



Minister's Advisory Council
on Indigenous Women

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Annual Report 2017-2018





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Message from the Chair



On behalf of the Minister's Advisory Council on Indigenous Women (MACIW), I am pleased to present the *Annual Report 2017-2018* that highlights our activities and achievements between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018.

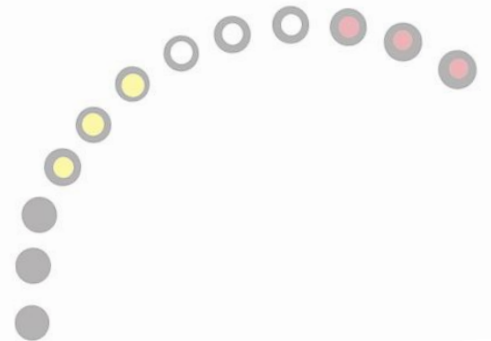
Since 2011, MACIW has worked diligently to build bridges between the provincial government and Indigenous women, families and communities. MACIW advises government ministries and various organizations and agencies. MACIW seeks to break down jurisdictional silos and develop partnerships in the pursuit of a single goal: improving the quality of life of Indigenous women in B.C.

Following the provincial election in 2017, government introduced new mandates and goals for British Columbia. These mandates included implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration), the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action, and the landmark Tsilhqot'in court decision (2014). MACIW was called upon to advise about housing, poverty reduction, Indigenous justice, child welfare, policing, safety, and more.

MACIW continues to encourage the inclusion of Indigenous Gender Based Analysis (IGBA) in provincial environmental assessments and other regulatory regimes to reduce the negative impacts of natural resource development on Indigenous women, families and communities. Indigenous women's engagement must occur early and continue throughout the lifecycle of natural resource development planning, and IGBA can be implemented in land-use planning and comprehensive reconciliation agreements. MACIW calls for IGBA training and toolkits to be developed and made available for government, industry, and Indigenous Nations, communities, and organizations. MACIW will continue this advocacy in the next fiscal year to ensure Indigenous women's health, safety and rights – as acknowledged in the UN Declaration – are protected.

MACIW supports the implementation of the UN Declaration, not as a source of Indigenous rights but an acknowledgement of pre-contact Indigenous rights. To implement the UN Declaration and pursue reconciliation, all levels of government must collaborate and exercise political will. MACIW looks forward to supporting government as it pursues this important work.

Chastity Davis, Chair





Background

The Minister's Advisory Council on Indigenous Women (MACIW) was established in 2011 to provide advice to government on improving the quality of life for Indigenous women in B.C. MACIW envisions a world where all Indigenous peoples live free of violence, and are healthy, sustainable and self-determining. MACIW draws inspiration from the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*¹ and from the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action*.²

Vision	A world where all Indigenous Peoples live free of violence and are healthy, sustainable and self-determining.
Mission	To improve the quality of life for Indigenous women.
Philosophy	MACIW honours Indigenous worldviews and works from a holistic perspective of women. Thus, when we speak of women, we consider this to be inclusive of, but not limited to, children, family, community, nation, wellness, justice, land and water.

MACIW advocates for the well-being of Indigenous women by:

- Providing advice and support to government through the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.
- Strategically influencing decision-making that will improve the quality of life for Indigenous women.
- Fostering dialogue between government and communities.
- Offering guidance and direction that is rooted in Indigenous worldviews.

MACIW is comprised of up to 10 Indigenous women from across B.C., including a Chair and Vice-Chair, with one position designated for an Elder representative and another for a Youth representative. MACIW members are appointed by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and are selected based on criteria of diversity, experience and regional representation. MACIW member biographies are in Appendix A.

