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Re: Call for Members – Office of the Chief Coroner, Domestic Violence Death Review Committee (DVDRC)

The Office of the Chief Coroner (OCC) is currently seeking **2 qualified individuals with expertise in** and a demonstrated commitment to informing the prevention of intimate partner violence to join the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee (DVDRC) as a member.

The DVDRC is a multi-disciplinary advisory committee with diversity in membership including community advocacy, healthcare, academia, law, policing, and public policy, all dedicated to preventing intimate partner violence and homicide. The committee is Co-Chaired by Dr. Elizabeth Urbantke and Indira Stewart and supported by an Executive Lead and other staff within the OCC.

The DVDRC reviews intimate partner violence related-deaths after an initial investigation has been completed by the coroner and makes recommendations to help prevent further deaths. Findings of legal responsibility are not permitted under the [Coroners Act](#).

Qualifications

The DVDRC is seeking **two candidates** with the following qualifications:

- **Demonstrated Expertise:** Proven experience and subject matter knowledge in intimate partner violence or related fields (e.g., law, healthcare, social work, research, advocacy, or community leadership).
- **Commitment to Ending Intimate Partner Violence:** A clear and demonstrated commitment to preventing intimate partner violence and contributing to systemic change.
- **Communication Skills:** Strong written and verbal communication skills; fluency in English is required.
- **Analytical and Collaborative Abilities:** Ability to review complex case materials, contribute to group analysis, and engage in respectful, evidence-informed discussion.
- **Professional Integrity:** Ability to maintain confidentiality, demonstrate sound judgment, and work collaboratively in a multi-disciplinary setting.

Commitment

The DVDRC meets approximately three times per year, with a mix of in-person and virtual sessions. Each meeting is roughly six hours in length. Members are expected to attend all meetings and actively contribute to discussions.

In addition to meeting participation, members complete ongoing work in between meetings. This includes conducting reviews of assigned cases, contributing to the development of reports and evidence-informed recommendations, and contributing to the work of subcommittees.

Compensation

Members of the DVDRC are currently compensated \$750 for the preparation of a case review and/or report and \$100/hour for attendance at meetings.

Application Process

To be considered for membership on the DVDRC, applicants must submit the following:

1. Resume/Curriculum Vitae; and
2. Cover Letter outlining their interest in joining the DVDRC, relevant experience, and demonstrated commitment to ending intimate partner violence.

Please note that all Death Review Committee Members, as contractors of the Ontario Public Service, must complete a Contractor Security Screening and will undergo a Reference Check. A criminal or other federal offence record does not automatically disqualify you from the position, and each situation will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Please email your application materials to occ.deathreviewcommittees@ontario.ca with the subject line: "DVDRC – Call for Members". The deadline for submission is Friday, June 26th, 2026, at 11:59 PM (ET). Virtual interviews will take place the week of July 20th, 2026.

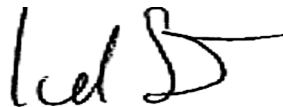
We are committed to building a committee that reflects the diverse communities we serve in Ontario. We encourage everyone interested in joining the DVDRC to apply, including people with disabilities, Indigenous, Black, racialized, and French speaking individuals, as well as those from all ethnicities, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions. Those who have experienced or been impacted by intimate partner violence are encouraged to apply.

We thank all applicants; however, only those selected to move forward with the next steps in the process will be contacted. **If selected to join the DVDRC, attendance at our upcoming meetings on October 27th & 28th 2026 is expected.**

Sincerely,



Dr. Elizabeth Urbantke
Regional Supervising Coroner
Co-Chair, DVDRC



Indira Stewart
Inquest Counsel
Co-Chair, DVDRC