

Hosted by the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition

RED DRESS DAY



On **May 3, 2024**, the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition (OAC) invites community members to come together and recognize Red Dress Day. Officially recognized on May 5, we commemorate the National Day of Awareness, a time dedicated to preventing violence against Indigenous women, also known as Red Dress Day.

The OAC will host an event focused on education and remembrance, aimed at shedding light on the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) across Canada. We invite all community members to come, learn and become part of the actions needed to end violence against Indigenous women and girls in Ottawa.

DATE: May 3, 2024

LOCATION: Jean Pigott Place, City Hall
110 Laurier Ave West, Ottawa, ON

AGENDA:

10:00 AM

The Sacred Fire is Lit

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

To honour and commemorate Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, there will be educational displays, art displays, commemoration activities and interactive and creative activities.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM:

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Food will be provided including beef stew, three sisters salad with Bannock and Cedar Tea.

12:00 PM

Opening the Circle – Big Drum Group
Opening Prayer – OAC Elders

12:10 PM

Welcome – Mary Daoust and Mikki Adams, OAC Co-Chairs

- Creating a Circle of Protection and Love
- Dressing the Jingle Dress
- Jingle Dress Dancers
- Women's Hand Drum

Recognizing the Healing Work in the Community

- Acknowledging the Indigenous Women's Safety Table
- Gifting the Dress to Minwaashin Lodge
- Message from ONWA Executive Director Cora McGuire-Cyrette

1:00 PM

Honour Songs

- Inuit Throat Singers and the Big Drum
- Elders Closing