MACIW extends its gratitude to two prominent members, Linda Thomas and Karen Joseph, who concluded their appointments in 2017. Their unique knowledge, experience and perspective – particularly regarding reconciliation, justice, children and families – greatly influenced MACIW's work, and by extension the Province. We wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

¹ United Nations, 2007, *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People*, http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf

² Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, 2015, *Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Calls to Action*, http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf



MACIW 2017-2018 membership:

Chastity Davis	Tla'amin Nation	Chair	2012 – Present
Barbara Ward-Burkitt	Fort McKay First Nation	Vice-Chair	2014 – Present
Paulette Flamond	Métis	Member	2011 – Present
Dr. Lorna Williams	Lil'wat	Member, Elder Representative	2014 – Present
Coreen Child	Kwakiutl First Nation	Member	2016 – Present
Karen Joseph	Kwakwaka'wakw	Member	2016 – 2017
Linda Thomas	Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc	Member	2016 – 2017
Sarah Robinson	Fort Nelson First Nation and Saulteau First Nation	Member	2016 – Present
Raven Lacerte	Lake Babine First Nation	Member, Youth Representative	2017 - Present



Advising

Quarterly Meetings

As per its *Terms of Reference*,³ MACIW meets quarterly, with at least two meetings attended by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. Quarterly meetings are MACIW's primary venue to provide advice to government and other organizations. Quarterly meetings are also MACIW's greatest opportunity for internal information sharing and strategic planning.

MACIW quarterly meetings for 2017-18 included:

Date and Location	Highlighted Advisory Sessions
April 6-7, 2017 Vancouver, B.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">RCMP regarding Aboriginal Policing Division; recommendations implemented from Oppal Inquiry; and addressing racism

³ Minister's Advisory Council on Indigenous Women, 2017, *Terms of Reference*, <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/indigenous-people/minister-s-advisory-council-on-indigenous-women-maciw>



Date and Location	Highlighted Advisory Sessions
Traditional Territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG) regarding role of BC Family Information Liaison Unit in providing on-site support at National Inquiry hearings. • Executive of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) National Inquiry provided an overview and update on the National Inquiry. • Minister Anton, Ministry of Attorney General (MAG) and PSSG provided updates on implementation of Oppal Inquiry recommendations.
June 8-9, 2017 Vancouver, B.C. Traditional Territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) regarding the provincial response to the Firelight Report recommendations. • MIRR regarding Deputy Ministers' Committee on a Secure Tomorrow. • Met with Amnesty International Canada, regarding Indigenous Gender-Based Analysis (IGBA). • Met with Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) women's representative regarding recent work to support MMIWG.
October 12-13, 2017 Victoria, B.C. Traditional Territory of the Lekwungen Speaking Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MACIW discussed IGBA and advocating for its incorporation into the Environmental Assessment process and regulatory regimes. • MAG presented and received advice on the re-establishment of the BC Human Rights Commission. • PSSG provided updates on the National Inquiry and the MOU on Indigenous Justice Strategy. • PSSG provided updates on progress of the BC Family Information Liaison Unit (FILU) in supporting families of MMIWG.
November 30 - December 1, 2017 Victoria, B.C. Traditional Territory of the Lekwungen Speaking Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Simpson, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR) discussed his mandate to develop a province-wide poverty reduction strategy, and MACIW advised on facets of poverty specific to Indigenous people. • Minister Fraser met MACIW members and discussed his vision for MACIW. • MACIW and MIRR shared progress on IGBA exploration and implementation. • MACIW provided responses to questions posed by PSSG regarding the FILU and how to build better relationships with the families it supports. • MACIW and guests discussed topics related to Indigenous housing, such as the B.C. Homeless Count, the Federal government's National Housing Strategy, and the roles of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Aboriginal Housing Management Association. • SDPR presented information on Siem Lelum – a safe, affordable "Urban Village" housing model located in Victoria.
March 15-16, 2018 Victoria, B.C. Traditional Territory of the Lekwungen Speaking Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Priorities and Accountability Office discussed how government's commitments to reconciliation are being implemented in policy, programs and legislation. • Ministry of Children & Family Development (MCFD) sought advice on proposed legislative amendments to the <i>Child, Family and Community Service Act</i>. • MIRR discussed reconciliation and visions for MACIW.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment Assessment Office (EAO) sought advice on the revitalization of the Environmental Assessment process.• PSSG sought advice on the development of unbiased policing standards.• Emergency Management BC discussed Indigenous women's experiences of wildfires and floods, and sought advice on planning, preparedness, response, recovery.• The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions sought advice on the development of the Mental Health and Addictions Strategy.• The Office of the Auditor General sought advice on the development of the Indigenous Relations Strategy.

