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## **Yukon communities honour missing and murdered Aboriginal women**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is providing \$37,000 to help Yukoners take part in activities to honour missing and murdered Aboriginal women and provide support for their families.

"Taking a collaborative approach is key to addressing violence against Aboriginal women," Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor said. "Supporting culturally relevant initiatives designed and developed by and for Aboriginal women is one of Yukon government's key strategies in taking collective action on this issue."

Through one of the supported projects, called Honouring Our Sisters, Yukoners have created 39 moccasin tops to complement the Walking With Our Sisters exhibition opening at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre on April 11.

Walking With Our Sisters features more than 1,800 moccasin tops honouring the lives of missing and murdered Aboriginal women. Deliberately not sewn into moccasins, the tops represent the unfinished lives of murdered or missing Aboriginal women from Canada and the United States. The 39 tops representing Yukon Aboriginal women will remain on permanent public display at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre after the Walking With Our Sisters exhibition closes.

The Government of Yukon funding comprises \$25,000 from the Prevention of Violence Against Aboriginal Women Fund for the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre and Yukon Arts Centre to support programs and activities in Whitehorse and the communities; \$10,000 in Yukon Aboriginal Women's Summit 2 funding for the Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle for Honouring Our Sisters; and \$2,000 for the Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle to support a community feast.

"We are really grateful for all of the community support that has enabled us to host this incredible project in Whitehorse, and the funding we have received from the Women's Directorate has allowed us to provide a lot of additional programming and supports here in Yukon," Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle president and Walking With Our Sisters coordinator Krista Reid said.

Co-presented by the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre and the Yukon Arts Centre, Walking With Our Sisters comprises moccasin tops created and donated by people from around the world, including four pairs from Yukon. The exhibition is on at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre in Whitehorse from April 11 to 25 and is scheduled to tour to 25 locations in Canada and the United States until 2020.

Learn more: [www.facebook.com/groups/walkingwithoursisters/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/walkingwithoursisters/) and <http://walkingwithoursisters.ca>

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