



MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN / LE CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTRÉAL

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Montreal Council of Women

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is a pleasure to present the MCW Annual Report for the 2018 – 2019 year. Serving on the Board has been an honour and I consider myself fortunate to be part of a group of dedicated women who all help to make the agenda of MCW run smoothly by contributing to create a better quality of life for fellow citizens.

The 2018 session came to a close with a historical moment as Mrs. Margaret Trudeau was celebrated Woman of the Year 2018; the Sunday afternoon luncheon was attended by over 200 guests. The 2018 session also culminated with our AGM held on May 17, 2018, where the guest speaker was Dr. Dolly Dastoor, a clinical psychologist, specializing in the assessment of dementia. Dolly gave an extremely informative and interesting talk; the new slate was presented at the AGM.

Apart from my duties of planning and chairing the monthly MCW board meetings and sitting in on various committee meetings, I continued to write and put together the MCW monthly Bulletin and manage our Facebook page. Throughout the year, I attended other functions supported by Federated groups. And as is the normal custom of the MCW President, I attended NCWC's AGM which was held in Niagara on the Lake, from June 7 – 10th. It was very interesting meeting with other regional presidents and it afforded me the opportunity to be able to exchange and acquire new ideas, while at the same time, representing Montreal.

Membership and membership engagement is vital to MCW's successful continuance; it is the heart of MCW. Membership has been revitalized, due in great part to Joan Macklin who has done a wonderful job recruiting new members and bringing back some of the lapsed older ones (see membership report), into the fold. The gathering of these women continues to make MCW a strong voice for women in Montreal. And by attending to the recruitment and retention of these members, Joan has maintained an updated registry of members. She orchestrated a survey sent out last year asking membership exactly what they wanted and what they expected from being a member of MCW; she also initiated and orchestrated the membership recruitment contest.

Also, in the continuance to acquire newer members and to be more visible and more relevant in attracting younger people to join, board members attended an open house at Concordia organized by Ingrid Berzins.

Programs this year focused on a number of things, including human trafficking. The task of identifying and having the various speakers come to our meetings to discuss, was the work of Doreen Chartier. (see programs for detail) She also organized and worked diligently so that our 125th anniversary could be held at the Forget Mansion on Sherbrooke Street in downtown Montreal.

This year was heavy on resolutions. Three resolutions: temporary foreign works access to permanent status, consumer charter for seniors, and Human trafficking were sent out the membership at large. A fourth, a municipal resolution on Funding for day centers and shelters for the homeless was sent to the city of Montreal. (see Resolutions for details) Bylaws/constitution were continually worked on by Chitra Chopra.

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. In particular, the conveners representing culture, education, health and seniors who took the responsibility of presenting and discussing various issues of interest with the membership at the monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Gyles, President

April 30, 2019

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Treasurer's Report 2018-2019

As Treasurer of Montreal Council of Women for the 2018-2019 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 2019-2020 year. Sheila Allan has reviewed the books for the 2017-2018 year.

The bank balance at April 30, 2019 is \$6736.61. We have two GICS. MCW has a GIC in the amount of \$5104.88 and WOTY \$2041.97. The Welcoming Committee is responsible for the float of \$50.00.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Laven Nichols

Treasurer

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RESOLUTIONS REPORT – 2019 05 16

The 2018-2019 Resolution Committee included Marjorie Windeler (past Chair of the committee), Penny Rankin (Current Chair), Maria Peluso and Chitra Chopra.

A number of meetings were held across the summer at which 4 resolutions were developed- three directed to national issues and one to municipal concerns.

These four resolutions were duly presented to the Board and membership for review and acceptance. The MCW proposed resolutions were then submitted to the NCWC and were subsequently included in the 2019 NCWC Resolution Package that will be debated at their AGM -scheduled to be held in Winnipeg from June 13th -16th. The 2019-2021 President will represent the Montreal Council at this meeting and will participate in the discussion and voting on our behalf.

