

Duluth Indigenous Commission  
Monday, April 22, 2025  
411 W 1<sup>st</sup> St, Room 430 City Hall

**Commissioners present:** Phoebe Davis, Rene Ann Goodrich, Lenelle Hrabik

**Commissioners absent:**

**Staff present:** Kathy Wilson, Hannah Figgins, Marsha Lue – Human Rights Officer, Duncan Swenson - Engineer

*Note: Ojibwe language words are used in the meeting minutes. Gegit is used to indicate that the Commission has come to a consensus in support of the motion.*

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

- Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Introductions were made.

### 2. Approval of March 17 Meeting Minutes

- March 17, 2025 minutes were approved with the additions and amendments made.  
Motion passed: Gegit - All.
  - Amendments requested under sections: New Business, and MMIWR.

### 3. Public Comment

- none

### 4. City Reports and Updates

- Board/Commission Liaison Updates
  - Duluth Public Arts Commission
- Other Updates/Comments from City Councilors or city staff
  - Dr. Marsha Lue, City Human Rights and Equity Officer: Dr. Lue introduced herself to the Commission and provided a description of her new position and role in relation to the Indigenous Commission.
  - Bardon's Peak Interpretive Marker (Duncan Schwensohn, Senior Engineer): He had presented at the last meeting, but he had been asked to come back to accommodate some language changes
    - Goodrich – have the marker assembled in it's spot, and have the option to add additions later once Elders are able to be consulted.
    - The sign is 2 ft by 3 ft sign. Schwensohn will speak with the contractor to ensure they will be able to install the structure the sign will be mounted on. He will find out whether there are any hard deadlines for the installation of the sign. He will send the packet that describes the specifics of the sign.
    - The Commission would like to see the sign have a graphic design by a local artist with the text overlayed.

### 5. New Business

- MMIWR May event planning:
  - This will be our fifth annual commemorative event. The Commission may need to obtain a permit to hold the ceremony on the front steps of City Hall. Dr Lue will inquire about permitting requirements for Commissions, for both indoor and outdoor public events.

- The family of Chantel Moose would like to host a Smudge Walk.
- The Commission will invite area youth to join the ceremonies, and a youth-led art event.
- Pow Wow and/or Round Dance planning:
  - There are only three Commissioners currently, so there capacity is strained to plan one right now. The Commission will remove the Pow Wow planning from the agenda until more Indigenous Commissioners are able to join and assist with the planning.

## 6. Action Items

- Ojibwe Language Pronunciation Guide and Signs in City Hall (Goodrich, DPAC)
  - City Staff provided an update on the funds being provided by DPAC in the amount of \$12,000. DPAC would like the funds to be spent this year.
  - Staff recommend there be a subcommittee to help Commissioner Goodrich with the planning.
  - The Commission suggests using the current quote with the mock-up signs duplicate the sign package that has been drafted as many times as their funding will allow, and install them in City-owned buildings. However, other buildings will likely have a different need
  - The audio file of the Ojibwe word pronunciations needs to be divided into individual files for each word. Commissioner Hrabik will reach out to a previous Commissioner to see if her contact is still able to work on this component of the sign project. The website can be built once the separate audio files are created, and then the QR codes can be created. QR codes can be added to the language signs later on, after the signs have been made and installed. Stickers for indoor signs, and small metal plaques for outdoor signs can be created for the QR codes.

## 7. Ongoing Business

## 8. Subcommittees

- Education (Lightfeather)
- Full Moon Ceremonies (Davis)
  - Commissioner Davis reached out to AICHO about co-housing Full Moon Ceremonies with Indigenous Commission but has not heard back.
- Housing (Hrabik)
  - Commissioner Hrabik submitted a grant to MHFA for the State rental assistance program. The grant is for two years and is already part of the permanent budget. The application is for just over \$3 million dollars over two years which would assist at least 100 vouchers for rental assistance. The focus is for families with children under 30% AMI, but 70% of the Coordinated Entry list are individuals in need.
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives (MMIWR) (Goodrich)
  - Commissioner Goodrich will submit the permit for the upcoming event and send the invitation to the Mayor to provide the proclamation.
  - City Staff can provide microphones and speakers for the event, and will try to find a podium for speakers.

- Guests and speakers are encouraged to wear red to the event.
- Sobriety Feast (Clark)
  - AIM Twin Ports group has been sent a request to come to help

## **9. Announcements**

## **10. Next Meeting: May 19, 2025**

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm

Immediate Press Release 4/30/2025  
Justice for Chantel Moose  
Social Media: @Justice for Chantel Moose  
Contact: [justiceforchantel@gmail.com](mailto:justiceforchantel@gmail.com)



**The family of Chantel Moose calls for Justice and Healing #JusticeforChantel  
#MMIW #MMIWR #JusticeforChantelMoose**

**Announcement**

Upcoming Trial in the case of Chantel Moose  
Begins May 13, 2025 in Duluth MN  
Duluth Court House, 100 N 5th Ave W, Duluth MN

**Week of Action for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives**

Multiple MMIWR community gatherings and events will be hosted and co hosted by the family of Chantel Moose in Duluth Minnesota during a call for:

**“Week of Action for MMIWR” beginning May 1, 2025**

The family will be sharing updates on the case, their calls for action, and calling for community solidarity and support to bring justice and healing for Chantel Moose and family.

Please show your support and help bring the needed visibility! Reach out to “Justice for Chantel” and learn how you can help support, bring awareness and justice.

