

# Ottawa Council of Women September 2016 Bulletin

*Women working together to  
Improve the lives of women,  
their families and  
communities*



2016 /17 Theme:  
*Safety and Security  
of Persons*

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*Welcome , 2016/17 Ottawa Council of Women Federate Members :*

- \* Acorn
- \* Anglican Church Women, Ottawa Diocese
- \* Beta –Sigma Phi, Ottawa
- \* Carefor Health Community Service
- \* Canadian Federation of University Women of Kanata
- \* Canadian Federation of University Women of Ottawa
- \* Dominion-Chalmers United Church Women
- \* Home Economics Association of Ottawa
- \* Multifaith Housing Initiative
- \* Ontario Association of Social Workers- Eastern Branch

- \* Ottawa City Union, Order of King's Daughters & Sons
- \* Polish Canadian Women's Federation Ottawa #8
- \* Ottawa Presbyterial United Church Women
- \* Quota Club of Ottawa
- \* Retire- at - Home
- \* Retired Women Teachers of Ontario/Ottawa
- \* Rideau Park United Church Women
- \* Ukrainian Women's Association – Ottawa
- \* Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health
- \* Zonta Club of Ottawa

## **OCW September General Meeting**

**Date: Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016**

**Time: 11:00 a.m. - Business Meeting  
12:00 noon. - Speaker**

**Where: Rideau Park United Church  
2203 Alta Vista Drive/Cunningham  
Light lunch available**

**Speaker: Karla Hilton from CBC Radio One**

Behind the scenes of a CBC Radio Show,  
How what you hear on the radio gets to air?

Karla Hilton has been the senior producer of CBC Radio's Ottawa Morning for the past decade. Karla has been working with the CBC since 1995 as a reporter, a planning producer, an assignment editor and as a chase producer. Karla also teaches radio skills at the CBC. She has won several major awards for her work, including two Gabriel Awards, a Canadian Medical Association Broadcast award, and most recently the Gzowski Award from the Radio and Television News Directors for Ottawa Morning's coverage of the Parliament Hill Attack.



## **OCW October General Meeting**

**Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

**Time: 11:00 a.m. - Business Meeting  
12:00 noon. - Speaker**

**Where: Rideau Park United Church  
2203 Alta Vista Drive/Cunningham**

**Topic: Discussion with School Trustees:  
Ottawa Carleton District School Board  
(OCDSB) School Accommodation Study  
and School Closures**

## From the President:

After a hot dry summer it is lovely to feel some cooler breezes. OCW, however appreciated and could take full advantage of the beautiful June weather on the occasion of the **Quadrennial Alison Hardy Tea**. A short bio of Alison Hardy, a journalist and diplomat, had been presented in the May/June newsletter. We were pleased to have a good number of members attending and were joined by guests from The Ottawa Media Club, June Coxon and Iris ten Holder, who still knew Alison. The photos on display here are courtesy of Iris ten Holder. A big thank you to Zora Jackson for hosting us in her garden.



Toasting Alison Hardy

Now, the fall activities are starting up again, the calendar re- asserts its former importance. Our Local, Provincial and National Councils all have a calendar of activities their own. We pay particular attention to each other where the resolutions process is concerned and for our Annual General Meetings. In this issue of our bulletin you will find some of these dates to mark your calendar. Resolution Co-Chair, Jeannette Logan has combined some of the provincial and national deadlines and adjusted them to our local meeting times. These timelines have been sent out separately. If you have a specific issue in mind that could be served by a resolution please contact Jeannette. We have been advocating on the new resolution about homecare co-payments, as a short article by Jeannette Logan in this issue reports. It is not easy to hear ourselves think with the din of the election down South. But we have our own issues, and no doubt the contemplated reform of the Canadian electoral system will stir up spirits here also. If you have time, do attend one or the other round table or hearings on the reform. Council of Women Policy is not set on a particular system, but rather that there should be thorough study of the various electoral systems in existence.

I wish all our federate organizations and individual members good beginnings and a successful fall and winter, and we look forward to meeting and greeting you at our general meetings.