The MCW/CFM Resolutions were as follows:

The National Resolutions:

CONSUMER CHARTER FOR SENIORS

TRAFFICKING: CANADIAN COMPLICITY IN THE CYBERSEX TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN

TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKER'S (TFW) ACCESS TO PERMANENT STATUS (CAREGIVER PROGRAM)

The Municipal Resolution:

FUNDING FOR DAY CENTRES AND SHELTERS FOR THE HOMELESS put forward our position that there be adequate and sustainable funding for Day Centres and Shelters and that while we applaud funding directed towards increasing the number of beds available for the homeless- doing so should not limit or be at the expense of those organizations that offer support systems that go beyond "beds".

Subsequent to adopting this resolution, we wrote to Mayor Plante on October 22nd 2018, including the resolution. A response was received in late November and we are currently arranging further discussions with Me Rosannee Filato -who as Conseillere de Ville is responsible for this portfolio.

A meeting of the Montreal Council of Women was held in Montreal on Thursday March 7th 2019 to address, discuss and vote on the 10 (ten) proposed 2019 NCWC Resolutions and 1 (one) NCWC policy update. The results of which, upon approval, were shared with the membership and then forwarded to the NCWC.

Resolutions are an important resource for all councils across the country. Without policy in place we cannot advocate for those we are called to defend and protect. The wealth of resources that are represented by the policies that have already been accepted can be sourced on the NCWC site.

<http://www.ncwcanada.com/communications/policy-and-briefs/>

Respectfully submitted

Penny Rankin
Resolutions Chair

Archives Annual Report 2018-2019

Boxes of archives were moved from the storage at Ginger Petty's garage to the locker space at Rufus-Rockhead for safe keeping. During the summer months the MCW Board members met and an organized purge of duplication took place and listings made of resulting boxes to ready them for shipment to Bibliotheque et archives de Quebec. Final work will be done and arrangements will be made to ship to BANQ.

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn Berger
April 28, 2019

Marilyn Berger
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PROGRAM REPORT-2018-2019

Nine meetings were organized by the Program Committee during the 2018-2019 season as follows:

September 8, 2016 – Our first guest speaker was Bonnie Destounis, MCW Councilor, whose topic was the “Montreal Council of Women” a most interesting trip down memory lane for some and certainly a wealth of information for new members. We were also joined by two federates, Marina Boulos, Executive Director of Chez Doris and Caroline Deslauriers representing the West Island CALACS. Both these ladies spoke briefly of their organizations and their involvement with important women’s issues of today.

October 4, 2018 – We welcomed Barbara Arseneau, a long -time member of MCW who spoke of her experiences spanning over five decades of nursing, including her time as President of the MGH School of Nursing Alumina from 2007-till closure 2018, providing all with a mini history lesson

October 18, 2018 - The 125th Anniversary was celebrated with a delicious lunch by “Intermezzo”, followed by a guided tour of the Historical “Forget Mansion” on Sherbrooke Street. Our host, guest speaker and guide was Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Bolton, Executive Director of the MacDonald Stewart Foundation.

November 1, 2018 - Nakuset Director of the Native Women's Shelter was our guest speaker, Nakuset’s talk was most enlightening. as she brought to light the many struggles and issues that aboriginal women are still facing issues, ones that were in existence so many years ago.

December 6, 2018 - A well- attended “Holiday Luncheon” was held, bringing together members of different faiths who spoke about their various traditions and celebrations. Members were asked to bring a non-perishable item to be donated to charity.

February 7, 2018 – The Honourable Marlene Jennings is a former Liberal MP and Parliamentary Secretary who represented Montreal’s Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine riding in the Canadian House of Commons from 1997 to 2011. At the time of her election in 1997, Ms. Jennings was the first black woman from Quebec to be elected to the Canadian Parliament.

During her 14-year tenure as Member of Parliament, Marlene served as Parliamentary Secretary to a number of ministers, including the Minister for International Cooperation, the Solicitor General of Canada, and the Prime Minister with special emphasis on Canada-U.S. relations. During that time, she also served as deputy House Leader. Ms Jennings was most enlightening and entertaining.

