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CUTTING GREYHOUND BUS SERVICE IN WESTERN CANADA PUTS INDIGENOUS WOMEN AT RISK

Indigenous groups and women's advocates are voicing their concern about [impacts the cut to Greyhound bus services in Western Canada](#) will have on safety and access to health services. Citing financial losses since 2004, Greyhound announced that all passenger and freight routes in the Prairie provinces and most in B.C. will be eliminated. Only one route, from Vancouver to Seattle, will remain in B.C. The cuts will take effect at the end of October 2018.

Advocates say the loss of a vital service puts the safety of Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people at risk. It is well known that lack of access to transportation in rural and remote areas in Canada is a factor in the murder and disappearance of thousands of Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people.

"There's a lot of people in Indigenous communities right now that have a lot of fear around the cancellation of the Greyhound line," said Jody Leon, a member of the Splat'sin First Nation in B.C. and an advocate for missing and murdered women. Leon said the loss of bus service will have a big impact on First Nations communities, especially for those people who

QUICK LINKS

Visit our [website](#) to access our live chat service. A trained CRCVC staff member will be happy to help.

Charity opens [new Ottawa home](#) for human-trafficking survivors, "I believe we're changing lives here," said Wendy Gee, executive director of A New Day Youth and Adult Services.

Lisa Freeman [pushes for victims' rights in Ottawa](#)

[9/11 victim's remains identified](#) nearly 17 years later. The medical examiner's office in New York City identified the victim as Scott Michael Johnson, an employee at the investment banking company that was located inside the twin towers.

[Jacob Hoggard](#), former lead singer of the Canadian band Hedley, officially charged in Sexual Assault investigation.

[SafePet program](#) helps keep pets safe while victims of abuse seek help.

Police warn, [scam calls](#) targeting Mandarin speakers arrives in Ottawa. [What to do if you are a victim](#)

More than [one in four](#) human trafficking victims in Canada is under 18.



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don't own a vehicle or have a driver's licence. She added even some people who own a vehicle often opt to take Greyhound in the winter months when road conditions are dangerous. The interim report from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls recommended "more frequent and accessible transportation services available to Indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ2S people."

It said these transportation services were particularly important for people living in remote areas of British Columbia. In a media release, Greyhound said cuts "will exacerbate the risk and vulnerability of Indigenous women and girls." Top of mind for Grand Chief Doug Kelly, chair of the First Nations Health Council in B.C., is the safety of people travelling throughout the province. He said he knows if people don't have access to an insured vehicle or a bus service they will hitchhike to get where they need to be." The National Inquiry calls on all levels of government, federal, provincial and Indigenous, to step in and provide solutions on this urgent matter.

The Native Women's Association of Canada echoed this concern in response to the cuts, saying lack of safe transportation is "encouraging travellers to resort to less safe means of transportation such as hitchhiking or walking unsafe highways." After safety, Kelly said his next biggest concern is "a significant reduction in access to much-needed services." The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs expressed similar concerns, saying the Greyhound cuts will hit northern communities especially hard as those who live there rely on bus service to get to urban areas. Kelly said the First Nations Health Authority is working with the Northern Health Authority to get a better sense of how the elimination of Greyhound services in Northern B.C. earlier this year is affecting community members trying to access services.

Now, he said, the work that's been happening in the North is going to cause a province-wide workload, involving all five provincial health authorities, First Nations governments across B.C., mayors and councils as well as regional districts. "How do we connect so we can collaborate on meeting the transportation needs of those that require public transportation to much-needed services? We need to create a workable model," Kelly said. Its clear Greyhound's model wasn't working, Kelly says, and he sees the elimination of its

I can't sleep at night': As gun violence grips city, 2 victims speak about [lasting impacts](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ottawa Monthly Drop-in Support Group for "Loss to Violence"



The drop-in support group will return early September for family members of homicide victims. This group addresses a gap in the community and offers a place for peers to support each other in healing. Please "like" the CRCVC on our [Facebook page](#) in order to keep updated about the time/location of the gathering, as it is subject to change. We welcome all family and loved ones to join us! Next meeting:
When: September 5th, 2018
Time: 7:15-9:15 pm
Where: Rideau Sports Centre, Community Room, 1 Donald Street, Ottawa

Leave No Victim Behind III Best Practices for Mass Violence Response and Tribal Perspectives

When: September 5th-7th, 2018



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routes in Western Canada as a business decision. "It means we have to find a way to share the costs of meeting those needs. That means more partners, more collaboration, more partnerships," he said.

DANFORTH COMMUNITY MOURNS THE LOSS OF TWO YOUNG LIVES: Julianna Kozis, 10, and Reese Fallon, 18

Both Reese Fallon and 10-year-old Julianna Kozis were gunned down July 22 2018, in a mass shooting on [Danforth Avenue](#) in Toronto's Greektown. Thirteen others were hurt — some, authorities say, with "life-altering" injuries.