Edeltraud Neal, [the\\_neals@sympatico.ca](mailto:the_neals@sympatico.ca)



### 2016/2017 Ottawa Council of Women General Meetings

All our meetings will be held at Rideau Park United Church, 2203 Alta Vista Drive/ Cunningham  
11:00 a.m. to 11:45a.m. Business Meeting - 12:noon: Speaker -1:15 Business Meeting if unfinished business

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016, -Theme: Media, - speaker: Karla Hilton from CBC Radio One Ottawa  
Tuesday Oct 18, 2016, -Theme: Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) School Accommodation  
Study And School Closures discussed by School Board Trustees  
Tuesday Nov. 15, 2016 -Theme : Panel on Food Security & Safety postponed from February  
tbd Dec -Theme: Christmas Party  
Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017 - Theme: Long Term & Palliative Care  
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017 -Theme: New Municipal Library  
Tuesday, March 21, 2017 -Theme: Resolutions Meeting note time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April tbd, 2017 - Theme: AGM

### ADVOCACY IN ACTION

#### Jeannette Logan, OCW Advocacy Convenor

Thanks to the expertise of one of OCW's federate members, CAREFOR, your Ottawa Council of Women is engaging with local MPPs to promote changes to the delivery of homecare and its support services in Ontario. Over the last year we developed, wrote and had approved a new provincial resolution: "CO-PAYMENT A BARRIER TO RECEIVING HOME SUPPORT SERVICES IN ONTARIO".

This summer 3-4 OCW members have met with Marie-France Lalonde, MPP for Ottawa-Orléans, and John Fraser, MPP for Ottawa South, to present our viewpoint on the problem of equitable access to health care services in the home, and possible solutions. We need to enlist their help to effect change. Later we will meet with the other local MPPs.

In Ontario, the administration for homecare is delegated to Local Health Integration Networks such as our Champlain LHIN. As part of their mandate, the LHINs fund the Community Care Access Centres (CCAC) to engage agencies to provide home support services. These are either funded through OHIP or through a recently developed basket of services which fall outside of health care but which provide support for clients to stay well in their own homes. These home support services require a modest co-payment.

The problem is access to timely, acceptable and affordable homecare services for most people. Agencies like CAREFOR provide both services funded by OHIP, and others which require a co-payment. Our research found that there are people in need who cannot afford any payment, others who can afford some, and others who could pay more, and others who would willingly pay, but services are not available. Clearly changes are needed. This is why we wrote the resolution cited above and we are actively advocating, along with the network of Champlain Region Home Support Agencies, to ask this government to review the co-payment model to ensure that co-payment for services is not a barrier to remain at home with appropriate supports.



#### *Condolences*

*The Ottawa Council of Women would like to express our deepest sympathy to Ruth Brown and her family on the death of her beloved husband Kenneth Brown.*

**Annual General Meeting National Council of Women Canada, June 9<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Parktown Hotel , Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**



The AGM was hosted jointly by the local Councils of Saskatoon and Prince Albert and the Provincial Council of Women Saskatchewan. The Council of Women Saskatoon celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which also coincided with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Prairie women being granted the vote. Our hosts provided us with a very comfortable venue, good food and green space at the banks of the Saskatchewan River right opposite the University of Saskatchewan on the other side of the river. Congratulations and thank you to the Organizing Committee, in particular Ruth Robinson from the Saskatoon Council, NCWC VP Pat Leson from the Prince Albert Council, and Lori Isinger from Provincial Council of Women Saskatchewan.

The opening reception was held at the University of Saskatchewan faculty club at the invitation of the University Women's Club (CFUW) a federate of the Saskatoon local Council of Women. We were greeted by civic and provincial leaders.

**The main business of the AGM** was to approve the various annual national board, committee reports and financial statements; and to discuss and approve the National Council Resolutions. It was instructive to hear the diverse opinions and to discuss the substance, principles and frameworks of the proposed resolutions with the women who came from across Canada, from Halifax to Vancouver.

**Resolutions passed at the 2016 AGM:**

1. Better Quality and Cruelty Free Meat
2. National Dementia Strategy
3. Micro plastic Fibres and Pellets in Bodies of Water
4. Non-ionizing Electromagnetic Radiation – Possible Health Consequences to Humans
5. Paid Internships
6. The Right to Potable Water on First Nations Reserves
7. Updated and Adequately-Funded National HIV/AIDS Strategy

Update to existing Policy:

1. Cessation of the Use of Solitary Confinement in Federal Penitentiaries

Emerging Issues

1. Support for a basic income guarantee
2. 2030 Agenda for sustainable development

**Business sessions alternated with social and educational events.** On Friday night, participants **took a trip to the Forestry Farm** a location similar to our Central Experimental Farm and once part of the Canadian agricultural research station system that supported the survival and prosperity of Canadian Farmers. Who can forget the millions of trees that had to be provided to protect the Western farmsteads? This farm is now maintained by volunteers.

**The Saturday evening banquet** had as its guest speaker Dr. Ivar Mendez, the Fred H. Wigmore Professor and Chairman of Surgery at the University of Saskatchewan and the Unified Head of Surgery for the Province of Saskatchewan. Dr. Mendez is internationally known for his work in cell transplantation for Parkinson's disease and the use of robotics in neurosurgery and primary health care. Dr. Mendez performed the first long-distance brain surgery robotic telementoring by using a robotic arm to mentor neurosurgeons located 400 km away. He is also pioneering the use of remote presence devices to deliver health care in remote locations. Dr. Tanya Hall, a member of Dr. Mendez' team also attended the event. Dr. Hall is the head of the pediatric intensive care unit in Saskatoon and uses a robot in remote communities of less than 1000 people, often 600-700 miles away without appropriate prenatal care, with little medical expertise and usually no physician; 63% of children are treated in their own communities using robotics.

