

Ghislain Picard, Matthew Coon Come and Viviane Michel to take part of the hearings in June

Val-d'Or, May 29, 2017 – The Public Inquiry Commission on relations between Indigenous Peoples and certain public services in Québec: listening, reconciliation and progress is proud to unveil its calendar of hearings for the month of June. The Commissioner Jacques Viens is satisfied about the positive response from both Indigenous leaders and public services representatives.

Among those who will testify in Val-d'Or, the Quebec Inquiry will hear from Chief Ghislain Picard from the Assembly of First Nations Quebec – Labrador (AFNQL), Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come from the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the President of Quebec Native Women Viviane Michel. The Quebec Inquiry will also receive Pierre Lepage as well as Carole Lévesque and Daniel Salée, three experts in Indigenous matters.

Opening Ceremony

In order to launch the Inquiry's hearings, an opening ceremony will precede the Commissioner's declaration of opening. This ceremony, performed by Anishinabe Elders, will respect Indigenous values and traditions.

Complete calendar of hearings for the month of June

Monday June 5: Opening ceremony, Commissioner's declaration of opening and Viviane Michel (Quebec Native Women)

Tuesday June 6: Chief Ghislain Picard (AFNQL) and Grand Chief Verna Polson (Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council)

Wednesday June 7: Chief Adrienne Jérôme (Anishinabe Nation of Lac Simon)

Thursday June 8: Édith Cloutier, Executive director (Centre d'amitié Autochtone de Val-d'Or) and Tanya Sirois, Executive Director (Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec)

Monday June 12: Widia Larivière, Education and Cooperation Officer (Quebec Human Rights and Youth Rights Commission) and Daniel Salée (Concordia University)

Tuesday June 13: Representatives from Quebec Public Services

Wednesday June 14: Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come (Grand Council of the Crees Eeyou Istchee) and representatives from Quebec Public Services

Thursday June 15: Pierre Lepage (Anthropologist), Me Marie-Chantale Brassard and Me Patrick Michel (Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions)

Monday June 19: Grand Chief Constant Awashish (Conseil de la Nation Atikamekw) and Carole Lévesque (Institut national de la recherche scientifique)

Tuesday June 20: Me Maryse Picard (Expert witness), Pierre Corbeil (Mayor of Val-d'Or) and Paul-Antoine Martel (City of Val-d'Or)

It is important to underline that the schedule can be modified at all time. Unless otherwise noted, the hearings will begin at 9:30 AM at the Conservatory of Music and Drama, located at 88, rue Allard in Val-d'Or. The Quebec Inquiry will not hold hearings on June 21, 2017 due to National Aboriginal Day.

Participation of the public

The Quebec Inquiry would like to remind everyone that every individual, organization or association wanting to testify at the hearings or wishing to share information can contact them by the [confidential communications section](#) of the website or by phone on the confidential hotline's voicemail at 1 844 580-0113 (toll free).

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