



**Regular In-Person Meeting
February 11 & 12, 2017**

Members present: Rina Arseneault, Lyne Chantal Boudreau, Joanne Britton, Jody Dallaire, Line Doiron, Jewell Mitchell, Madeleine Nickerson, Jennifer Richard, Noëlla Richard, Paulette Sonier Rioux, Constance Sewell, Phylomène Zangio

Members absent: Madhu Verma

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

Staff present: Linda Landry-Guimond (Recording Secretary), Brit Mockler, Erin Whitmore

Next meeting: In-person April 2017 – to be confirmed

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome / opening round**
- 2. Adoption of agenda**
- 3. Minutes for October and December 2016 meetings**
- 4. Items for discussion / decision**
 - 4.1 Executive Director's Report
 - 4.2 Presentation from Nelly Dennene (Regroupement féministe du N.-B.)
 - 4.3 Abortion Access
 - 4.4 Midwifery Update
 - 4.5 Presentation from Johanne Perron (NB Coalition for Pay Equity)
 - 4.6 NB Family Plan Framework
 - 4.7 Hon. Brian Gallant, Premier and Minister Responsible for Women's Equality
 - 4.8 Election 2018
 - 4.9 Budget 2016-2017
 - 4.10 Budget 2017-2018
 - 4.11 2017 Call for Membership
 - 4.12 Co-chairs after April 2017
- 5. Other business**
- 6. Closing**

MEETING

- 1. Welcome/opening round**
 - Co-chairs welcomed members and led an opening round.



2. Adoption of agenda

- Members agreed to identify questions for Premier Gallant immediately before or after lunch.
- Consensus to adopt agenda.

3. Minutes for October and December 2016 Meetings

- J. Mills requested a change to the October minutes.
- Consensus to adopt minutes with change requested by J. Mills. **Action:** B. Lyons to make changes to October 2016 minutes and circulate.

4. Items for Discussion / Decision

4.1 Executive Director's Report

- B. Lyons provided a summary of work accomplished and ongoing since the October 2016 meeting and introduced the council's new staff members, B. Mockler and E. Whitmore.

4.2 Presentation from Nelly Dennene (Regroupement féministe du N.-B.)

- N. Dennene presented and led discussion on intersectional analysis and inclusive policy at the provincial level. Presentation available on request.

4.3 Abortion Access

- Discussion of ongoing challenges to access to surgical abortion in the West of the province. B. Lyons informed the members that the co-chairs have requested a meeting with the Minister of Health. **Action:** Co-chairs to send follow-up letter to the Minister after the meeting.

4.4 Midwifery Update

- M. Nickerson provided an update on the midwifery demonstration site.

4.5 Presentation from Johanne Perron (NB Coalition for Pay Equity)

- J. Perron presented and led discussion on pay equity in NB. Presentation available on request.

4.6 NB Family Plan Framework

- B. Lyons and E. Whitmore presented the staff's work on a response to the Family Plan and gathered feedback from members. J. Mills provided context on the consultation process for the Family Plan. **Action:** J. Mills to clarify if consultations are by invitation only. B. Lyons and E. Whitmore to finalized the response.



4.7 Hon. Brian Gallant, Premier and Minister responsible for Women's Equality

- B. Gallant discussed government's initiatives and priorities and responded to questions from the members. **Action:** B. Lyons to connect with New Brunswick Business Council.

4.8 Election 2018

- B. Lyons discussed possible work for the council to engage in leading up to the 2018 election to ensure women's equality is on the agenda.

4.9 Budget 2016-2017

- Consensus to allocate up to \$50 000 of underspent funds to renovate and equip the council's existing and new board room spaces.

4.10 Budget 2017-2018

- Consensus to adopt.

4.11 2017 Call for Membership

- Consensus to use same process as the 2016 call with minor changes, including changing the Membership Selection Committee to the Membership Recommendation Committee and not limiting the external members of the committee to the Voices of N.B. Women Working Group.
- Consensus to have P. Zangio and either L. Doiron or M. Nickerson serve on the committee as members and to approach individuals identified as potential external members. **Action:** B. Lyons, P. Zangio, and C. Sewell to contact potential external members. B. Lyons to confirm whether L. Doiron or M. Nickerson will serve on committee.

4.12 Co-chairs post-April 2017

- Consensus that J. Richard will remain as co-chair until and during the April meeting.
- Consensus to request that when appointments to the council are made by the Lieutenant Governor the Coalition for Pay Equity's term be extended to May 31st 2018 so that the organization's representative, J. Dallaire, can finish her 3 year term as co-chair.
- Consensus that co-chair terms should be reduced from 3 years to 2 and that co-chairs can re-offer twice for a total of 6 consecutive years. J. Dallaire would be able to reoffer once for a total of 5 years as co-chair.



5. Other Business

- Consensus that the spring meeting will take place in the Acadian Peninsula and the fall meeting in Fredericton.

6. Closing

- Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

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