Other Engagements

While MACIW provides advice through quarterly meetings, MACIW is also engaged through gatherings, advisory sessions, one-on-one meetings and presentations. To read a fulsome review of MACIW activities see Appendix B and highlights below.

Sashing Our Warriors Campaign

November 25, 2017

Vancouver BC

Sashing Our Warriors is a holistic, grassroots campaign that will create the education and awareness needed to prevent further violence against Métis women and girls. The campaign supports individuals and the community to heal and rebuild together through a sashing ceremony representative of the Métis culture.

Honouring individuals with a sash is a tangible means of expressing and preserving Métis identity and culture and acknowledging individuals that are making a difference for the Métis Nation. MACIW Métis representative, Paulette Flamond, provided opening remarks and participated in the event.

Moose Hide Campaign: National Day of Fasting

February 15, 2018

Victoria BC

The Moose Hide Campaign was founded by Paul and Raven Lacerte and focused on supporting Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys who want to stand up against violence towards women and children. It is aimed at raising awareness about over 1,200 Indigenous woman who have gone missing or been murdered in Canada.

Members of MACIW joined with Premier John Horgan, the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Scott Fraser, and Moose Hide Campaign co-founders Paul and Raven Lacerte, and walked from Thunderbird Park to the steps of the British Columbia Parliament Buildings to give away the one millionth moose hide pin.



Indigenous Communities and Industrial Camps Project

March 2017

Regional

Industrial camps are used to house workers associated with natural resource activities in B.C. They are often situated in remote work locations for temporary operations or to relieve pressures on local housing markets. While the resource extraction industry contributes to economic activity and revenues for local communities, there is evidence to suggest that industrial camps can have negative social impacts on local communities and vulnerable populations, including Indigenous women and children.

Following discussions with Lake Babine First Nation and Nak'azdli Whut'en First Nations, the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (MEMPR) and the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) provided funding to these First Nations to hold a workshop on the issue. The workshop report, *Indigenous Communities and Industrial Camps, Promoting Healthy Communities in Settings of Industrial Change*, that was prepared by the Firelight Group identified the following potential negative social impacts on local communities, including:

- Increased substance use;
- Increased demand for sex work and higher risks of sexual exploitation;
- Increased economic inequality;
- Increased costs of living, and food and housing insecurity; and,
- Decreased ability to connect with Indigenous governance and health/wellness practices such as hunting, fishing, berry picking, etc.

MACIW is participating in a cross-ministry working group created to review the Firelight report and develop recommended actions. The working group has membership from Provincial ministries in the social and natural resource sectors, health authorities, and regulators, as well as representatives from Lake Babine and Nak'azdli Whut'en.

Goals 2018-2019

- Continue advocating for the inclusion of Indigenous Gender Based Analysis in natural resource development. As B.C.'s economic sector continues to thrive, an Indigenous women's lens must frame natural resource industries while projects are being developed.
- Provide guidance to the Province on supporting family members and loved ones when the final report is released from the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- Continue to bring Indigenous women's voices and perspectives to the forefront to end the culture of silence that condones violence against Indigenous women and girls.
- Continue to support government in making well-informed, effective and appropriate decisions that may impact Indigenous women.





