

Domestic Violence Death Review Committee

As committed to in its response to the inquest recommendations related to the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee, the Office of the Chief Coroner has announced the new members of the DVDRC. You can read excerpts from the announcement and the list of committee members below.

"The Office of the Chief Coroner is pleased to announce the new members of the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee (DVDRC).

The OCC has selected 15 Committee Members (along with two Resource Members) to serve on the DVDRC for two-year terms, with possibility of extension. We believe that this reconstituted committee will continue to set the standard for high-quality and innovative reviews into intimate partner deaths.

The Members represent Ontario's diverse communities and come from front line services, academia, public safety, and the legal field. Their deep commitment to the elimination and study of IPV and appreciation of a survivor's experience brings tremendous credibility and value to the important work of the DVDRC.

The Members chosen have dedicated their careers to addressing intimate partner violence and each has extensive expertise and experience in IPV and related areas Their collective expertise spans:

- Personal and experiential understanding of a survivor's perspective
- Child and youth welfare protection
- Victim services
- Immigration, family, civil, and criminal law
- Mental health, family, and housing support
- Law enforcement
- Perpetrator understanding and prevention
- Research, education, and training
- Rural and remote communities

The DVDRC, which reports to the Chief Coroner for Ontario, is a multi-disciplinary review committee of experts established in 2003 in response to jury recommendations made in two major inquests into the deaths of women killed by their intimate partners. Ontario was the first province in Canada to develop this type of expert death review committee to explore the circumstances surrounding intimate partner homicides and develop recommendations to prevent further deaths.

The DVDRC reviews the circumstances of the deaths associated with IPV and analyzes issues and identifies risk factors and possible points of intervention. The committee will investigate ways to impact effective change regarding the issue of IPV and its impact on individuals and communities, taking the opportunity to address the need to be more efficient and impactful with recommendations."

Committee members are:

Tamara Bernard, Lakehead University

Robyn Bourgeois, Brock University

Humberto Carolo, White Ribbon

Pamela Cross, Luke's Place

Carolyn Fraser, Ontario Police College

Marlene Ham, Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses

Peter Jaffe, DVDRC founding member

Shalini Konanur, South Asian Legal Clinic

Erin Lee, Lanark County Interval House and Community Supports

Deepa Mattoo, Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic

Sandra Montour, Aboriginal Shelters of Ontario

Jeanne Francoise Moue, Action ontarienne contre la violence faite aux femmes

Rabhu Rajan, Chief counsel, Office of the Chief Coroner, DVDRC Chair

Katreena Scott, Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women & Children

Deborah Sinclair, DVDRC founding member

Eva Zachary, Muskoka Victim Services

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