the following:
  - (i) systemic causes of all forms of violence — including sexual violence — against Inuit and other indigenous women and girls in Nunavut, including underlying social, economic, cultural, institutional and historical causes contributing to the ongoing violence and particular vulnerabilities of Inuit and other indigenous women and girls in Nunavut, and
  - (ii) institutional policies and practices implemented in response to violence experienced by Inuit and other indigenous women and girls in Nunavut, including the identification and examination of practices that have been effective in reducing violence and increasing safety;
- (b) make recommendations on the following:
  - (i) concrete and effective action that can be taken to remove systemic causes of violence and to increase the safety of Inuit and other indigenous women and girls in Nunavut;
  - (ii) ways to honour and commemorate missing and murdered Inuit and other indigenous women and girls of Nunavut;
- (c) not express any conclusion or recommendation regarding the civil or criminal liability of any person or organization, including in any reports produced in relation to the inquiry.

5. The Board may adopt any procedures that it considers expedient subject to and in accordance with sections 4 and 5 of the *Public Inquiries Act*.

6. The Board may engage the services of accountants, engineers, technical advisors or other experts, clerks, reporters and assistants that the Board considers necessary or advisable to aid and assist the Board in the inquiry, including but not limited to:

- (a) elders, youth, family members of missing and murdered Inuit and other indigenous women and girls, family members of survivors of violence against Inuit and other indigenous women and girls;
- (b) academics, including academics specializing in Inuit cultural and legal traditions;
- (c) representatives of national, territorial, Inuit and other indigenous, local or feminist organizations;
- (d) trauma-informed and culturally appropriate counsellors;
- (e) governmental and non-governmental victims' service providers.

7. The Board may engage the services of counsel to aid and assist the Board in the inquiry.

8. For greater certainty, the Board shall comply with the *Official Languages Act*.

9. The Board shall deliver to the Minister of Justice in English, French, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun as each version is ready, the reports submitted to the Governor in Council as required by Order in Council P.C. 2016-0736 of August 2, 2016.