

# **CKW Inquest – Frequently Asked Questions**

## What's the CKW inquest?

On the morning of September 22, 2015, in rural Renfrew County, Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam were murdered by a man with whom each had had a past relationship. In June 2022, a coroner's inquest into the murders – the CKW inquest – was held in Pembroke Ontario. The five-person jury, after listening to three weeks of testimony and reviewing voluminous written exhibits, returned with a verdict that included 86 recommendations for change.

## Is there a role for me as an individual?

Yes! Politicians listen and respond to the concerns of their constituents. To identify what kind of role you are best suited to play, ask yourself the following questions:

- Is there a particular reason I want to advocate for implementation of the recommendations?
- Does that mean I should focus on particular recommendations?
- Are there violence against women organizations in my community that may already have advocacy activities underway?
- Should we combine our efforts?
- Do I have friends, colleagues or family who would like to work on this with me?
- Are there any organizations in my community already engaged in this work? If so, how can I support their advocacy efforts?
- What skills do I already have that I can use? (eg writing or speaking skills, know MPP or other politicians, have lived experience related to any of the recommendations, etc.)
- What can I realistically do given my time and other commitments?

#### What can I do?

- 1. Review the jury's recommendations
- 2. Identify the recommendations that are most important or relevant to you.
- 3. Use our templates to assist you in writing letters about key recommendations.
- 4. Send a letter/email to the Prime Minister, Premier, Cabinet Minister and your local MP/MPP calling for implementation of all the recommendations or of those that are most important to you. Offer to meet with them to discuss your concerns/interests.
- 5. Consider bringing the recommendations to the attention of your municipal/regional mayor and municipal/regional councillors.

## Where can I find more information?

- Check out the templates and other resources in this toolkit and adapt them as they are helpful to you
- Join our social media campaign