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CHEAM FIRST NATION PLANS MMIWG2S+ MARCH ON HWY 9

Rosedale B.C., April 25, 2024 – Cheam First Nation has planned a May 5th March on Hwy 9 finishing at Cheam Beach along the Fraser River. This March is to bring awareness to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, 2 Spirit and other Indigenous victims in our Country.

“Today we are honouring our most sacred resource, our life givers, our matriarchs. We are remembering all of the loved ones that we’ve lost with our commemoration on this day. We want to bring awareness to the issue of missing and murdered, Indigenous women and we are asking for support in honouring them. Please join us on this important day.” Cheam First Nation Chief Darwin Douglas

The Ministry of Transportation, RCMP and 604 Traffic Control have been engaged for everyone’s safety. One side of the route will be open to single-lane alternating traffic between the approximate hours of 10am – 12pm with increased traffic in this area for the entire day.

Reclaiming Power and Place - The National Inquiry’s [Final Report](#) reveals that persistent and deliberate human and Indigenous rights violations and abuses are the root cause behind Canada’s staggering rates of violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA people. The two-volume report calls for transformative legal and social changes to resolve the crisis that has devastated Indigenous communities across the country. The report was released in 2019 and considers violence against Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people to be genocide. According to the inquiry, Indigenous women and girls are 16 times more likely to be murdered or to disappear than white women. The over 1,000-page document has more than 200 calls for justice, changes that must be made in many areas of Canadian society to end the crisis.

The event poster is attached, and further event details/updates can be found on [Cheam’s Facebook Event Page](#).

About Cheam First Nation - As part of the Pelólxw people, Xwchíyò:m (Cheam First Nation) is a major community within the broader S’ólh Nation. The Xwchíyò:m have lived in S’ólh Téméxw for thousands of years. They have never ceded or surrendered title to their lands, rights to their resources, or authority to make decisions within their territory.

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