The two charitable arms length organisations, the NCWC Development Organization (NCWCDO) and the NCWC Education Fund held their own AGM luncheon. Member charitable donations are always welcome to both organizations

**The NCWC Development Organisation's** Chair is Carol Schweitzer from Montreal. The featured project was "Mothers and Kids Cooking Together" This project was started in 2016 at the Saskatoon Mothers' Centre. The speaker, Johanna Bergerman, a Public Health Nutritionist in the Population and Public Health Services Department of the Saskatoon Health Region presented the project, where women with limited resources and their children learn to cook, try, taste new child-friendly foods, using new cooking methods, recipes and the cost per serving and after five successive Wednesdays, the women receive a rice cooker. Thus these women, indigenous, Muslim and others learn to overcome food insecurities and to recognize their strengths and capabilities as well as those of their children. The members of NCWCDO voted to support this project with a donation of \$1,000.

**The NCWC Education Fund** Luncheon and afternoon program was hosted by Chair Gracia Janes from St. Catherines.

**The Hon. Ralph Goodale, PC, MP, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness**, addressed the NCWC/NCWC Education Fund luncheon on Saturday, speaking to the Safety and Security of Persons. The Minister was interested in our resolution on the "Cessation of the Use of Solitary Confinement in Federal Penitentiaries"

The afternoon topics dealt with "Children and Youth at Risk" with Bob Pringle, the Saskatoon Advocate for Children and Youth; Ms. Shirley Henderson, Chair of the Women's Commission of the Prince Albert Grand Council, who works to facilitate holistic health services that empower First Nations to improve the health and well-being of their members; Ken Hunter, VP and senior advisor on community mobilization, served as the first Hub Chair and ED of the Centre of Responsibility; Dr. Marcella Ogenchuk, a professor in the Nursing Program at the U. of Saskatchewan whose work with graduate students established an interprofessional pediatric clinical learning experience titled "Caring for our Kids Where They Live." The last speaker was Beulah Gana, the Director of the Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies that is dedicated to serving the collective needs of the settlement sector.

The AGM received some media attention. Global TV interviewed President Karen Dempsey, and a story was to feature the Saskatoon Council and its 100 year old history.

**On Sunday an interfaith service** preceded the final business session, as well an in memoriam moment for the members who had passed away over the last year was observed. An auction of donated items put some extra funds into our National Council's purse.

NCWC's 2017 AGM/Conference will be held at the Best Western Plus Gatineau Ottawa from JUNE 22 – 25.  
(Text mostly from the National AGM Report)

## National Council of Women Canada (NCWC) 2016/17 Calendar

### 2016

- Fall 2016 - Annual Brief to the Government of Canada  
Oct 7 - Notification of proposed resolutions to be submitted to Res. Chair Mary Potter  
Nov 16 - Deadline to submit Proposed Resolutions and Policy Updates to Resolutions Convenor Mary Potter

### 2017

- Jan 10 - Resolutions circulated to membership for review  
Jan 30 - Membership renewal invoices sent out  
Feb 28 - Notice of Motion from Constitution Convenor Virginia Schweitzer  
Feb 28 - AGM REGISTRATION PACKAGES OUT  
March 31 - Deadline for Proposed Amendments to Resolutions to be received by Resolutions Convenor  
March 31 - Deadline for Emerging Issues Resolutions to be received by Res. Convenor  
June 22-25 - Annual General Meeting/Conference in Ottawa

## PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF ONTARIO (PCWO) Semi –Annual Meeting and Brief Presentation at Queen’s Park, Toronto November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016



Interested individual members and federate members of the Ottawa Council of Women are invited to attend the Semi-Annual Meeting in Toronto at Queen’s Park . It is an opportunity to attend Question Period in the Ontario Legislature and take part in the discussion of PCWO with Ontario Government Ministers as well as with Opposition critics about PCWO policy concerns, which were submitted in a brief beforehand.

## PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF ONTARIO CALENDAR 2016/17

October – 3rd week	President Takes Briefs to Queen’s Park
October – 2 <sup>nd</sup> week	Agenda for Semi-Annual Meeting, flyer and registration form for 6Semi-Annual Meeting in Toronto is sent to membership
November 14 & 15	Board Meeting, Semi-Annual Meeting in Toronto
November 30	Deadline for submitting resolutions
January 15	Resolutions are sent to membership
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for submitting amendments to resolutions and updates

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