

**Because of You!
Women's Advocates Gather on 2nd Anniversary of CKW Inquest**

Wednesday, June 19, 2023

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(Renfrew County) – Violence against women advocates from across Ontario will gather in Barry's Bay, Renfrew County, on Friday June 28th to mark the second anniversary of the Culleton, Kuzyk, Warmerdam (CKW) femicide inquest.

The event will open in the Opeongo Seniors Centre with a panel presentation by three advocates involved with the inquest -- Pamela Cross, Kirsten Mercer and Erin Lee -- about the work that has been done to date to support implementation of the inquest recommendations, the work that is in progress and the work that is yet to come. A discussion and light refreshments will follow.

The event will close with a vigil at the Stone Pebble Monument, with readings, music and a candle art project to commemorate the lives of Carol, Anastasia, Nathalie, and all women and children affected by intimate partner violence.

"Over the past two years, we have seen unprecedented grassroots commitment to seeing that the hard work of the inquest jury does not get forgotten. As the provincial government considers Bill 173, which would declare IPV to be an epidemic, it's important for us to gather to celebrate the work that has been done while also commemorating the lives of women and children who continue to be subjected to abuse within their families," says Cross, who appeared as an expert witness at the inquest and is a member of the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee.

When: Friday, June 28th, 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Where: Water Tower Part, 19 Stafford Street, Barry's Bay

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