Fallon was a member of the Beaches-East York Young Liberals, had just graduated high school and was set to attend McMaster University to study nursing. She was celebrating a friend's birthday at the time of the shooting. Mourners are also grieving Julianna Kozis. She was a synchronized swimmer, who swam last season with the Markham Synchro Club as a 10 and under competitive athlete.

Fallon and Kozis were gunned down as the shooter, 29-year-old Faisal Hussain, wandered down the Danforth Greektown, firing at targets. A police source claimed that Hussain [killed himself](#) following an exchange of gunfire with officers.

Days after the Danforth attack, city council voted to tentatively move forward on new anti-gun violence initiatives after Mayor John Tory highlighted a growing problem of people improperly acquiring guns that were originally purchased legally. The motion included new measures, such as enhanced surveillance and security, youth programming, and community violence prevention strategies.

Council also Okayed a plan to purchase ShotSpotter, an audio surveillance system that detects and tracks the sound of gunshots in cities and neighbourhoods. Tory championed the device as a much-needed tool in the fight against gun violence. The CRCVC is hopeful Toronto (and other Canadian cities who've seen a spike in gun violence) will take a [public health approach](#) to tackle this serious problem.

Where: University of Oregon in Eugene
Registration: \$379
To register, [click here](#).

6th Free-Them Freedom Walk raises awareness and funds to end human trafficking and exploitation in Canada

About: [to raise awareness](#) and funds to end human trafficking and exploitation in Canada.

When: Saturday, September 22nd, 2018

Where: The Hyatt Regency Hotel. 370 King St W. Toronto
[Registration](#)

Call for Presentations A Transnational Epidemic: The Search, Investigation, and Recovery of Missing and Unidentified Persons

Workshop [presentation proposals](#) that offer concrete and effective strategies, approaches, and techniques for the investigation, identification, recovery, and reunification of the missing, regardless of the circumstances surrounding their disappearance.

When: Monday, September 16th 2019 - Wednesday, September 18th, **2019**

Where: Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, NV

[Submission deadline is September 30, 2018](#)

Sisters In Spirit Vigils

About: Family members, Indigenous community members, and concerned citizens gather for a vigil every October 4th to honour the memory of missing and



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SIXTIES SCOOP SETTLEMENT ON HOLD AMID DISAGREEMENT ON LEGAL FEES

The lawyer who declared the settlement reached between [Sixties Scoop survivors](#) and the federal government to be “terminated” because a judge decided the legal fees were too high says all parties must to come together to find a solution to the impasse. Jeffery Wilson, who represents Indigenous people who were taken from their homes on Ontario reserves and adopted into non-native families during the 1960s, '70s and '80s, said “everyone is working really hard to get a settlement in the interests of survivors.”

This follows a decision in which Justice Edward Belobaba of the Ontario Superior Court said the settlement’s proposed payments of between \$25,000 and \$50,000 to Sixties Scoop victims are reasonable, but the \$75-million that the government agreed to pay in legal fees as part of the deal are not. “The judge is very experienced and he’s indicated his concerns and now everyone is working very hard to respond to those concerns so that we can go forward,” said Mr. Wilson. “Let’s take that at face value and let’s see if we can come up with something that will satisfy the judge.”

Justice Belobaba found last year (2017) that the federal government was liable for the loss of the aboriginal language, culture and identity of those who were removed from their homes in Ontario. The federal government then used that decision as the basis for negotiating a national settlement. Since Wilson Christen did the heavy lifting by winning the case in Ontario, the settlement stipulated that it would receive half of the \$75-million in agreed legal fees – or \$37.5-million – with the remaining \$37.5-million being divided among three other firms representing clients in other provinces.

Justice Belobaba acknowledged in the decision that Wilson Christen spent eight years fighting for Sixties Scoop survivors with no guarantee of ever being paid – payment would only come with a win in the case. The risks undertaken, the responsibility assumed, and the results achieved “were extraordinary,” he wrote. “All we know right now is that the lawyers are trying to negotiate. Well, we are asking them to de-link their

murdered Indigenous women and girls.

When: Thursday, October 4th, 2018

Where: [Various locations in \(TBA\)](#)

Intensive Training: Trauma, Grief & Resiliency with Anna Kosina, M.A., C.Psych. Assoc (Official Trainer) of the Traumatology Institute

About: to enhance our knowledge of how trauma and grief intersect and how we can better work with our clients who are grieving but have also had traumatic experiences in their grief or in their past that impacts their grief.