March 7, 2018 – March7th Anthony Housefather was elected as Member of Parliament for Mount Royal on October 19, 2015. In February 2016, he was elected as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, Housefather spoke about surrogacy and human trafficking. It was also interesting to hear about the work that the justice committee actually does.

April 4, 2018 – During the April 4 lunch, MCW had the privilege to welcome Maylissa Luby, Intervention Councillor, who worked with La Sortie as a full-time social worker / La Sortie, is the first safe house in Quebec dedicated to the survivors of sexual exploitation,

May 16, 2018 –Our year comes to a close with our AGM at 1pm. the guest speaker will be Howard Shapiro, who is co-founder and co-director of the Namuwongo Literacy Project. Mr. Howard Shapiro who is also the co-founder and a co-director of The Namuwongo Literacy Project, an initiative designed to promote the development of a literate, secure and peaceful community of children and youth who come from diverse tribal backgrounds and lost children. The goal is to bring literacy and numeracy to 20 children per year in the shantytown of Nanuwongo.

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Annual Report 2019 , Website, Constitution and By-laws

Website

The website was updated in August 2018 with the names of the new Board members. The programme was updated on a monthly basis throughout the year.

Constitution

A draft list of proposed By-law amendments was distributed to all members in February for their consideration. On April 4, a proposed list of By-law amendments was distributed to members and will be voted on at the AGM on May 16, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Chitra Chopra
Constitution Chair

MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT – 2018-2019

A membership committee meeting, comprised of Chitra Chopra, Rentate Sutherland and myself took place in late August to discuss ways and means to retain the present membership, as well as to increase it.

All existing members who had not renewed their membership at this time were contacted via a personal telephone call.

To increase the membership, a goal was set; 30% increase for federates and 10% for individuals. To reach the goal, it was determined that we needed a membership drive. This took place in the form of a draw for two Women of the Year Luncheon tickets. Each member who referred a federate member received three chances to win the prize whereas one chance was given for an individual member who joined.

We are happy to report that not only did we reach our goal but insofar as individual membership is concerned, we doubled it. We ended the fiscal year with ten returning or new federates and eleven individual memberships. Federates now total 39 and individuals 46 plus 6 patrons for a total of 52.

Thanks to Chitra Chopra, we were able to produce the Annual Directory again this year.

I would like to thank the members of my committee who gave me priceless advice and for all of their hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Macklin
Vice President, Membership

Nomination Committee Report

The Nomination Committee is pleased to present the following slate of Directors and Officers for the year 2019-2020. The slate was approved by the Board of Directors on April 4, 2019. It will be voted on at the AGM on May 16, 2019. The invaluable efforts, suggestions and willingness of all the committee members to work together are greatly appreciated.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED SLATE FOR 2019-2020

Chairperson:	Chitra Chopra, Past President
Committee Members:	Joan Macklin, Renate Sutherland, Marjorie Windeler
Past President	Shirley Gyles
President	Penny Rankin
Secretary	Chitra Chopra
Treasurer	Renate Sutherland
VP Administration	Dolly Dastoor
VP Membership	Joan Macklin
VP Government Affairs	Maria Peluso
VP Program	Doreen Chartier
VP Public Relations	Maya Volpato
Archives	Dolly Dastoor
WOTY	Summer / September
Corresponding Secretary	Bonnie Destounis
Bulletin	Linda Monteiro
Directory	Chitra Chopra
Webmaster	Maya Volpato
Status of Women/Human Rights	Brandy Jugandi
Advocacy	Maria Peluso
Arts, Culture & Heritage	Mary Lennon
Education	Ann Shuster
Health and Family	Ingrid Berzins Leuzy
Seniors	Miranda Potts
Environment	Cassandra Singelakis
Constitution and by-laws	Brandy Jugandi
Resolutions	Sophia Khan
Nominations	October
Councilor:	Bonnie Destounis
Hostess committee	Frances Gregory, Jane Wigglesworth
Welcoming committee	Sandra Heijl

Recommendations: The nomination committee suggests that (a) all VPs and Conveners form committees from the membership, (b) plan for succession and try to find somebody in their committee who could take over thus making the task of the nomination committee easier, and (c) the option of sharing jobs/positions is always a possibility and should not be overlooked.

