



The Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition acknowledges that we are on unceded Algonquin-Anishinaabe territory.

**Restoring the Strength of Inuit Women
INUIT VAW Shelter Workshop
February 13-14, 2024
Ottawa Conference and Event Centre, 200 Coventry Road, Ottawa**



The Inuit population is the fastest growing Indigenous population in Ottawa? And that there is no Violence Against women shelter in Canada specifically for Inuit women and their children.

The Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition, with Inuuqatigiit Centre for Inuit Children, Youth and Families, Inuit Non- Profit Housing and Minwaashin Lodge have submitted an application to CMHC and Indigenous Services Centre to support a 30 bed shelter for Inuit women in Ottawa.

Day 1 – Tuesday, February 13, 2024

- 8:30 Refreshments
- 9:00 **Opening** (Elder Reepa Evic-Carleton and Aigah Attagutsiak)
- Lighting of the Qulliq
- Welcome** (OAC Co-Chairs)
- Mikki Adams, Executive Director of Inuuqatigiit
 - Mary Daoust, Executive Director of Minwaashin Lodge
- 9:30 **What we are building together?** (OAC members)
- The project so far
 - Who our partners are in this project?
 - Acknowledging the contribution of the community members.
- 10:00 **Small Groups**
- Community members who have accessed a shelter or did not access a shelter
 - Indigenous service providers in OAC member organizations

There will be natural breaks throughout the day.

Questions:

1. When you come into the shelter, how do you want to feel?
 - a. What would support you to feel that way?
2. What do you want to experience in the shelter?
 - a) Where you sleep
 - b) Where you eat
 - c) Programs
 - d) When you want to relax
 - e) In the backyard outside space
3. What community services and others do you want to be connected to while staying in the shelter?
4. When you come into the shelter, how do you want your children to feel?
5. What experience do you want your children to experience in the shelter?
 - a) Where they sleep
 - b) Where they eat
 - c) Programs for them
 - d) When they want to relax
 - e) In the backyard outside space

The graphic facilitator Jessica Plummer from Bridge Building will work with the community members group to

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **Small Groups cont'd**

1:30 **Report Back from the small groups**

- Questions and discussions

Acknowledgements and Closing Circle

3:00 Close of the Day





Day 2 – Wednesday, February 14, 2024

- 8:30 Refreshments
- 9:00 **Opening** (Elder Reepa Evic-Carlton)
- Lighting of the Qulliq
- What we learned yesterday** (Jessica Plummer, mapping artist)
- 10:00 **Building on our work yesterday**
- Other questions to consider
- 10:30 **Break**
- 10:45 **Building on our work yesterday** (cont'd)
- Other questions to consider
- Acknowledgements and Closing Circle**
Honour Song and Gifts
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 1:00 **Debrief on the workshop**
- Next Steps
- 3:00 **Close of the Day**