



## **Carrier Sekani Tribal Council**

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### **CSTC, Finesse Films and Other Partners Announcement: Premiere of “Highway of Tears” (2014) Documentary**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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*Lheidli T’enneh Territory/Prince George BC* - The Carrier Sekani Tribal Council (CSTC) is pleased to announce the world premiere of the documentary film “Highway of Tears” (2014) at the Human Rights Watch Film Festival, a festival that showcases human rights cases from around world and is co-produced by the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) and Human Rights Watch Canada. The film will debut on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 6:30 at the TIFF Bell Lightbox in Toronto. A further screening will be held at the Canfor Theatre, as part of the Travelling World Film Festival, in Prince George, BC at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) on Saturday March 15, 2014, doors open at 6PM. More plans for screenings to be held in Vancouver, Los Angeles and other locations to be determined.

Tribal Chief Terry Teegee stated, “We are very excited to be a part of the development of this documentary and I believe this will help in keeping the issue of missing and murdered women in the forefront with both levels of government and society as a whole.” Teegee added, “We thank all the organizations that participated in this documentary including the Carrier Sekani Family Services and the Prince George Native Friendship Centre, and most of all, we thank Director Matt Smiley and Finesse Films in producing this important film that touches many people along the Highway of Tears.”

Matt Smiley who’s many accolades included acting in the movie “Kamataki”, which garnered worldwide critical acclaim, has also worked alongside French movie megastar Dany Boon (“Bienvenue Chez les Ch’tis”). Mr. Smiley also produced “Rituals,” Ashton Kutcher’s web-series and David Guetta's music video “Metropolis”, and more recently produced and directed “Highway of Tears” (2014).

Other notable assistance on Highway of Tears documentary came from Vancouver Actress Carly Pope who has starred in WB network’s series “Popular” and other television series such as “24”, “Dirt”, “Outlaw” and “Californication”; Pope is the Producer of the documentary. Canadian actor Nathan Fillion from the ABC series “Castle”, narrates the documentary and music comes from Grammy winning composer Chin Injeti, who received a Grammy in 2010 for Best Rap Album with acclaimed rapper Marshall Mathers, better known by his stage name “Eminem”, for the multi-platinum album “Recovery”.

Teegee concluded, “We hope this film raises the profile of many missing and murdered women in Canada and around the world. We hope raising awareness regionally and internationally, will reveal new information and clues with many of these cases, especially now, since the RCMP have reached an impasse and are relying on the public for more information and leads.”

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