Appendix A: MACIW Member Biographies

Chastity Davis (Chair)



Chastity Davis is a mixed heritage woman of First Nations and European descent. She is a proud member of the Tla'amin Nation, located in Powell River just off the beautiful Sunshine Coast of B.C. Chastity strives to keep her sacred First Nations culture, traditions and values incorporated into her modern-day life. She feels it is her life purpose to facilitate the building of bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and has dedicated her professional and personal life to do so. Chastity is sole proprietor to her own consulting business, Chastity Davis Consulting and has been a successful entrepreneur for 6+ years. She is a board member at the Minerva Foundation and Chair of the Minister's Advisory Council on Indigenous Women. Chastity co-founded the Professional Indigenous Women's Network and is currently serving as Co-Chair for this important network that creates a shared space for Indigenous and non-Indigenous women to support each other in their respective careers. Chastity completed her MA in International and Intercultural Communications in Summer 2017, has a BA in Professional Communications and a Diploma in Marketing Management and Professional Sales. Chastity has spoken at several international, national and local events on the importance of building bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. She dedicates her work to her two nephews, niece and 10-year-old brother, as they are the future generations.

Barbara Ward-Burkitt (Vice-Chair)



Barbara Ward-Burkitt, Wahiyow Cawapata Scoo, is a member of the Fort McKay First Nation and is currently the Executive Director of the Prince George Native Friendship Centre. She has been actively connected in many capacities in the Friendship Centre movement since 1972. In the past she was a Faculty Staff Mentor in Field Programs for northern B.C. at Simon Fraser University and was a Child Care Worker with Indigenous students and special needs students for the Quesnel School District. Active in her community, Ms. Ward-Burkitt has been the President of Prince George Nechako Indigenous Employment and Training Association for many years and sits on a number of local, regional and provincial working groups and committees. She completed her Masters of Education degree from Simon Fraser University and her First Nations design and technology course from Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design. Ms. Ward-Burkitt also holds her Provincial Instructor's Diploma from the Vancouver Community College, her Native Adult Instructor's Diploma from the B.C. Ministry of Education and is a certified True Colors facilitator. Ms. Ward-Burkitt and her husband have been proudly raising five of their grandchildren for the past 13 years. Ms. Ward-Burkitt was invested into the Order of British Columbia in 2010.



Dr. Lorna Williams (Member, Elder Representative)



Lorna Wanosts'a7 Williams is the former chair of the First Peoples' Cultural Council. She is a member of the Lil'wat First Nation of Mount Currie. Until her retirement in 2013, she was the Canada research chair in Indigenous knowledge and learning, an associate professor in Indigenous education, curriculum and instruction and linguistics, and former program director of Indigenous education at the University of Victoria where she designed courses and degrees that included an Indigenous worldview and a focus on decolonization. Before joining the University of Victoria, Dr. Williams worked at the Ministry of Education as director of the Indigenous Education Enhancement Branch. Prior to this appointment, she worked as the First Nations education specialist with the Vancouver School Board. Dr. Williams received her doctorate in education at the University of Tennessee in Educational Psychology. She co-directed a documentary film series called *First Nations: The Circle Unbroken* and has written children's books, teachers' guides and developed Lil'wat language curriculum to teach people to read and write the Lil'wat language. Dr. Williams was invested into the Order of British Columbia in 1993 in recognition for her work in education.

Paulette Flamond (Member)



Paulette Flamond is a strong and proud Métis woman who grew up in Battleford, Saskatchewan before finding her way to the Peace River Region 25 years ago and settling in Charlie Lake, B.C. The property just outside of Fort St. John is her personal haven where she spends her limited spare time organic gardening and weaving her traditional cultural beliefs into a healthy and productive lifestyle. Paulette has been a long-time advocate for entrepreneurial and capacity development for Indigenous people. She has been the Executive Director of the Northeast Indigenous Business Centre for the past 17 years and has worked with clients to build skills and find solutions through challenging and diversified economic times and opportunities. This past year Paulette and her staff created the Indigenous Artists' Market, a retail social enterprise to assist local artists in the Region. Paulette is passionate about business and owns Scoop Clothing, a specialty store that caters to women, and The Paint Place, a paint supply boutique. She co-owns PaintnParty, a local entertainment business with three other partners. With a strong sense of justice, Paulette has always been led by her empathy for people around her and driven to support women and families by developing capacity, building relationships and connecting people. All the work Paulette does in her personal and professional capacity is ingrained with the theme of unity. For those who know her and trust in Paulette's leadership, she is a strong personal and professional mentor, spiritual advisor and loyal and supportive colleague.