When: October 11th – 13th, 2018

Where: Geneva Park YMCA Conference Centre, Orillia, Ontario

[Registration](#)

SNAPSHOTS

Federal Income Support for Parents of Murdered or Missing Children grant: Important notice

In order to be more inclusive and flexible so that more parents of young victims of crime can get the help they need, the following improvements will take effect in the Fall of 2018:

- Increasing the weekly grant amount from \$350 to \$450;
- Changing the age limit of the young victim from under 18 to under 25;
- Extending the period in which recipients can



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fees," said Ms. Cardinal. "And if there is leftover money from the \$75-million, put that towards the settlement or towards the healing foundation," which was also to have been created as a result of the settlement.

FOLLOWING ACQUITTAL, FAMILY OF DEAD INDIGENOUS MAN CALLS FOR APPEAL, REFORM IN ONTARIO

As the Ontario Crown's office decides whether to appeal the acquittal of a former military reservist who was [found not guilty](#) in the shooting death of Jonathan Styres, the Six Nations man's family is calling for reforms to the "discriminatory" justice system. Six Nations Elected Chief Ava Hill said she sat down with the Hamilton prosecutors to discuss the appeal process, and was told the decision is now in the province's hands.

The Chief also spoke with Caroline Mulroney, the province's newly appointed Attorney-General, over the phone to discuss the community's concerns about the case, "she was telling me that it's not appropriate for her to comment on it because it is under the review period. But she did indicate that she's committed to improving the relations between Indigenous people and the criminal-justice system," Ms. Hill said. While the minister's assurances are preliminary, the Chief says she is hopeful: "You've got to have hope," she said. "I just wanted to know that the issue is on her radar. And she assured me that it is." Mr. Styres, a 29-year-old father of two, was trying to steal a truck out of Peter Khill's driveway when the Binbrook, Ont., man fired two fatal shotgun blasts into his chest and shoulder on Feb. 4, 2016.

Khill has never denied that he killed Styres. But at his two-week trial in Hamilton, he testified that he was acting in self defence, applying the training he'd received in the reserves five years earlier. There was a threat, and he needed to "neutralize" it, he said. The jury's not-guilty verdict sparked shock and outrage in First Nations communities across the province. Styres' family, including his mother, Deborah Hill, said they are calling on the Crown to appeal the verdict. "We are in disbelief that another Canadian jury has decided that if someone is armed and scared, you are now allowed to shoot and kill Indigenous people without consequence," they said. "The Canadian justice system has, yet again, failed another Indigenous

receive the grant from 52 to 104 weeks;

- Allowing grant recipients to work up to 50% of their regular work week (up to 20 hours/week);
- Eliminating the requirement that parents, whose child aged under 14, attest that their child was not a willing party to the crime.

While these improvements are being implemented, the current PMMC grant remains available. [Learn more here.](#)

10 years after Greyhound beheading, family of victim and bystanders still suffering

On July 30 2008, Vince Li viciously attacked Tim McLean while he slept on Greyhound bus No. 1170 travelling from Edmonton to Winnipeg on the TransCanada Highway. Li pulled out a knife and repeatedly stabbed McLean and then beheaded him in a crime that shocked the country.

RCMP arrived with special negotiators and a heavily armed tactical unit, where it took five hours before they arrested Li.

The memorial crosses placed at the scene have faded with time, but what's clear from the decade since is that McLean wasn't the only victim. Many lives were horribly damaged by the tragedy.

"When this very first happened, for weeks and



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family by continuing with the injustice and making no effort to change it."

According to the evidence presented at trial, Khill had been asleep when he and his girlfriend woke to the sounds of someone in the driveway outside their rural Hamilton-area home around 3 a.m. on Feb. 4, 2016. Looking out the window, he realized someone was breaking into his truck. He grabbed his shotgun out of his bedroom closet, loaded it and went outside. He then saw a man leaning into the passenger side of the pickup. "Hey, hands up," he said he yelled. When Styres turned toward him, arms rising, Khill fired. Styres died almost instantly, with his body lying face-up in the muddy driveway next to the truck.

The case has been compared to the trial of Gerald Stanley, a Saskatchewan man whose acquittal in the fatal shooting of [Colten Boushie](#), a Cree man, on his farm, sparked outrage in February 2018. In court, Stanley's defence team argued that the shooting was accidental; the result of a fluke "hang-fire." In their statement, the Styres family called on the provincial and federal government "to implement actions reflecting the Truth and Reconciliation Report ... addressing systemic discrimination within the Canadian Judicial System."

