

NWAC UNDERTAKING CROSS-COUNTRY COMMUNITY SESSIONS AND NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE EFFECTS OF THE INDIAN ACT ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN

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Today, Minister Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, announced the launch of the Government of Canada's Collaborative Process that includes consultations on Indian Registration, Band Membership and First Nations Citizenship. The Collaborative Process was mandated by Bill S-3 and will include information sessions, regional events, online consultations and expert panels. The government will complete the information gathering phase of its consultations in April, 2019 and report to parliament on the analysis and recommendations from the consultation processes by June 12, 2019.

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) will facilitate grassroots consultations on the effects of the registration provisions of the Indian Act on Indigenous women, children and two-spirited persons as part of the government's Collaborative Process. NWAC will also be hosting a two-day national symposium on issues.

The Government of Canada is accepting proposals for community-led activity sessions until August 17, 2018 and will provide funding beginning at \$10,000 for Indigenous communities up to \$75,000 for regions for grassroots Collaborative Process sessions.

For more information on submitting proposals [CLICK HERE](#),

A Ministerial Special Representative will also be made available to participate in information and community-led sessions to provide information and answer questions.

The Collaborative Process will collect information, analyse and report on matters related to the registration provisions of the Indian Act, including the continued role of the government in determining membership in First Nations.

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