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Quebec public inquiry commission's last hearings to open on reconciliation subject

Val-d'Or, November 28, 2018 – The month of December will mark the end of public hearings for the Public Inquiry Commission on relations between Indigenous Peoples and certain public services in Québec. From December 5th to 14th, the last testimonies will be heard at the Pena-Dumont conference room at Val-d'Or airport.

During the first week of hearings, Commissioner Jacques Viens will receive actors from different backgrounds to discuss on subjects related to the theme of reconciliation.

During the second week, the calendar will mostly be filled up with the final plea from all official participants and the last testimonies of two public services.

However, the end of public hearings does not signify the end of the mandate. The evidence brought to Commissioner Viens will continue to be analysed in order to build the final report that will be submitted in September 2019.

Element of reflections

To open up on its final bloc of hearings, the Commission invited leaders who are recognized for their involvement to give their personal opinion on questions regarding the theme of reconciliation. Based on their professional and personal background, they will share their own observations to Commissioner Viens.

The objective is to allow a reflexion in order to enrich the Commission's works. Participants will share their point of view and will be invited to open up on solutions.

Michèle Rouleau, André Dudemaine, Mélissa Mollen-Dupuis, Alexis Wawanoloath and Manon Barbeau are among those who kindly accepted the invitation.

Calendar of hearings

Week 37, Salle Pena-Dumont, Val-d'Or Airport

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

9:00-10:00 (Guest) Michèle Rouleau, Producer

10:00-11:00 (Guest) Fabienne Théoret, Community animator

11:00-12:30 (Guests) Jennifer Brazeau, Youth Coordinator and Crystal Dawn Jerome, Representative, Quebec Native Women

1:30-3:30 (Guest) Manon Barbeau, President and Founder of Wapikoni Mobile and General Manager of Musique Nomade

3:30-4:30 (Guests) Gabriel Luneau, journalist and Étienne Gignac, Community Organizer

Thursday, December 6, 2018

9:30-12:30 Martine Dubuc, Commander and Caroline Cournoyer, Inspector, Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM)

1:00-3:00 Witness to be confirmed

3:00-4:00 (Guest) Serge Bordeleau, Biologist, Director and Producer

Friday, December 7, 2018

9:00-10:00 (Guest) Alexis Wawanoloath, Abenakis law student at Université de Sherbrooke

10:00-11:00 (Guest) Kaitlynn Hester Moses, Youth Grand Chief, Cree Nation Youth Council

11:00-12:00 (Guest) Laurianne Petiquay, General Manager of the Centre d'amitié autochtone de La Tuque

1:30-4:30 (Guests) Widia Larivière, Anishnabekwe Activist, Idle No More Québec and Mélissa Mollen-Dupuis, Innué Activist, Idle No More Québec

Week 38, Salle Pena-Dumont, Val-d'Or Airport

Monday, December 10, 2018

9:30-10:30 Follow ups on calls to action

10:30-12:00 (Guest) André Dudemaine, Director and Cofounder of LAND InSIGHTS

1:30-4:30 Chantale Pelletier, Associate Chief Justice of the Cour du Québec, Criminal and Penal Division; Robert Proulx, Associate Chief Justice of the Cour du Québec, Youth Division; Lucille Chabot, Coordinating Judge for Abitibi-Temiscamingue and Nord du Québec regions; Danielle Côté, Justice of the Cour du Québec (Sherbrooke courthouse) and Richard Côté, Coordinating Judge for Bas-St-Laurent, Côte-Nord, Gaspésie and Îles-de-la-Madeleine regions

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

9:30-10:30 (Guest) William Mazzoleni, Innu Producteur

11h00-12h30 (Guest) Brian Blackburn, Animation and Communication Officer, First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Youth Network

1:30-3:00 (Final plea) Tanya Sirois, General Manager of the Regroupement des Centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec

3:00-4:30 (Final plea) Jean-François Arteau and Fabien Parnet, Lawyers, Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS)

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

9:30-11:00 (Final plea) David Coderre, Lawyer, Association des policières et policiers provinciaux du Québec

1:30-3:00 (Final plea) Marie-Paule Boucher, Counsel, Procureur général du Québec

3:00-4:30 (Final plea) Anne-Marie Gauthier, Lawyer, Innu Takuaikan Uashat mak Mani-Utenam, the Nation Naskapi of Kawawachikamach and Regroupement Mamit Innuat inc.

Thursday, December 13, 2018

9:30-10:30 (Final plea) Wina Sioui, Lawyer, Assembly of First Nations Québec-Labrador

10:30-16:30 (Final plea) Witnesses to be confirmed

Friday, December 14, 2018

9:30-11:00 (Final plea) John Hurley, Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee), Cree Nation Government and Cree Board of Health and Social Services

11:00-12:30 (Final plea) Viviane Michel, President and Rainbow Miller, Lawer, Quebec Native Women

12:30-1:30 Cérémonie de fermeture

Please note that since the calendar of hearings is subject to frequent changes, we invite you to consult the [hearings](#) section of our website on a daily basis to get the latest version: www.cerp.gouv.qc.ca.

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