May 1, 2025      Twin Ports: Red for MMIWR – Public Awareness Art Displays  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/16QNrthZEZ/>

May 5, 2025      Chantel Moose Special Honoring –  
Red for MMIWR Smudge Walk & Car Caravan  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/193f7xF4LY/>

May 5, 2024      5th Annual National Day of Awareness for MMIWR  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/597385763138143>

**Justice for Chantel Moose Donation Link:** <https://gofund.me/9f206e3e>



# *RED for MMIWR ~ 2025 ~ Solidarity*

## *Red Dress & Red Shirts Public Art Displays*

### *Honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives*

- Public Awareness Art in Support to MMIWR Families Calls for Justice, & Support Search Efforts for the Missing Loved Ones



**Red for MMIWR Displays, Search for the Missing Posters, Art Support to MMIWR Marches, Community organizations, Business Storefront Public Art ~ Build Awareness ~ Increase Visibility ~ Solidarity for MMWR ~**

Please Contact: For art support, organization or business storefront displays.

NLM Coalition can help provide the Red for MMIWR art displays.

Contact: Native Lives Matter Coalition [nlmcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:nlmcoalition@gmail.com)

No More Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives [www.nomoremmiwr.com](http://www.nomoremmiwr.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1756206191592087>



# Gaagige - Mikwendaagoziwag

"They will be remembered forever"

May 5th 2025

**Duluth City Hall**

411 W 1st St. Duluth MN

May 5, 2025 1- 4 pm

- **Lighting Enger Tower**

Red for MMIWR

- **City Proclamations**

Duluth & Superior

- **Red Ribbon Honoring**



- **Public Art Displays**

Red Dress & Shirts

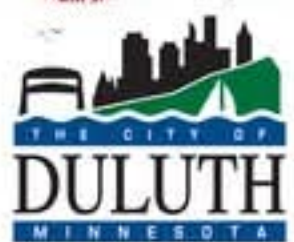
- **Honor Round Dance**

- **Smudge Walk  
& Car Caravan**

National Day of Awareness for

# MMIWR

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives

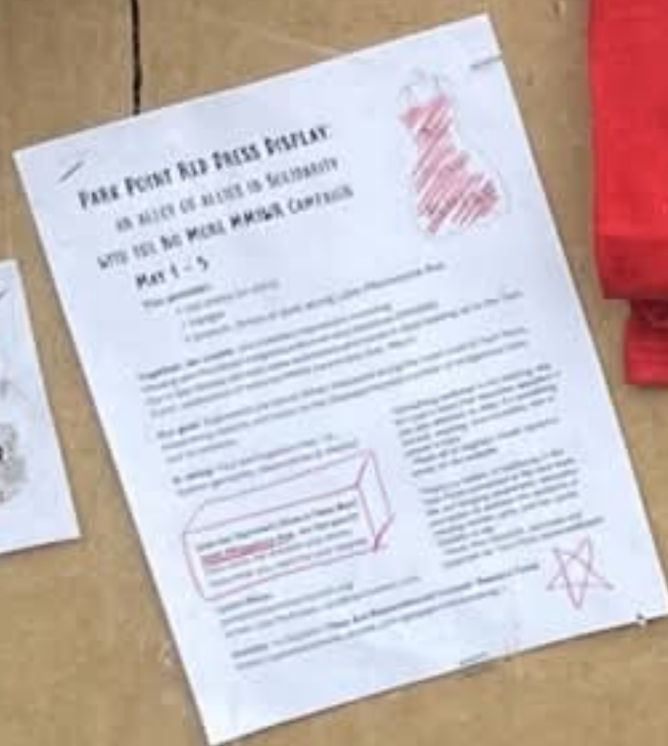


Minnesota  
Missing and Murdered  
Indigenous Relatives  
Office



Welcome To

# PARK POINT





# PARK POINT RED DRESS DISPLAY:

## AN ALLEY OF ALLIES IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE NO MORE MMIWR CAMPAIGN

**MAY 1 – 5**

### **You provide:**

- 1 red dress (or shirt)
- 1 hanger
- 1 branch, fence or post along Lake /Minnesota Ave.



**Together, we create:** one indelible impression honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives (MMIWR).

Our 5-day display will help raise awareness and funds in days leading up to the Twin Ports' celebration of national MMIW Awareness Day, May 5.

**Our goal:** 5 garments per block! When displayed along the main road of Park Point, these bring visibility and honor to the disproportionate number of indigenous lives lost to violence.

**Seeking:** Your participation May 1-5.  
Gather garments, share extras & display!

**Use our Garment Give-n-Take Box!**  
**3205 Minnesota Ave. on the porch**  
Give extra red dresses and shirts;  
Take what you need for your display.

### **Learn More:**

[parkpointcommunityclub.org](http://parkpointcommunityclub.org)  
email: Lisa McKhann, [lulu@cpinternet.com](mailto:lulu@cpinternet.com)

**Donate:** to Duluth's 'They Are Remembered Forever' Reward Fund  
<https://updateandnews.wixsite.com/gaagige-mikwendaag-1>

*"Something switched in my thinking: this isn't just a trend that becomes apparent if you pay attention to data; it's something current, ongoing, and incredibly real in people's lives."*

*--Read all of neighbor Pentti Hanlon's essay on our website.*

*"There's a history of trafficking in the Twin Ports connected to the land base. We are bringing awareness, education and action to address the epidemic of missing women, girls, and two spirits. Visibility is key."*

*--Rene Ann Goodrich, advocate and organizer for Twin Ports NoMoreMMIWR*

