



MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN / LE CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTRÉAL
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Montreal Council of Women

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the incoming President for 2016-2017, it is an honour to serve on this board. I am very fortunate to be part of a group of dedicated women all who help make the agenda of MCW run smoothly.

Aside from my duties of chairing the monthly MCW board meetings, my official first task was to attend NCWC's AGM which was held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan from June 9 to 12, 2016. While attending the AGM I was fortunate to learn more about this what I thought was this quiet and unassuming province but in reality was quite the dynamo in many aspects. The AGM afforded me the opportunity to meet NCWC members and women from the other provinces and also to learn more about what is going on in other parts of Canada and to an extent, worldwide.

Closer to home, on July 13, 2016, we held an organisational meeting with the outgoing and incoming members of the MCW to discuss goals and procedures for the upcoming year. Our usual monthly meeting commenced in September and our Woman of the Year was held on December 8, 2016. Two of our meetings were held in the evening in hopes of attracting working women. Both were successful and people seemed to be interested. There was no meeting in December and January. Some of the federates held events during the year that were attended by board members and some of other federate members.

I would like to thank all the members of the Board and also all the Federate and individual members who worked hard together all year to produce interesting and enjoyable meetings and events.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Gyles
President

TREASURER'S REPORT 2016-2017

As Treasurer of Montreal Council of Women for the 2016-2017 year, I have performed all of my duties as required. I have collected all monies due and paid all approved bills. I have kept a record of all entries and prepared a Financial Report, a Balance Sheet and an Operating Statement for the period. Also a Budget for the 2017-2018 year. Sheila Allan has reviewed the books for the 2015-2016 year.

The bank balance at April 30, 2017 is \$1833.83. We have two GICS. MCW has a GIC in the amount of \$5042.20 and WOTY \$2016.89. The Welcoming Committee is responsible for the float of \$50.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Laven Nichols
Treasurer

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As Executive Vice-President I have assisted the President wherever and whenever possible, and assisted by covering various other board duties when required.

In my capacity as Executive VP I am the Editor of the Bulletin.

I was also Chair of the WOTY committee and Chair of the Nominations Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle Godefroy
Executive Vice President

RESOLUTION REPORT 2017

The following five resolutions were received from the National Council of Women of Canada. The proposed resolutions were discussed at the MCW meeting March 6 2017 and here are the voting results. The report was prepared by Chitra Chopra who, in my absence, chaired the meeting.

#1. THE PROVISION OF HUMANE HOLDING CONDITIONS FOR MIGRANT DETAINEES

Proposed by Niagara District council of Women

MCW voted against this resolution.

More research and information needs to be presented to support the resolution. The background is inadequate. It was difficult to determine whether the resolution addressed asylum seekers or immigrants. We think this important resolution should be reconsidered and rewritten.

#2. ENVIRONMENTAL HARM FROM CIGARETTE FILTERS

Proposed by Niagara District Council of Women

Amend by removing the words 'or to eliminate them' from Resolved #1 and remove the words 'or else be required to remove them from cigarettes altogether'. Make the filters fully biodegradable. There should be no elimination of the filters. Remove the word 'plastic' from the whereas clause as this is misleading.

#3. SAFETY OF FOOD ADDITIVE AZODICARBONAMIDE

Proposed by Niagara District Council of Women

MCW voted against this resolution.

More research needs to be presented to support the resolution: why did Europe ban this; which agency banned this. Need primary, more reliable references. MCW considers that this resolution should be rewritten.

#4. INCREASING SECURITY BY RELOCATING RAILWAYS TO OUTLYING AREAS

Proposed by Gisele Saurette-Roch

Railways are required in towns for public transportation. Toxic substances should not be transported through town by rail. Pipelines are a much better alternative. No cost-benefit analysis has been shown. The costs of these recommendations will be very high and this will not be efficient.

MCW voted against Resolved clauses #1, 2, & 4. MCW voted to approve Resolved clause #3.

#5. ADDRESSING ABORIGINAL SUICIDE

Proposed by the Provincial Council of Women of Saskatchewan

MCW voted in favour of this resolution

Respectively submitted

Marjorie Windeler
Resolutions Chair

PROGRAMME REPORT – 2016-2017

Six meetings were organized by the Programme Committee during the 2016-2017 season as follows:

September 8, 2016 – Our first guest speaker was Penny Rankin, Co-chair of Refugee Support Program – St. Mathias and St. Mark’s Anglican Churches who informed us at the very bleak situation of refugees throughout the world.

October 6, 2016 – In the hope of attracting more young women to join Montreal Council of Women, a workshop entitled “Write about Your Life in Three Easy Steps” was held. Elizabeth Johnston, Creative Coach was the workshop leader.

