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December 6 Vigil 1991

opening remarks - Sam Simpson - Nelson Women's Centre

Candle lighting - IMAGES SINGERS will sing  
during the candle lighting

LENA HORSWILL - Nelson Community Services

DONNA MACDONALD - Nelson City Council

MOE LYONS - song - West Kootenay Women's  
Association

RACHEL KANE

DIANNE LUCHTAN - Nelson Central America  
Support Group

BETTY EVANS (tentative) - St. Paul's Trinity  
United Church

SAM SIMPSON

IMAGES will sing while we  
disperse

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## **NELSON & DISTRICT WOMEN'S CENTRE**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - NOVEMBER 27, 1991

### DECEMBER 6 REMEMBERED

On December 6, 1989 fourteen women were killed in the Ecole Polytechnique in what has become known as the Montreal Massacre. The killer entered the engineering school, separated the women students from the men and opened fire, yelling "you're all a bunch of feminists."

This event has come to symbolize the violence and the threat of violence that women live with every day. Women in the West Kootenays are joining with others across Canada to organize events to commemorate the women who died in Montreal as well as the thousands of others who suffer violent attacks every year. December 6 has now been made a "National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women" by the Parliament of Canada.

At 7 p.m. on the evening of Friday, December 6, a candlelight vigil will be held in Nelson in front of the provincial government building on Ward Street. In Castlegar, there will be a vigil at 6 p.m. at Castlegar City Hall.

The women in Montreal were killed simply because they were women, women who wanted to become engineers. "But the violent attacks on women occur whether or not they are stepping out of their traditional roles. The Montreal Massacre has made Canadians more aware of the reality of violence that women experience," said Sam Simpson, Coordinator of the Nelson and District Women's Centre. "It's important to us that this is a Day of Action as well as a Day of Remembrance. We hope all area residents will come to the memorial gatherings as well as joining in the work to end the violence in women's lives."

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for more information

- call Sam Simpson at 352-3177

or Castlegar Community Services at 365-2104



## **West Kootenay Women's Association**

November 20, 1991

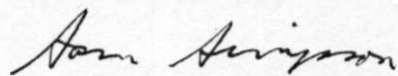
Dear Nelson area organizations and agencies,

We would like to invite you to attend a candlelight memorial vigil on the evening of December 6, the second anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. As you may have heard in the media, the Parliament of Canada has made December 6 an official Day of Commemoration for women victims of male violence.

The vigil will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 6 in the courtyard in front of the provincial government building on Ward Street in Nelson. A number of women from various sectors in Nelson will be speaking briefly. Please bring a candle to the memorial.


Would you please post or circulate this letter in your organization or mention the vigil in your group newsletter or bulletin. If you have any questions or comments please give me a call.

Yours sincerely,



Ms. Sam Simpson  
Coordinator, Nelson and District Women's Centre



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Dear religious leader,

We would like to invite you and the members of your church to attend a candlelight memorial vigil on the evening of December 6, the second anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. As you may have heard in the media, the Parliament of Canada has made December 6 an official Day of Commemoration for women victims of male violence.

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Would you please post or circulate this letter in your church or mention the vigil in your newsletter or church bulletin. If you have any questions or comments please give me a call.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Women's Centre brochure for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Sam Simpson  
Coordinator, Nelson and District Women's Centre

Mayor Bill Ramsden and Council  
City of Nelson  
502 Vernon Street  
Nelson, B.C.  
November 20, 1991

Dear Mayor Ramsden and Council members,

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Would you please post or circulate this letter to your staff. Thank you. If you have any questions or comments please give me a call.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Sam Simpson  
Coordinator, Nelson and District Women's Centre

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Dear school principal,

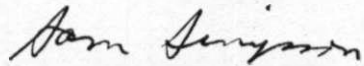
We would like to invite you and the school staff to attend a candlelight memorial vigil on the evening of December 6, the second anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. If your school is a junior or senior secondary school, please extend our invitation to the students. As you may have heard in the media, the Parliament of Canada has made December 6 an official Day of Commemoration for women victims of male violence.

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Would you please post or circulate this letter in your school or mention the vigil in your newsletter. If you have any questions or comments please give me a call.


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