



RED DRESS DAY

Hosted by the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition

On **May 5, 2025**, the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition (OAC) invites all community members to come together and recognize Red Dress Day. This event honours the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) and brings the community together in remembrance and advocacy. The gathering will feature educational displays, art installations, commemorative activities, and creative projects to foster healing and unity.

Date: May 5, 2025 **Location:** Jean Pigott Place, City Hall
110 Laurier Ave West, Ottawa ON

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

10:00 AM The Sacred Fire is Lit

11:00 AM Dressing the Jingle Dress with Frankie Pasap

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Official Program Begins**

Food will be provided by Birch Bite: Beef Stew, Three Sisters Salad, Bannock and Cedar Tea.



Official Program:

- 12:00 PM** **Call to Come Together** – Ottawa River Singers (Big Drum Group)
- Opening Prayer** – Grandmother Irene Compton, Senator Parm Burgie and Elder Aigah Attagustsiak
- 12:15 PM** **Welcome Remarks**
- Mikki Adams, OAC Co-Chair, Executive Director of Inuuqatigiit Centre
 - Mary Daoust, OAC Co-Chair, Executive Director of Minwaashin Lodge
 - Mayor Mark Sutcliffe
- 12:25 PM** **Recognizing Healing Work in the Community**
- Acknowledging the OAC Indigenous Women’s Safety Table and partners for their efforts on the Inuit VAW Shelter and Family Healing Lodge initiatives.
- Spotlight on Community Initiatives – Inuit VAW Shelter**
- Speakers: Mikki Adams, Mary Daoust, and Councillor Jessica Bradley
 - Special Performance: Throat Singers Tamara Takpannie and Charlotte Qamaniqi
- 12:45 PM** **Creating a Circle of Protection and Love**
- Finishing the Jingle Dress
 - Gifting the Jingle Dress
 - Comments from Chief Eric Stubbs
 - Big Drum Group song with Jingle Dress Dancers
- 1:00 PM** **Acknowledging Karen Green**
- Announcement of Scholarship
 - Blanket ceremony in her honour
- 1:15 PM** **Honour Song**
- Performed by the Hand Drumming Group

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