Respectfully submitted,
Chitra Chopra, Chair

MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN / CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTREAL

REVISED BUDGET MAY 01, 2019 TO APRIL 30, 2020

	BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	BUDGET
	2019-2020	2018-2019	2018-2019
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Membership (Ind 1925 + Feds 2250 + Patrons 360)	4535.00	3790.00	3580.00
Lunches + Donations	2500.00	2485.00	2300.00
120th Anniversary (Book Sales)	100.00	60.00	160.00
Cashed GIC	500.00	0.00	1000.00
125th Anniversary Pins	125.00	95.00	0.00
125th Celebration	0.00	1256.60	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	7760.00	7686.60	7040.00
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Office-hall Locker (May to April)	300.00	300.00	300.00
Office-hall Rent (May 2, May 16, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Feb, Mar & Apr)	1080.00	1080.00	840.00
Archives	100.00	0.00	100.00
MCW AGM (Annual Report)	75.00	0.00	75.00
NCWC AGM (Reg 350.00 + Fare 525.53 + Trans 50.00 + Hotel 420.00 + Meals 50.00)	1400.00	1181.95	1385.00
Annual Fees to National	617.00	527.00	511.00
NCWCDO Donation	125.00	125.00	125.00
PCWQ Fees	40.00	30.00	40.00
Financial Review	100.00	100.00	100.00
Board Expense	200.00	121.30	200.00
Bulletin (Copies 100.00 + Mail 100.00)	200.00	138.28	300.00
Directories (200.00 + Programme 100.00 + Name Tags 100.00)	400.00	313.48	400.00
Catering (Forget House)	0.00	1373.64	0.00
125th Anniversary Pins	0.00	537.51	0.00
Brochures	150.00	0.00	0.00
Procedures Manual	100.00	93.36	200.00
Lunches (Supplies 350.00 + Food 850.00)	1200.00	1136.03	1250.00
Membership	75.00	0.00	75.00
Misc. Expense	100.00	223.62	100.00
Post Office Box	200.00	190.86	200.00
Directors and Officers Insurance	400.00	0.00	0.00
Public Liability Insurance	400.00	381.50	400.00
Filing Fee	35.00	34.00	35.00
Bank Charges (Deposit Book 40.00 + S/C 23.00)	63.00	82.53	54.00
Web Site	400.00	301.82	350.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	7760.00	8271.88	7040.00
NET	0.00	-585.28	0.00
FLOAT		-50.00	
B/Fwd @ April 30, 2018		1011.53	
MCW SUB-TOTAL TO DATE		376.25	
NCWC AGM (June 2019 Expense)		-925.53	
MCW TOTAL TO DATE		-549.28	
WOTY		8021.69	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		7472.41	
<u>GIC INVESTMENTS</u>			
MCW/CFM matures June 07, 2019		5104.88	
WOTY matures June 07, 2019		2041.97	
Total GICs (Rate 1.1000%)		7146.85	

Patricia Laven Nichols – MCW/CFM TREASURER

MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN/CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTREAL
BALANCE SHEET AT APRIL 30, 2019

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
MCW/CFM	-549.28	961.53
WOTY	8021.69	2523.76
MCW GIC	5104.88	5060.25
WOTY GIC	2041.97	2024.11
Total Assets	14619.26	10569.65

LESS LIABILITIES

<u>NCWC AGM June 2019 Expense</u>	-925.53	0.00
<u>WOTY May 05, 2019 Luncheon Estimate</u>	-7000.00	0.00
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	-7925.53	0.00
Total Assets less Liabilities	6693.73	10569.65

GIC INVESTMENTS

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATE</u>
MCW GIC Matures May 02,2018	5104.88	1.1000%
WOTY GIC Matures May 02,2018	2041.97	1.1000%
Total GICs	7146.85	

Patricia Laven Nichols
MCW/CFM Treasurer