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MMIWG2S Cross-Canada awareness walk reaches Saskatoon with community events

April 8, 2022 – Residents of Saskatoon came together today in a show of support for Saskatchewan residents Lindsey Bishop and Krista Fox on their cross-Canada walk to raise awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ (MMIWG2S) families.

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S), the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN), the City of Saskatoon, Saskatoon Police Service were all part of organizing weekend events to support Lindsey and Krista’s efforts, including people joining Lindsey and Krista as they walked into Saskatoon this morning.

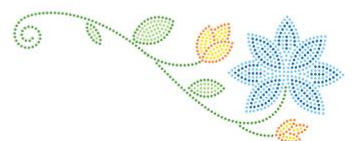
MN–S citizen Lindsey Bishop is dedicating a year to a walk across Canada for her sister, Megan Gallagher. In September of 2020, Megan’s family received the news that their 30-year-old daughter had gone missing in Saskatoon. Krista Fox is walking for her niece, Ashley Morin, who was last seen in North Battleford in 2018.

Lindsey and Krista began their journey in Victoria, British Columbia, on February 18, 2022. The ten-month walk across Canada allows them to connect with other MMIWG2S families and raise awareness about these issues. The two are scheduled to finish the walk on the east coast in December.

On their journey to this point, Lindsey Bishop said, “The walk so far has been a bit of a rollercoaster of emotions. The amount of people affected by missing and murdered Indigenous people is staggering, and their stories are heartbreaking. On the other side of that though, you see the strength and resilience of our people to continue to fight for their voices to be heard.”

MN–S and FSIN MMIWG Family Information Liaison Outreach Offices (FILO) have been supporting the families of these and other missing women and will continue to help them find both justice and healing. The Canadian FILO network assists all MMIWG2S families with navigating the often-overwhelming police and legal processes when a family member goes missing.

Métis, First Nations and Inuit women are disproportionately affected by violence. The country must recognize that fact and remove barriers to equal participation of Indigenous women in society and the economy.



MN–S Women and Gender Equity Minister Loretta King said, “MN–S continues to call on the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan to work with us to change the conditions that lead to harm against our women and girls. We commend Lindsey and Krista for their strong commitment to raising awareness and furthering the national conversation on MMIWG.”

"The ongoing genocide of our women, girls and two-spirited needs continued advocacy as the issue is of the utmost importance to dismantle colonial violence that continues to harm and murder our people," said FSIN Third Vice Chief Aly Bear. "It is dangerous to be an Indigenous woman in this society. As a First Nations woman and mother to two First Nation daughters, I cannot imagine the pain the families endure. We stand and walk with each of you as we continue to pursue justice for our missing and murdered sisters."

"The Saskatoon Police Service is proud to support Lindsey and Krista by providing an escort into the city. These families have always kept their loved one's memories alive and we appreciate their efforts to do so. They are valuable to not only their family and friends, but also to the active and ongoing police investigations. We will continue to support them where possible, as they make their way across Canada to raise awareness," said Deputy Chief Randy Huisman.

In a show of support for MMIWG2S, Saskatoon leaders and community members walked with Lindsey and Krista as they made their way to the official welcoming ceremony at the Indian and Métis Friendship Centre.

Present at the gathering, Megan's family were visibly moved. "We hope, by this amazing show of support for Lindsey and Krista, the community can be inspired to take the message of the walk beyond this event and continue the MMIWG2S conversation," said Brian Gallagher, Lindsey and Megan's father.

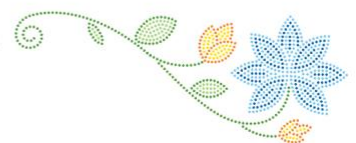
In July 2021, the City of Saskatoon made public a report entitled Coming Home on ways to support Saskatoon Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People (IWG2S). The report was developed in response to a directive from the City Council to identify options for how the City can respond to the Calls for Justice contained within [The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#) (released by the federal government in 2019). The report is available at saskatoon.ca/Indigenous.

Two more public events are scheduled for the weekend:

- **Saturday, April 9, 2022** – The Gallagher family asks families and supporters to join them in Kinsmen Park to celebrate Megan's birthday at 3:00 pm.
- **Tuesday, April 12, 2022** – Lindsey and Krista resume their walk from Grasswood Road and Highway #11.

Everyone is strongly encouraged to wear masks at the events.

Support their efforts and track their progress. Follow Lindsey at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075449472125> and Krista at [https://www.facebook.com/Kristas-Kilometres-for-MMIW- 106665611488673](https://www.facebook.com/Kristas-Kilometres-for-MMIW-106665611488673). Lindsey is accepting e-transfer donations to support the walk at lyn_z01@hotmail.com.



About Métis Nation–Saskatchewan:

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) is built on a foundation of Métis identity, culture, values and language. Empowered by the Métis citizens of Saskatchewan, MN–S works to advance Métis rights and strengthen organizational capacity. MN–S represents the political, socioeconomic, cultural and educational interests of more than 80,000 Métis in the province through an elected representative system at local, regional and provincial levels.

About the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations:

The Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations represents 74 First Nations in Saskatchewan. The Federation is committed to honouring the spirit and intent of the Treaties, as well as the promotion, protection and implementation of the Treaty promises that were made more than a century ago.

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