

Report of the Ottawa Area Council (OAC) Chair

May 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019

Here is the report presented at the NCR Council meeting (AGM) held on September 21, 2019.

- I attended the Ottawa West-Nepean NDP Spaghetti Dinner on May 3, 2019. The power panel of Theresa Kavanagh (City Councillor for Bay Ward), Evelyn Gigantes (former Member of Provincial Parliament for Ottawa Centre), and Kathleen Monk (former Director of Communications to Jack Layton) talked about what it's like to be a **woman working in politics**, how things have changed (or not), and what the future might hold.
- I attended the Ottawa Coalition Against Ford (OCAF) meeting on May 7, 2019. The focus of the meeting was to join our community allies to **fight back against the Ford cuts** and to leverage our collective power prior to the next provincial election.
- The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) called on communities across Ontario to organize actions on June 7th and 8th. On June 7th, the OAC led one of the **Resist Ford Cuts** morning actions, the info blitz at Tunney's Pasture, by handing out flyers. This was one of six transit stations participating in the morning info blitz. Several PSAC members participated in the Day of Action to express our concerns and outrage against Premier Doug Ford and his government. The OAC covered the printing costs of some flyers to promote the June 7th Ottawa info blitz at major transit stations early in the morning. A rally was held at noon at Preston Square and a second rally was held at 5pm in front of the Ontario Court of Justice.
- I attended the **NCR Council AGM** of June 1-2, 2019 as the OAC delegate.
- I attended the **PSAC NCR Executive Committee** meeting on June 3, 2019.
- Along with many PSAC sisters, I attended the **PSAC-NRC Regional Women's Conference** on June 8-9, 2019.
- On June 14-16, 2019, I attended the **NDP Ontario Convention** in Hamilton, ON as a delegate of the Ottawa-West Nepean riding.

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- I joined the **ACORN Canada 2019 National Leadership** Convention held in Hamilton, ON later on June 16, 2019. On June 17, 2019, I rallied with 250+ ACORN members in front of Hamilton's City Hall to lobby against reno-victions! Later that day, I rallied with the 80+ ACORN members from the Ottawa and Gatineau region in Toronto before the head office of Timbercreek.
- Brother Robbie Henderson called a **Federal Election sub-committee** meeting on July 18, 2019. In attendance were Renelle Chalifoux, Alex Silas, Fathiya Wais, Jill O'Reilly and Robbie Henderson. The sub-committee discussed the next steps for putting the plan in motion.
- The **Festival sub-committee** held a meeting on July 29, 2019. In attendance were Carla Ross, Alex Silas, Louise Sicard, Behiye Cinkilic, Fathiya Wais and St. Clair Currie.
- Brother Robbie Henderson and Sister Renelle Chalifoux finalized the details for the August 16th outdoor movie during the **Centretown Movies Festival**. The movie sponsored by the PSAC was [Made in Dagenham](#). The film dramatizes the Ford sewing machinist's strike of 1968 that aimed for equal pay for women.
- Brother Jeff Wrinn and Sister Renelle Chalifoux are finalizing the rental agreement for the 1948 Fire truck for use in the **Labour Day** parade.
- I attended the **PSAC NCR Executive Committee** meeting on August 6, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Renelle Chalifoux