

## NBAPC as part of the Canadian Delegate to attend the sixty-third session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

**Fredericton, March 11, 2019** – New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council (NBAPC) has been extended an invitation to represent along side with The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) as part of the Canadian official delegation to the sixty-third session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (<u>UNCSW 63</u>). It is great deal of honour we accepted the representation side by side with our national representative CAP, building on our continued effort to advocate for women's rights security and safety.

UNCSW 63 will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 11 to 22 March 2019. This year's priority theme is social protection systems, access to public services, and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

Since the establishment of NBAPC in 1972, the Council has been vigilant in supporting women who lost status and not being treated as equals. NBAPC participated during the 1985 Constitutional talks to change the Indian Act as well as the Kelowna Accord in 2005.

NBAPC also is taking the lead on a community driven project called Looking Out For Each Other: Assisting Aboriginal families and communities when an Aboriginal woman goes missing. The main goal of our project is to empower Aboriginal organizations to provide well supported services to families and friends of missing people. We are collaborating on this project with other Aboriginal organizations, community members, Universities and mainstream service providers in Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador.

For more information about the UNCSW 63 please visit: <a href="http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw63-2019">http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw63-2019</a>

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The New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council (NBAPC) is the voice for Status and Non-Status Aboriginal Peoples who reside off-reserve in the Province of New Brunswick, providing a political voice for our members, services and programs.

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