

Members with Disabilities Action Committee (MDAC) Report
NCR Spring Council Meeting
NCR Annual General Fall Meeting - (September 24, 2016)

April 1 – September 24, 2016

Since the last Council meeting, the MDAC Committee had two meetings only. At its June 2nd, meeting members of MDAC held a moment of silence to honour and remember a good friend, the long standing member of MDAC, Sister Dianne Brown who passed away in late May. MDAC participated in the funeral reception of Sister Dianne Brown on June 4, 2016.

At the June 2nd, meeting, MDAC also celebrated and said “farewell” to MDAC’s Vice-President and an active and long standing member of PSAC, Rick Lynn following his retirement. Sister Zelma Buckley and Brother Carl Laguerre also attended the meeting to participate in celebration representing RVAC. RVAC and MDAC agreed at this meeting that the two Committees would work together to celebrate both *the December 3rd, International Day of Persons with Disabilities* and the *December 10th. International Human Rights Day* to take place on December 10, 2016.

Another activity both MDAC and RVAC agreed to cooperate was, as was done in previous years, to participate in Jam Day celebration in August 2016. Again, on August 6, 2016. MDAC participated in Jam Day celebration with RVAC and represented PSAC with an information kiosk distributing information about various PSAC activities and its committees, as well as the current issues and events PSAC had been involved with. In addition to information various swag items were also distributed to inquiring bodies.

This year, among the other information pamphlets distributed, the distributed press release issued by PSAC-NCR on July 26, 2016 expressing PSAC’s concern and extending its condolences to Abdi Family following the death of Abdirahman Abdi, attracted considerable attention and invited discussions by the members of public. In the same release both RVAC and MDAC, through PSAC-NCR, called for a

through, rapid and transparent investigation into this incident by the Ontario Police Special Investigations Unit.

During this year's Jam Day celebration, the buttons made last year to honour Sister Dianne Brown were made available again to collect donations in support of Sister Dianne's cause to feed children in Jamaica.

MDAC will continue to hold various activities for the future and would like to encourage participation of new members.

In Solidarity,

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Chair -Members with Disabilities Action Committee (MDAC)