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Provincial Inquiry public hearings resume in Montreal

Val-d'Or, March 6, 2018 – The Public Inquiry Commission on relations between Indigenous Peoples and certain public services in Québec: listening, reconciliation and progress will be back in Montreal to hold two more weeks of hearings at the Palais des Congrès de Montréal, starting on March 12.

Calendar of hearings

Week 16

Monday, March 12:

9:30-4:30 Camil Picard, Acting President of the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse and Vice-president responsible for the youth mandate

Tuesday, March 13:

9:30 Request for closed proceedings

9:30-10:30 Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

10:30-11:00 Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

11:00-12:00 Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

12:00-12:30 Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

1:30-2:30 Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

2:30-3:30 Citizen witnesses (Youth protection services)

3:30-4:30 Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

Wednesday, March 14:

9:30-11:00 Marie Rinfret, The Ombudsperson

11:00-12:30 Me Robin Aubut-Fréchette, Executive assistant, Deputy Ombudsperson - Citizen and User Services

1:30-3:30 Richard Gray, Manager of the Social Services, First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission; Nico Trocmé, Director of the School of Social Work and the Philip Fisher Chair in Social Work and Professor at McGill University and Vandna Sinha, Assistant Professor and Researcher in the School of Social Work at McGill University

3:30-4:30 Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

Thursday, March 15:

9:30 Request for closed proceedings

9:30-10:15 Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

10:15-11:30 Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

11:30-12:30 Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

1:30-2:30 Citizen witness, reported by an Investigation Agent (Youth protection services)

2:30-4:00 Roger Adlook, Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

4:00-5:00 Widia Larivière and Mélanie Lumsden, Co-founders of Mikana

Friday, March 16:

9:30-12:30 Dr. Christopher Fletcher, Professor, Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, Laval University; Yves Sioui, Coordinator of the Québec First Nations and Inuit Faculties of Medicine Program; Éric Drouin, Paediatric Gastroenterologist at CHU Ste-Justine and Associate Professor at the Québec First Nations and Inuit Faculties of Medicine Program; Henri Cyr, Student in Medecine and Chloé Baril, Student in Medecine, Native Studies and dependence

1:30-2:30 Lorraine Loranger, Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

2:30 Request for closed proceedings

2:30-3:30 Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

3:30-4:30 Citizen witness (Youth protection services)

Week 17

Monday, March 19:

9:30-11:30 Jean-Roch Ottawa, Chief of the Atikamekw Council of Manawan; Sandro Echaquan, General Director of the Atikamekw Council of Manawan and Francine Moar, Director of the professional and support services at the Manawan Health Center

11:30-12:30 Robert Bonspiel, President of Paramédics des Premières Nations

1:30-4:30 Witnesses to be confirmed

Tuesday, March 20:

9:30-11:00 Nigel Bosum, Citizen witness (Police services)

11:00-12:30 Citizen witness (Police services)

1:30-3:00 Sylvain Dubé et Nathalie Dubé, Citizen witnesses (Health services)

3:00-4:00 Carol Anne Poirier, Retired psychologist

Wednesday, March 21:

9:30-12:30 Richard Coleman, Director, The Aboriginal Relations Office, Ministry of Public Security

1:30-3:00 Dr. Samir Shaheen-Hussain, Pediatric Emergency Physician, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Medicine of McGill University and Activist for social justice

3:00-4:30 Dr. Christopher Fletcher, Professor, Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, Laval University; Annie Pisuktie, Vice-president, Southern Quebec Inuit Association and Marie-Claude Lyonnais, Research assistant, CHU de Québec Research Center, Laval University

Thursday, March 22:

9:30-12:30 Witnesses to be confirmed

1:30-3:00 Derek Montour, Executive Director of Kahnawake Community Services

3:00-4:00 Francine Beaupré, Administrative and Communications Assistant, La Tuque Municipal Housing Office

4:00-4:30 Health services worker, Measure to protect the identity

Friday, March 23:

9:30-12:30 Renée Brassard, Professor of Criminology, School of Social Work and Criminology, Laval University; Pierre Lainé, Former Director of Manigouche Halfway House and Former Liaison Officer at Correctional Service Canada

1:30-2:30 Me Bianca Suci, Lawyer and Me Olivier Jarda, Lawyer, Coalition of English Speaking First Nations Communities in Quebec

2:30-4:00 Witnesses to be confirmed

4:00-5:00 Closing Ceremony with Sedalia Kawennotas Fazio, Mohawk Elder

Following these blocks of hearings in Montreal, hearings will resume at the Conservatory of Music and Drama in Val-d'Or on April 3 for a three-week period.

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