



**Regular In-Person Meeting
February 9 & 10, 2019**

Members present: Joanne Britton, Jody Dallaire (co-chair – absent most of February 10th), Nelly Dennene (absent part of February 10th), Darlene Doiron, Amanda LeBlanc (February 10th only), Mayme Lefurgey, Martine Marchand, Michèle Nadeau, Patricia Morris (February 9th only), Madeleine Nickerson, Jennifer Richard (co-chair), and Constance Sewell

Members absent: Noëlla Richard, Louisa K. Seales, Madhu Verma.

Ex-Officio members present: Beth Lyons (Executive Director), Jocelyne Mills (Assistant Deputy Minister, Women's Equality)

Guest: Honourable Sherry Wilson (Minister responsible for Women's Equality), Mary Clare White (Senior Policy Advisor, Executive Council Office), Warren Maddox (Executive Director, Fredericton Homeless Shelters Inc.)

Staff present: Jennifer Dickison, Linda Landry-Guimond (Recording Secretary), Maryse Nadeau, Melissa Wah

Next meeting: May 4 & 5, 2019

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome / opening round**
- 2. Additions to and adoption of agenda**
- 3. Items for discussion / decision**
 - 3.1 Member updates
 - 3.2 Executive director's report
 - 3.3 Current political context (in camera)
 - 3.4 Meeting with the Honourable Sherry Wilson
 - 3.5 Presentation: Machinery of government and governance
 - 3.6 Conversion therapy
 - 3.7 *Residential Tenancies Act*
 - 3.8 Finance
 - 3.8.1 Spending to date and recommendation of changes
 - 3.8.2 Updated member claims guidelines
 - 3.9 Presentations on women's homelessness
 - 3.9.1 Grace House
 - 3.9.2 YWCA Moncton
 - 3.10 Guiding document on decision-making
- 4. Other business**
 - 4.1 Revised proposed 2019-2020 budget
- 5. Closing**



MEETING

1. Welcome / Opening round

- J. Richard welcomed members and led an opening round. The morning of February 10th, J. Richard recognized the meeting was taking place on Wolastoqiyik territory.

2. Additions to and adoption of agenda

- **Consensus** to adopt the agenda. Item 4.1 was added part way through the meeting in response to item 3.4.

3. Items for discussion / decision

3.1 Member updates

- Members had an opportunity to provide additional information on updates they shared in advance of the meeting. J. Mills provided update on the work of the Women's Equality Branch. **Action:** J. Mills to send her update in writing to L. Landry-Guimond so the pre-meeting members activity report can be updated.

3.2 Executive director's report

- Members had an opportunity to ask questions on work accomplished since October 26, 2018. Members also discussed the upcoming 100 year anniversary of women beginning to obtain the right to vote in New Brunswick and the importance of public education that frames the date in an intersectional way.

3.3 Current political context (in camera)

3.4 Meeting with the Honourable Sherry Wilson, minister responsible for Women's Equality

- Minister Wilson addressed the membership and answered questions and discussed various issues, including: the 211 model of program/service navigation; midwifery; the use of a gender lens on the provincial budget; housing services; and mental health. Minister Wilson requested that the council prepare and submitted a revised proposed budget for 2019-2020 that included a reduction.

3.5 Presentation: Machinery of government and governance

- Presentation from M. White from Executive council office. **Action:** B. Lyons and M. White to discuss if presentation could be made available on the members only site.

3.6 Conversion therapy

- **Consensus** reached to support legislative action to prohibit conversion therapy in all forms.



3.7 Residential Tenancies Act

- **Consensus** reached to support proposed changes to the *Residential Tenancies Act* to allow victims and survivors of violence to break leases early without penalty and to recommend an expansion to include coverage of instances of sexual violence and stalking and to ensure the burden of proof required to break the lease is minimal.

3.8 Finance

3.8.1 Spending to date and recommendation of changes

- **Consensus** reached to adopt the updated budget for 2018-2019.

3.8.2 Updated member claims guidelines

- **Consensus** reached to adopt the updated guidelines.

3.9 Presentation on women's homelessness

3.9.1 Grace House

- Presentation by W. Maddox, Executive Director, Fredericton Homeless Shelters Inc.

3.9.2 YWCA Moncton

- Presentation by council member M. Nadeau, Executive Director of YWCA Moncton.

3.10 Guiding document on decision-making

- Discussion to gather information to support the drafting of the document.

4. Other business

4.1 Revised proposed 2019-2020 budget (in camera)

- **Consensus** reached to submit a revised proposal for the 2019-2020 budget with a 5% reduction from 2018-2019 funding. **Action:** B. Lyons to prepare and submit the revised proposal.

5. Closing Round

- J. Richard led a closing round.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on February 10, 2019.

Distributed to members for review on April 23, 2019 with April 29, 2019 as the deadline for feedback. Members were informed the minutes were adopted on April 29, 2019.