



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

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Email TO: The Honorable Patty Hadju PC MP, Minister of Indigenous Services
CC: The Honorable Gary Anandasangaree PC MP,
Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
The Honorable Michelle Audet, Senator

Subject: MMIWG2S Winnipeg Brady Road Landfill

Dear Minister:

The National Association of Japanese Canadians urges you to take concrete steps to support the search of the Winnipeg Brady Road landfill for the remains of Morgan Harris and Mercedes Myran. We are calling on the federal government to honour the commitment included in the Liberal Party of Canada's 2021 election platform to address the "violence endured by generations of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people."

Missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people have long been overlooked by all levels of Canadian government. We ask the federal government to show leadership in dealing with this latest tragic discovery, and to commit the necessary resources and energy to ensuring that a safe and effective search of the Brady Road landfill is conducted.

We ask the Government of Canada to facilitate collaboration with all levels of government to overcome jurisdictional barriers and ensure a search of the landfill takes place. We ask that multiple avenues of support including funding, federal resource allocation, and political capital be considered. More can and should be done to raise awareness and provide support for ongoing Indigenous issues.

The process of healing and reconciliation is long and difficult, and we commend the federal government for advancing Indigenous issues in recent years. However, more must be done, and the Winnipeg Brady Road landfill is a matter of significant importance for many concerned parties.

We offer our utmost support to the families of Morgan Harris and Mercedes Myran for a compassionate outcome to bring their loved ones home.

Yours sincerely,

Les Kojima
President, National Association of Japanese Canadians