November 3, 2016 – Nadia Di Riggi, Notary, who gave an overview of her career as a notary. In addition, we learned the difference between a notary and a lawyer and the importance of having a will, a mandate, how to get it homologated and the duties of a power of attorney when a loved one loses her autonomy.

February 3 2017 – Dr. Maria di Tomasso, Psychiatrist at the Douglas Mental Health University Institute spoke on “Women’s Mental Health across the Life Span. Many questions came from the audience following her presentation.

March 2, 2017 – the speaker was Mylène Freeman, a former NDP Member of Parliament for the riding of Argenteuil – Papineau – Mirabel in Quebec. Mylène addressed us on her experience during the elections of 2011 and 2015 from the point of a view of a woman candidate running for an opposition party, as well as what it is like to be a female Member of Parliament.

April 6, 2017 – The Montreal Council of Women celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Canada. The buffet served reflected foods from across our great country. Members enjoyed completing a quiz on Canadian history particularly as it relates to women. Due to technical difficulties, the DVD on could not be viewed.

May 18, 2017 - In addition to the above mentioned programme, the committee planned the silent auction which is being held in conjunction to the MCW Annual General Meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks to the Program Committee members, Isabelle Godefroy, Dolly Doster, Mary Pallett, Ann Shuster and Mary Lennon whose dedication made the work involved so much easier.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

As chair of the committee, I am pleased to present the following slate of Directors and Officers for the year 2017 – 2018.

The slate was approved by the Board of Directors on April 6, 2017. It will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on May 18, 2016.

I greatly appreciate the efforts of the Nominations' committee: Bonnie Destounis, Chitra Chopra and Mary Lennon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Isabelle Godefroy, Chair

NOMINATION COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED SLATE FOR 2017-2018

Past President – Chitra Chopra

President - Shirley Gyles

Exec. VP - Isabelle Godefroy

Secretary –Dolly Dastoor

Treasurer - Pat Nichols

VP Public Relations –Marilyn Berger

VP Membership–Joan Macklin

VP Gov. Affairs – vacant

VP Programs –Mary Pallett

Arts & Heritage- Mary Lennon

Education – Vivianne Silver

Health and Family - Nadia Baraghi

Environment – vacant

Seniors – Ann Schuster

Councillors: Druse Bryan, Bonnie Destounis

Archives – vacant

Bulletin — Isabelle Godefroy

Constitution and by-laws – Chitra Chopra

Correspondence Secretary -Druse Bryan

Directory - Chitra Chopra

Hostess & Welcoming Comm. – Board members in turns

Resolutions – Marjorie Windeler

WOTY & Special events – Isabelle Godefroy

Webmaster: Chitra Chopra

Nominations Committee – To be appointed in October

MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN / CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTREAL

FINANCIAL REPORT MAY 01, 2016 TO APRIL 30, 2017

	ACTUAL TO		
	DATE 2016- 2017	BUDGET 2016- 2017	VARIANCE 2016- 2017
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Membership (Ind 1610+ Feds 1165. + Patrons 300)	3075.00	3685.00	-610.00
Lunches (May, Sept, Oct , Nov, Feb, Mar & Apr.) + Donations	2405.00	2000.00	405.00
120th Anniversary (Book Sales 360 + MCW Pins 65)	425.00	2500.00	-2075.00
Silent Auction (N.C.W.C.D.O.)	525.75	0.00	525.75
	6430.75	8185.00	-1754.25
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Office-hall Locker (May to April)	300.00	300.00	0.00
Office-hall rent (May, Sept, Oct , Nov ,Feb, Mar & Apr)	840.00	840.00	0.00
Archives	0.00	100.00	100.00
MCW Stationary (Brochures)	121.69	250.00	128.31
MCW AGM (Annual Report)	0.00	75.00	75.00
NCWC AGM(Reg310+Air Fare563.81+Hotel 657.16+Meals70.48+Bags57.48+Taxi 20.00)	1678.93	2110.00	431.07
Annual Fees to National	422.00	422.00	0.00
NCWCDO Donation (Silent Auction)	525.75	0.00	-525.75
NCWCDO Donation	125.00	125.00	0.00
PCWQ Fees	30.00	30.00	0.00
Audit	100.00	100.00	0.00
Board Expense (Bylaws, Resolutions and Flowers)	125.75	150.00	24.25
Bulletin (Copies 135.92 + Postage 148.57)	284.49	500.00	215.51
Directory	0.00	250.00	250.00
Procedures Manual	0.00	200.00	200.00
120th Anniversary Book (Corrections)	6.90	0.00	-6.90
Lunches (Supplies 149.67 + Food 907.53)	1057.20	700.00	-357.20
Membership	0.00	75.00	75.00
Post Office Box	179.36	200.00	20.64
Public Liability Insurance	327.00	350.00	23.00
Filing Fee	34.00	35.00	1.00
Bank Charges (Dep. Fee)	0.44	15.00	14.56
Web Site	384.67	400.00	15.33
TOTAL EXPENSES	6543.18	7227.00	683.82
NET	-112.43	958.00	-1070.43
FLOAT	-50.00		
B/Fwd @ April 30, 2016	1544.93		
MCW TOTAL TO DATE	1382.50		
WOTY (See Attached for details)	140.48		
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	1522.98		
<u>GIC INVESTMENTS</u>			
MCW/CFM matures July 05, 2017	5042.20		
WOTY matures July 05, 2017	<u>2016.89</u>		
Total GICs	<u>7059.09</u>		

