



Katrina Swan & Ashley Smith
Leadership Award

Katrina Swan is the Legal Counsel for Regina Police Service and Ashley Smith is the Legal Counsel for the Saskatoon Police Service. Katrina and Ashley are both Honourary Members of the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police (SACP).

On Sept. 1, 2016, the National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls began. The Inquiry concluded on Dec. 31, 2018.

The mandate of the National Inquiry was to investigate and report on the systemic causes of violence against Indigenous Women and Girls.

The scope of the Inquiry included Police Services and Police Practices. The Inquiry was authorized to examine the way Police have conducted, and continue to conduct, investigations into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Police Practices were identified as a priority for the National Inquiry.

Once the mandate and scope of the Inquiry was understood, Katrina and Ashley took the lead explaining to the members of the SACP the importance of Saskatchewan Police Agencies to be represented at the Inquiry under the umbrella of the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police.

For the purpose of the National Inquiry Hearings, Katrina represented the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police and Ashley represented the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP).

Katrina and Ashley prepared a written application outlining why the SACP and CACP should be granted standing at the National Inquiry. Standing was granted.

Katrina and Ashley attended a total of nine hearings across Canada. They spent a great deal of time preparing witnesses, preparing for cross examination of witnesses, and cross-examining witnesses.

In November of 2018, Katrina presented a closing submission on behalf of the SACP to the Inquiry Commissioners in Calgary, and followed up with a written submission.

In December of 2018, Ashley presented a closing submission on behalf of the CACP to the Inquiry Commissioners in Ottawa, and followed up with a written submission.

Katrina and Ashley kept the SACP informed about the progress and results of the hearings.

Katrina indicated that the Inquiry Commissioners made the statement that “Good Things Were Happening in Saskatchewan”.

There is no doubt that Katrina’s and Ashley’s Leadership at the National Inquiry produced a positive image of Policing in Saskatchewan with remarks such as the a/m.

The Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police is proud to present the Excellence in Policing “Leadership Award” to both Katrina Swan and Ashley Smith.