LAS VEGAS SHOOTING VICTIMS OUTRAGED BY HOTEL LAWSUIT AGAINST THEM

Victims and survivors of a fatal mass shooting at a Las Vegas country music festival in 2017 said they were outraged when they learned they were [being sued](#) by MGM Resorts International, the company that owns the hotel where the gunman, Stephen Paddock, opened fired. Jason McMillan, a 36-year-old Riverside County sheriff's deputy who was shot and paralyzed, said he can't believe MGM officials would try to push the blame onto anyone but themselves. "I just can't believe the audacity," he said at a press conference in Southern California, "I'm not just a victim from the concert. I'm a survivor, and they're not going to get away with anything. We'll keep this going as long as it takes."

MGM Resorts International sued victims in at least seven states to get federal courts to declare the

weeks, I was just mad," McLean's mother, Carol de Delley, "nothing changed for everybody else. The traffic still went. The sun still shone. And it was so maddening to me that the whole world didn't just stop. Mine did. It stopped, and it took a long time to really want to get up every day."

Li was charged with second-degree murder but he was found not criminally responsible (NCR). A psychiatrist testified that Li carried out the attack because God's voice told him McLean was a force of evil and should be executed.

In February 2017, Li received an absolute discharge and is now living independently in a Manitoba community. The province's Review Board ruled he is no longer required to attend annual reviews or abide by conditions. We remember and honour Tim and keep his family, friends and loved ones in our thoughts on this difficult anniversary.

Toronto police identify remains of eighth alleged Bruce McArthur victim

Toronto police are hopeful they have found all the victims allegedly [murdered by Bruce McArthur](#) now that an eighth set of human remains has been recovered and identified in the case.

The recent excavation around a central Toronto home where the 66-year-old McArthur worked as a landscaper



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company has no liability for the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. MGM's lawsuits — which target victims who have threatened to sue or who have sued the company and voluntarily dismissed their claims — argue that the shooting qualifies as an act of terrorism and that federally certified security services were used at the concert venue, which is also owned by MGM.

After 9/11, the U.S. enacted a law giving companies a way to limit their liability if their federally certified products or services failed to prevent a terror attack.

The company's decision to file the lawsuits stoked a public outcry. MGM Resorts spokeswoman Debra DeShong said the company has faced dozens of lawsuits in multiple jurisdictions and resolving each case on its own would take years.

On October 1st, 2017, high-stakes gambler [Stephen Paddock](#) killed 58 people and injured hundreds at the festival by firing onto the crowd from his room at the Mandalay Bay casino-resort in Las Vegas, where Paddock then killed himself. This tactic by MGM to limit their liability is despicable and they should be ashamed.

ONTARIO COURT TOSSES RETROACTIVE CHANGE TO 'FAINT-HOPE' RULE FOR CONVICTED MURDERERS

Ontario's top court has ruled a change that made it harder for murderers serving life sentences to apply for parole is unconstitutional, if applied retroactively.

The binding decision from the Court of Appeal — the latest in a string of decisions undoing the former Harper government's tough on crime agenda — means a woman who killed her husband can now apply for release under the so-called "faint hope" law.

When Cherrylle Dell was convicted of first-degree murder in February 2001, the trial judge gave her the obligatory sentence: life in prison without parole eligibility for 25 years. Under the rules existing at the time, she would have been allowed to ask a jury to reduce the ineligibility period once she had served 15 years.

yielded the final set of remains investigators had yet to locate in their seven-month-long probe, said Acting Insp. Hank Idsinga.

He now stands charged with eight counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Kayhan, Selim Esen, Skandaraj Navaratnam, Andrew Kinsman, Dean Lisowick, Soroush Mahmudi, Abdulbasir Faizi and Kirushna Kanagaratnam.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESEARCH

Cyberbullying in Adolescent Victims: Perception and Coping
[Veronika Šléglová & Alena Cerna \(2011\)](#)

This study focuses on the impacts and consequences of cyberbullying, and on the coping strategies chosen by victims to deal with the situation. The data was obtained through semi-structured interviews with 15 adolescents aged 14-18 years, all of whom were cyberbullying victims.

Based on their experience, the victims of cyberbullying developed coping strategies in order to cope with cyberbullying. These strategies took several forms: technical defence, activity directed at the aggressor, avoidance, defensive strategies, and social support.



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However, in 2011, the government changed the law, to require a convict to first convince a judge of the “substantial likelihood” a jury would agree to the possibility of earlier parole. Previously, a judge first had only to find a “reasonable prospect of success.”

Dell, of Killaloe, Ontario, argued the change unjustifiably violated her constitutional rights by inflicting harsher punishment on her than when she had been sentenced. The Appeal Court agreed.

“The screening mechanism substantially decreased her chances of obtaining some reduction in parole ineligibility,” the court said in its ruling.

The “faint-hope” clause was first enacted in 1976 following abolition of the death penalty and introduction of the current mandatory life sentence for murder without parole for 25 years for first-degree murder and without parole for 10 years for second-degree murder.
