

MEDIA ADVISORY
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BE MORE THAN A BYSTANDER AWARDS

Vancouver, BC – On Friday (November 16), a Nisga'a Committee overseeing their Nation's response to violence against women will be the recipient of the Third Annual Be More Than a Bystander Award. This award honours dedicated community members who make outstanding contributions to ending gender-based violence and is an important continuation of the Tony McNaughton Award for bravery in opposing violence that was established by the Ending Relationship Abuse Society of BC in 2004.

The Nisga'a Violence Against Women In Relationships Committee (VAWIR) will be recognized for their dedication to increasing safety and wellness in the Nass Valley and addressing issues of domestic and sexual violence through collaboration, ensuring that the work of the Committee and coordinated response is specific to the needs, culture, and history of Nisga'a, and is in keeping with cultural teachings which are based on the principles of respect and compassion.

Be More Than A Bystander is a partnership program between EVA BC and the BC Lions that sees sports icons using their status and public profile to create awareness about gender-based violence. EVA BC works with communities across BC to end violence against women and children, supporting more than 300 programs and initiatives that respond to sexual and domestic violence, child abuse, and criminal harassment.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Your cameras and reporters are welcome to attend. Please arrive early. There will be photo and interview opportunities after the ceremony with EVA BC and BC Lions representatives, and with the members of the Nisga'a VAWIR Committee in attendance.

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What: Third Annual Be More Than a Bystander Awards

Date: Friday, November 16, 2018

Place: EVA BC Annual Training Forum
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel
7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond BC

Time: 10:30 AM; please arrive early if you need to set up

Who: Mitzi Dean, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity; Jamie Taras, Director of Community Development, BC Lions; JR LaRose, former BC Lion and Be More Than a Bystander spokesperson; Tracy Porteous, Executive Director, Ending Violence Association of BC (EVA BC); and members of the Nisga'a VAWIR Committee.

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