Sarah Robinson (Member)



Sarah Robinson is a citizen of the Fort Nelson First Nation and the Saultheau First Nation in Treaty 8 territory, and was born and raised in Prince Rupert. She lives on the west-coast of Vancouver Island in the Toquaht Nation's small community of Macoah with her husband and an array of animals. She is also a proud step-mother and auntie.

As Principal at Rainwatch Consulting, Sarah provides advice and support to numerous First Nations and organizations across Canada. In early 2017, she spoke about "Indigenous Women and the Story of Canada" at the #WalrusTalks National Tour kick-off event in Whitehorse. She is an Action Canada Fellow and an enthusiastic napper. Find her on Twitter @sarahc_robinson.

Linda Thomas (Member)



Linda Thomas, BSW, LLB, of Cree – Norwegian ancestry, is a member of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (formerly Kamloops Band) through marriage and has called the TteS community home for more than 30 years. Linda, who practices child protection and family law in Kamloops, Merritt and Lillooet, is known to be a passionate advocate for her clients. She has been a lawyer for 14 years and has worked for First Nations governments, non-profit organizations and has been a student and faculty member in the Indigenous Leadership, Governance and Management Program at the Banff Centre. Her past experience practicing criminal and prison law, coupled with her involvement in social justice issues since a young adult, led her to establish the Cknúcwentn First Nations Court in Kamloops, a provincial sentencing court for Indigenous peoples. It is one of four such

courts operating in the Provincial Court system within B.C. Linda is the Chair of the Indigenous Justice Council, a multi-agency committee that she established to serve as an advisory to the First Nations court. Linda is a member of the B.C. Courthouse Libraries, the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) of British Columbia Criminal Law section, the Women's Lawyers Forum, the Indigenous Lawyers Forum and the Kamloops Child Protection lawyers group. She is also a law student mentor. In 2014, Linda was awarded with the CBA B.C. Indigenous Lawyer's Forum Special Contribution Award that recognized her leadership and commitment in establishing the First Nations court in Kamloops, as well as her motivation to improve relationships between Indigenous peoples and the legal system. Linda is the proud recipient of the 2015 YMCA Peace Award that recognized her work in establishing the First Nations court in Kamloops.



Coreen Child (Member)



Coreen Child carries the ancestral Kwak'wala name 'Yakawilas, the place where property is given'. She is from the Kwakiutl (Kwagiulth) First Nation and lives with her husband and three daughters in their home community of Tsaxis, near Port Hardy on northern Vancouver Island. Yakawilas is a descendant of many high-ranking Kwakiutl chiefs and their families and can trace her lineage back 14 generations to the origin places of her ancestors. She carries a diploma in Indigenous child and youth care, a diploma in language revitalization, as well as a Bachelor of Education degree with a specialization in Kwak'wala language learning. She has recently completed her third consecutive term in service to her nation, most recently as Chief Councillor. Coreen continues to advocate and serve on many boards and committees that include the First Nations

Technology Council of B.C. Board of Directors, the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs' All Chiefs Task Force on Children and Families, and the First Nations Education Council for School District 85, Vancouver Island North. She has also served as a representative to the BC Assembly of First Nations' women's council. Coreen has worked at Camosun College as an instructional assistant to employment readiness preparation programs, at the University of Victoria as an Indigenous service plan coordinator, at the Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre as a roots practitioner, and for the Kwakiutl Nation as a cultural researcher. Coreen is renowned for her many gifts of traditional dancing, singing and teaching, and she continues to play an active role as a cultural leader and educator amongst the Kwakwaka'wakw communities.

