



MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN
CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTRÉAL
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President’s Message - June 15, 2023 (not the short one!)

Dear Members - If MCW needed purpose or motivation – it is all around us!

12 June 2023 Headline: “Nine out of 10 people are biased against women, says “alarming” UN report!” “Researchers shocked at lack of progress and entrenched social norms that curtail women’s chances in politics, business and work.” I meant to make this letter **short**, but the sheer number of pressing issues killed that effort! I hope that you will take the time out of

your busy day to read the following and consider the effort we have put in and the effort we all will need to put in if we wish to make a difference. Penny Rankin and I recently attended the **NCWC AGM in Saskatoon**. The new President, Marianne Wilkinson was invested as was Penny as a NCWC VP and Director on the new board. Congratulations to all. I have great hopes for the team and believe that they will open up new doors of communication and advocacy partnerships between the local, provincial and the national councils and international council.



I am very proud that the **resolution** on the ACCREDITATION and CERTIFICATION of INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED PROFESSIONALS which I proposed (my first), and Penny and I worked on was passed! Thank you Penny.

The NCWC theme adopted by majority vote for the next two or more years is: **Housing: A Human Right in Canada**. Every Canadian should have access to affordable, secure and adequate housing. MCW already started a discussion last year on Homelessness and Food Insecurity and it is a priority for us. High housing prices, lack of affordable market housing, discrimination, affordability challenges for low-income families, young adults living alone, and socio-economic challenges are factors that suggest that affordable housing is a complex issue that requires a multifaceted approach. Governments, financial institutions, housing sectors, consumers, and advocacy organizations must work together to find solutions to the housing affordability crisis in Canada. MCW hopes to be part of that effort to find and push for solutions.



I attended the Concordia QUESCREN Researcher symposium on minorities and the QCGN networking event and panel discussions on Quebec minorities, English speaking Quebec and shifting constitutional sands and I absorbed a lot. I am sharing some research I did to understand the Bills – federal and provincial (it can be confusing) and notes that may be helpful for further discussion and action in the coming months.



I hope to see you at one of our summer events and we can discuss some of these topics over a cool summer drink in the great outdoors! If you missed our AGM we welcomed **Rita Beltempo** and **Chitra Chopra** to the MCW Board. You can view the video in the Member Portal (ID: Member, Password: #2021@MCW

Warmest regards,

Linda Serpone, President MCW



UPCOMING EVENTS and SAVE THE DATE



The Montreal Council of Women

Join us

A Summer Solstice Social!

Wednesday
June 21, 5pm-7pm

"Girls Drink Beer"

Relax chat & cheer in the season.

Location:
Terrasse St-Ambroise
5080 rue St-Ambroise,
Montreal

JOIN US JUNE 21st

for an informal gathering! Venue details and directions can be found [HERE](#)



The Montreal Council of Women invites you to

SAVE THE DATE

*130th Anniversary Celebration
October 1, 2023 | Starts at Noon*

Women Celebrating Women.

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More information to follow!