



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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BC Coroners Service
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Coroner's inquest into the death of Nicole Chan begins in January 2023

VICTORIA – A public inquest into the death of Nicole Chan will begin on Jan. 23, 2023, at 9:30 am at the Burnaby Coroners' Court (20th floor, 4720 Kingsway, Metrotower II, Metrotown, Burnaby).

The death of Chan, 30, was reported to the BC Coroners Service by the Vancouver Police Department on Jan. 27, 2019.

Under Section 18(3)(a) of the Coroners Act, the chief coroner may direct that an inquest be held when the public has an interest in being informed of the circumstances surrounding the death.

A coroner's inquest is a public inquiry that serves three primary functions:

- to determine the facts related to a death, including the identity of the deceased and how, when, where and by what means the individual came to their death, as well as a classification for the death.
- to make recommendations, where appropriate and supported by evidence, to prevent deaths in similar circumstances.
- to ensure public confidence that the circumstances surrounding the death of an individual will not be overlooked, concealed or ignored.

Susan Barth, presiding coroner, and a jury will hear evidence from witnesses under oath to determine the facts surrounding this death. The jury will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths under similar circumstances. A jury must not make any finding of legal responsibility or express any conclusion of law.

For more information about inquests, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/life-events/death/coroners-service/inquest-schedule-jury-findings-verdicts>

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