Karen Joseph (Member)



Karen Joseph is co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Reconciliation Canada. She is a proud member of the Kwakwaka'wakw People. Karen brings more than 18 years' experience of inspiring diverse partners to collaborate and achieve effective, positive change. Karen's desire to affect meaningful, systemic change and contribute to her community led to a career in health. She spent several years working with Vancouver Coastal Health as an independent healthcare advisor, where she developed programs to improve healthcare outcomes for Indigenous communities. Her work focused on community engagement and education towards removing systemic barriers to healthcare access. Karen founded Reconciliation Canada in 2012 to uphold a dream held by her father to witness thousands of people walking together for renewed relationships.

In September 2013, the Walk for Reconciliation brought 70,000 people to the streets of downtown Vancouver to display a commitment to transforming relationships among Indigenous peoples and all Canadians. This major reconciliation event was repeated in September 2017. Karen grew up in Campbell River, where she was active in music, sport and community activities. As the eldest daughter of Chief Robert Joseph, Karen can speak first-hand to the impacts of inter-generational trauma and the current realities of the residential school legacy. In the true legacy of Kwakwaka'wakw traditions and culture, Karen holds a lifelong commitment to family and community.



Raven Lacerte (Member, Youth Representative)



Raven Lacerte is a proud member of the Carrier First Nation in northern BC and belongs to the Grizzly Bear Clan. She is the co-founder and Youth Ambassador for the Moose Hide Campaign, a national grass-roots effort to end violence towards Indigenous and non-Indigenous women and children. Raven is also a member of the National Steering Committee for the 4R's National Youth Movement. She is a hunter and a practitioner of traditional Indigenous cultural and ceremonial activities. Raven is currently completing her Bachelor Degree in Political Science at the University of Victoria.

Past MACIW Members

Wendy Grant-John	Musqueam Nation	Chair	2011 – 2014
Charlene Belleau	Esketemc First Nation	Member	2011 – 2014
Kim Baird	Tsawwassen Nation	Member	2011 – 2015
Darlene Shackelly	Nooaitch First Nation	Member	2013 – 2015
Deborah Williams	Cowichan Tribes	Member	2013 – 2015
Mary Teegee	Takla Lake First Nation	Vice-Chair	2013 – 2015
Annita McPhee	Tahltan Nation	Member	2015 – 2015
Sophie Pierre	St. Mary's Indian Band	Member	2011 - 2016
Marjorie White	Huu-ay-aht Nation	Member, Elder Representative	2012 – 2016



Appendix B: MACIW Advisory Meetings 2017-2018

Purpose	Date and Location	Summary
Presentation to the Natural Resources Board	April 3, 2017 Victoria	Chastity and Sarah gave a presentation to Deputy Ministers on the impacts of natural resource development on Indigenous women and the importance of incorporating Indigenous Gender-Based Analysis into natural resource development.
National Aboriginal Day Live 2017	June 21, 2017 Vancouver	To mark National Aboriginal Day, Chastity gave a television interview with the Aboriginal Peoples' Television Network regarding her advocacy work as the Chair of MACIW.
Presentation to Vancouver Coastal Health	June 22, 2017 Vancouver	Chastity presented on the establishment and purpose of MACIW and the focus of MACIW over the next year to support MACIW's Strategic Plan 2017-2020.
BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) Engagement Session on the Indigenous Languages Initiative	June 22-23, 2017 Vancouver	Lorna and Coreen participated in BCAFN's Engagement Session on Indigenous languages. The session was held in response to Prime Minister Trudeau's announcement at the Dec. 6, 2016, AFN's Special Chiefs' Assembly about an Indigenous Languages Act that is to be co-developed with Indigenous peoples. Its goal is to ensure the preservation, protection and revitalization of First Nation, Métis and Inuit languages.
B.C. Cabinet and First Nations Leadership Gathering	September 6-7, 2017 Vancouver	Chastity engaged First Nations and government leaders and arranged follow-up meetings with MACIW.
Second Annual National Moose Hide Campaign Gathering	October 5, 2017 Ottawa	Barb attended the event as a witness to those participating in the fast. MACIW supports the Moose Hide Campaign, which encourages men to stand up to violence against women and children.
Cross-Ministry Industrial Camps Working Group Meeting	October 18, 2017 Victoria	Chastity delivered a presentation about the role of MACIW and the work the council is pursuing on IGBA. Chastity highlighted gaps in current Environmental Assessment approaches and opportunities to implement IGBA.
BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres Meeting	October 18, 2017 Victoria	Chastity met with staff regarding ending violence initiatives and funding opportunities.
Community Coordination of Women's Safety Working Group	October 31, 2017 Vancouver	Chastity presented on MACIW's purpose and role.



