

# Ottawa Regional Women's Committee Report

April 27th to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

It is my pleasure to submit my report as the chair of the Ottawa Regional Womens' Committee. I was elected to the position of Chair during the April 2019 ORWC meeting.

My first duty was to arrange a Resolution meeting for the sisters of the ORWC. This took place May 15th., 2019. The sisters prepared Four Resolutions that were presented at the PSAC-NCR Womens' Conference. It was my First Womens' Conference, and as the Chair of the ORWC, I was Co-Chair of the Resolution portion of the Conference. I'm happy to say that there were a total of Six Resolutions presented and the Sisters attending the Conference voted on Two Resolutions moving forward. I'm hoping that you will see fit, to throw your support for the Two Resolutions, should you have the opportunity to vote for them at the upcoming Conferences, and Conventions. They are Universal Childcare and Every Canadian Counts.

We have had only Two meetings since April. The committee is working on moving forward with our Agenda.

I have reached out to the other Equity Groups, in the hope of working together, and promoting the advancement of all.

I had prepared a Resolution (supported and submitted on behalf of the ORWC and MDAC), that was submitted to the AGM in June, but unfortunately it didn't make it to the floor. It was a Resolution on the Human Rights Celebration day, that takes place every year on December 10th. The Resolution requested that the money be a line item coming from the Regional budget and not that of the Equity Groups. Maybe next year.

At the previous NCR Women's Conference (2016), there was a Resolution adopted/approved - Women in Politics. Last year, the ORWC had planned on hosting a Panel discussion of Women in Politics, but due to family emergencies and other responsibilities, this was dropped and fell to the sidelines.

We now have a plan that the Panel Discussion will take place during the Union School Part II, so I hope you registered.

I have cut back the money spent on food for the ORWC meetings. We have had discussions on the use of TAXI Chits and I have not issued any. The committee just can't afford to spend money on Taxis, based on our Three Year budget plan, and the allotment of funds from the PSAC-NCR. The Sisters work together and ensure that those attending get home. We are working together helping each other. I must say that the group of women/sisters that attend the ORWC meetings are intelligent, knowledgeable of current issues, and supportive of each other.

I was requested to help select Two sisters to attend the CLC training in July. I sent the email out to the ORWC asking for those that were interested. The Sisters that replied, I forwarded their names to the PSAC-NCR office, and then at the June ORWC meeting we put all the names in the bowl, and picked Two to attend, and Two backups.

As the Chair of the ORWC, I am committed to moving forward the issues that the committee feels are important to them, as the song goes - we have only just begun.....

I'm attending and supporting each Equity Group Committee (that I may attend) and the other committees within the PSAC-NCR. I have participated in several campaigns with the PSAC-NCR this year. I look forward to joining forces with the other Chairs, and Executives of the NCR Council to bring awareness of our concerns and issues, to PSAC members, and the General Public.

Thank You  
Carla Ross  
Chair of the ORWC