

## *Ottawa Council of Women November 2015 Short Bulletin*

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



*2015 /17 Theme:  
Safety and Security  
of Persons*

*Welcome , 2015/16 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
- \* 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

### **Notice**

#### **The November General Membership Meeting of the Ottawa Council of Women on November 17, 2015**

**at Rideau Park United Church United Church  
2203 Alta Vista Drive(Cunningham /Alta Vista  
11:30 am to 12:00 noon - Business Meeting  
12:00 noon - Speaker Program open to the public**

#### **Theme:**

**"Safety and Security for First Nations' People in Ottawa ,  
Truth and Reconciliation - Moving Forward"**

#### **Panel Members:**

**Gail Gallagher, Senior Manager, Violence Prevention and Safety,  
Native Women's Association of Canada**

**Elaine Kicknosway, Children and Youth Manager**

**Minwashin Lodge-The Aboriginal Women's Support Centre**

**A light lunch will be available. (FREE WILL OFFERING)**

## Food for Thought

The Centennial Calendar published by the Ottawa Council of Women in 1993 had the following content as its October page. Keep in mind that this text cites historic passage, so the language may not be as we would like to read it today.

### 1974 - Council of Women Resolution - Moncton New Brunswick

Whereas present legislation denies an Indian Woman:

- (a) The right to be called Indian if she marries a non-Indian;
- (b) The right to return to the Reservation if she loses her husband through divorce or separation;  
and
- (c) If she is an unwed mother, the right to determine whether or not she shall keep her child, and whether or not it shall be brought up as an Indian; and

Whereas none of the above need involve property rights or settlements to her, or rights of any kind to a non-Indian husband or children;

"Resolved : - The Provincial Council of Women of Nova Scotia request the National Council of Women of Canada to request that legislation be enacted to rectify the situations noted in(a), (b), (c) in consultation with Indian Women. "

### Mary Two- Axe Early

Bill C-31 amending the Indian Act was passed in 1985 granting Indian Women the rights set out above. In 1985, in acknowledgement of her long years of working against discrimination towards native women, Mary Two -Axe Early was the first to be re-enfranchised. Over the years she has received many awards and Honours.



**Will it also take more than 20 years to enact the recommendation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission?**

**Edeltraud Neal,  
President OCW**