Purpose	Date and Location	Summary
BC Human Rights Commission Indigenous Engagement Workshop	November 10, 2017 Victoria	Sarah participated in an Indigenous Engagement Workshop with the BC Human Rights Commission and provided advice regarding its re-establishment.
Ending Violence Association (EVA) of BC Annual Training Forum	November 16, 2017 Richmond	Barb participated in EVA's Annual Training Forum, which focused on advancing safety through connection and community. The Forum was a professional development event that brought together local and international experts to deliver keynotes and workshops to front-line anti-violence workers, executive directors and program staff across multiple sectors that respond to violence against women.
BC Human Rights Commission Engagement Session	November 24, 2017 Vancouver	Sarah participated in a follow-up Engagement Session to discuss draft recommendations put forth by Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon regarding the re-establishment of the BC Human Rights Commission.
Métis Nation BC Sashing Our Warriors Campaign Launch	November 25, 2017 Fort Langley	Paulette represented MACIW at the campaign launch and provided remarks during the opening. The Campaign Launch and Healing Circle were part of a holistic grassroots campaign to create education and awareness, prevent violence against Métis women and girls, and to support healing and community rebuilding.
Civil Policy and Legislation Office Meeting	November 30, 2017 Victoria	Chastity provided advice about a potential engagement strategy for a Civil Policy and Legislation Office project.
Meetings with Ministers and government staff	January 11, 2018 Victoria	Chastity advocated for the implementation of Indigenous Gender-Based Analysis (IGBA) within the Environmental Assessment process and discussed MACIW's intent to host an IGBA workshop for natural resource sectors.
Meeting with Minister's Office	January 26, 2018 Teleconference	Discussed the Indigenous gender-based impacts of the Site C Dam.
Moose Hide Campaign Event	February 15, 2018 Victoria	Coreen attended the event and spoke on behalf of MACIW at the evening feast. Chastity attended as a witness.



Purpose	Date and Location	Summary
Stolen Sisters Memorial March	February 17, 2018 Victoria	Coreen participated in the memorial march and spoke on behalf of MACIW.
Community Coordination for Women's Safety (CCWS) Meeting	February 27, 2018 Vancouver	Chastity spoke at the meeting regarding ending violence against Indigenous women.
Meeting with the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO)	March 5, 2018 Victoria	Chastity discussed the revitalization of Environmental Assessment process and advocated for the inclusion of IGBA.
Meeting with Ministry of Attorney General (AG)	March 5, 2018 Victoria	Chastity discussed connections between the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding Stopping Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls and the MOU Regarding Development of an Indigenous Justice Strategy.
Meeting with Minister of Children and Family Development (CFD)	March 5, 2018 Victoria	Chastity spoke about opportunities to engage MACIW regarding anticipated legislative changes to the Child, Family and Community Service Act.
Meeting with Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG)	March 7, 2018 Victoria	Chastity discussed the legalization of cannabis and concerns for Indigenous women and families.
Meeting with the Gender Equity Secretariat	March 14, 2018 Victoria	Chastity provided an overview about MACIW and advocated for the implementation of Indigenous Gender Based Analysis.
Meeting with Minister of Education (EDU)	March 14, 2018 Victoria	Chastity discussed MACIW's mandate to advise government on improving the lives of Indigenous women in B.C.