

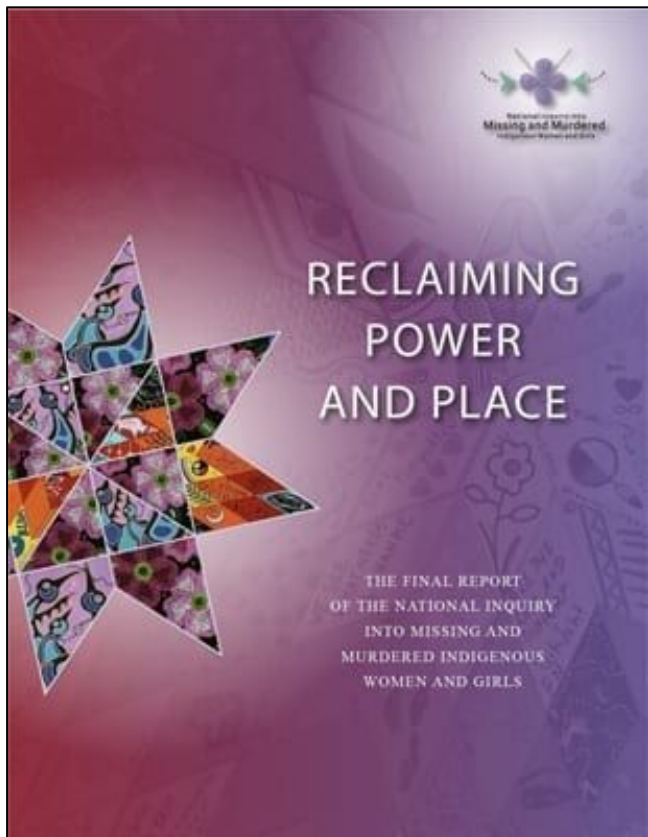


Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls National Inquiry Final Report

Calls for Justice

Community and Public Services Committee
March 21, 2022

The National Inquiry



Community Driven

The National Inquiry was the result of mounting pressure to launch a public inquiry into the disproportionate levels of violence against Indigenous women and girls. These efforts were led by:

- grassroots family members and survivors
- community organizations and national Indigenous organizations
- international human rights organizations
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

Indigenous Women and Girls

The Edmonton Community Foundation - Vital Topics Report (2019) and the Edmonton Safe City Recommendation Report (2020) indicate:

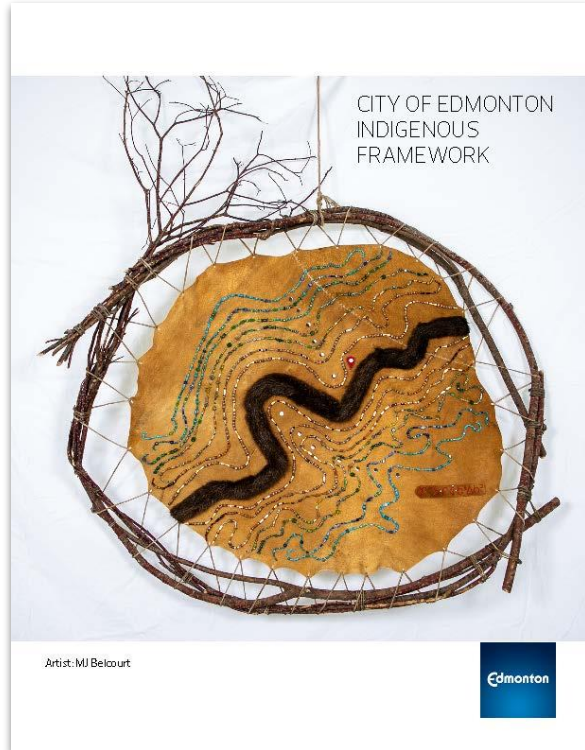
Indigenous women and girls are nearly **three times more likely** to report being violently victimized and are more likely to experience multiple forms of violence than non-Indigenous women and girls

The majority of **violent acts** towards Indigenous women are **often not reported to the police**

Of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls cases in Canada - **16% are from Alberta**; second only to B.C. (28%)

84% of Alberta cases are for murder; 14 % are missing cases. 42% of cases in Alberta are still unsolved

Responding to the Calls for Justice



Corporate Commitment #1:

Support the journey of Reconciliation by applying the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a foundation for the Indigenous Framework.

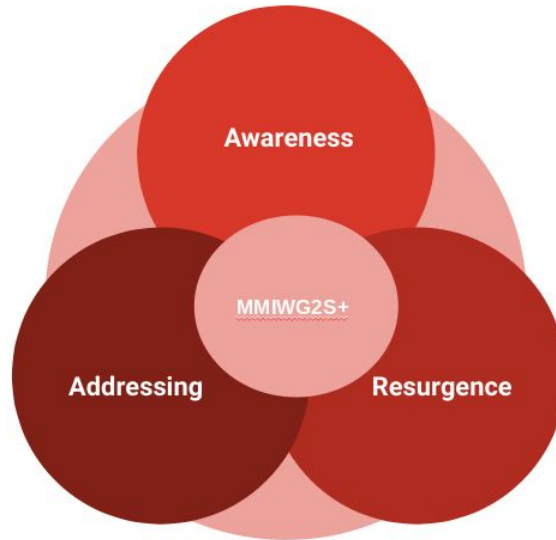
Community Insight

What we have heard so far

- Public education and awareness
- Stable core operational funding
- Action on racism and discrimination
 - Indigenous ombudsperson
- Reclaim Indigenous knowledge, culture, language and ceremonies
- Race-based data collection

Responding to the Calls for Justice

Three Major Themes requiring Action



Responding to the Calls for Justice

Current work underway that aligns with the Calls for Justice

AWARENESS, ADDRESSING, and RESURGENCE

- Gender-based Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Initiative
- Indigenous Framework
- EndPoverty Edmonton
- RECOVER Urban Well-Being Framework
- Work on community safe and well-being
- Indigenous led Housing and Shelter initiatives including an Indigenous Housing Strategy
- Anti-Racism Advisory and Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committees

Short - Immediate Term Actions to Take

Awareness

Uplift grassroots work and voices of Indigenous communities and advocates

- Support and bolster work already in place that helps address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people

Addressing

Safety and Security

- Support and bolster work already in place that helps address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Resurgence

Leadership Development

- Support the Reclamation of traditional roles of Indigenous Elders/Matriarchs, women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people as leaders in the community - uplift voices and access to spaces to influence the City and Community
- Continue to work with Elders and Matriarchs in the implementation of the Indigenous Framework and opportunities for Intergenerational Knowledge transfer and connections

Medium - Long Term Actions

Awareness

Develop a strategic plan for Trauma-informed Indigenous awareness / anti-racism training

- Support alignments with the Indigenous Framework and Anti Racism Strategy

Addressing

Safety and Security / Culture / Health and Wellness

- Capital / Operating funding for Indigenous hubs/cultural centres - Indigenous Culture and Wellness Centre, Kihciy Askiy initiatives, Esqauo Resiliency Lodge, etc
- Implement the Indigenous Housing Strategy
- Fund and support Indigenous led and informed community safety / harm and transition reduction programs
- Indigenous ombudsperson

Resurgence

Systemic Change

- Develop Indigenous intersectional analysis tools for the City to use when designing programs and policy (mainstreaming Indigeneity)
- Develop an Indigenous evaluation matrix and process development for city delivered programs and policies that impact Indigenous peoples



Thank You



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