Patricia Laven Nichols
MCW/CFM Treasurer

MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN / CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTREAL
BUDGET MAY 01, 2017 TO APRIL 30, 2018

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
	2017-2018	TO DATE	BUDGET
		2016-2017	2016-2017
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Membership (Ind 1610+ Feds 1165 + Patrons 300)	3075.00	3075.00	3685.00
Lunches (May, Sept, Oct , Nov, Feb, Mar & Apr.) + Donations	2102.00	2405.00	2000.00
120th Anniversary (Book Sales)	360.00	425.00	2500.00
Cashed GIC	2000.00	0.00	0.00
Silent Auction (N.C.W.C.D.O.)	0.00	525.75	0.00
	7537.00	6430.75	8185.00
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Office-hall Locker (May to April)	300.00	300.00	300.00
Office-hall rent (May, Sept, Oct , Nov ,Feb, Mar & Apr)	840.00	840.00	840.00
Archives (Room Rental 120 + Misc 100)	220.00	0.00	100.00
MCW Stationary (Brochures)	0.00	121.69	250.00
MCW AGM (Annual Report)	75.00	0.00	75.00
NCWC AGM(Reg 400 + Hotel 600.00 + Gas 90.00)	1090.00	1678.93	2110.00
Annual Fees to National	422.00	422.00	422.00
NCWCDO Donation (Silent Auction)	0.00	525.75	0.00
NCWCDO Donation	125.00	125.00	125.00
PCWQ Fees	40.00	30.00	30.00
Audit	100.00	100.00	100.00
Board Expense	200.00	125.75	150.00
Bulletin (Copies 200.00 + Mail 150 + Stationary 50)	400.00	284.49	500.00
Directory	250.00	0.00	250.00
Procedures Manual	200.00	0.00	200.00
120th Anniversary Book (Corrections)	0.00	6.90	0.00
Lunches (Supplies 250 + Food 1750)	2000.00	1057.20	700.00
Membership	75.00	0.00	75.00
Misc. Expense	100.00	0.00	0.00
Post Office Box	200.00	179.36	200.00
Public Liability Insurance	350.00	327.00	350.00
Filing Fee	35.00	34.00	35.00
Bank Charges (Chqs. 75.00+Dep. Book 25.00 + S/C 15.00)	115.00	0.44	15.00
Web Site	400.00	384.67	400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	7537.00	6543.18	7227.00
NET	0.00	-112.43	958.00
FLOAT		-50.00	
B/Fwd @ April 30, 2016		1544.93	
MCW TOTAL TO DATE		1382.50	
WOTY (See Attached for details)		140.48	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		1522.98	
<u>GIC INVESTMENTS</u>			
MCW/CFM matures July 05, 2017		5042.20	
WOTY matures July 05, 2017		<u>2016.89</u>	
Total GICs		<u>7059.09</u>	

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MCW/CFM Treasurer

MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN/CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTREAL
BALANCE SHEET AT APRIL 30, 2017

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
MCW/CFM	1382.50	1494.93
WOTY	140.48	880.43
MCW GIC	5042.20	5019.94
WOTY GIC	2016.89	2007.98
Total Assets	8582.07	9403.28
Less Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Total Assets less Liabilities	8582.07	9403.28

<u>GIC INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>TERMS</u>
MCW GIC Matures July 05, 2017	5042.20	0.4000%	100 days
WOTY GIC Matures July 05, 2017	2016.89	0.4000%	100 days
Total GICs	7059.09		

Patricia Laven Nichols
MCW/CFM Treasurer

Membership Report

5 Patrons
26 Federates
46 Individuals

A total of \$3075.00 collected for membership dues

Respectfully submitted
Marilyn Berger
Membership Chair