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REPORT TO THE PRAIRIE REGION COUNCIL

JANUARY 31, 2025 – FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Previously unreported:

September 3, 2024	Union Voices for Health Choices steering committee (online)
September 4, 2024	Union Voices for Health Choices steering committee (online)
September 10, 2024	Union Voices for Health Choices steering committee (online)
September 12, 2024	Saskatoon Regional Women's Committee meeting (in person)

Since last PRC meeting:

September 16, 2024	Winnipeg Regional Women's Committee meeting (online)
October 16-16, 2024	Union Voices For Health Choice Retreat, Edmonton (in person)
October 24, 2024	Lethbridge Regional Women's Committee Meeting (online)
November 12, 2024	Edmonton Regional Women's Committee (online)
November 12, 2024	Regional Women's Conference planning (online meeting w/staff)
November 15, 2024	Calgary Regional Women's Committee meeting (online)
November 15-17, 2024	Parkland institute Conference (online)
November 21, 2024	PSAC National Human Rights Committee Women's Working Group meeting (online)
November 21, 2024	All Committee Townhall (Online)
November 29, 2024	Regional Women's Conference planning (online meeting w/staff)
December 6, 2024	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Vigil, hosted by Edmonton Regional Women's Committee. (in Person)
January 9, 2025	Regional Women's Conference update (online meeting with staff)

Upcoming at the time of Submission:

January 14, 2025	RWC Townhall with REVP (online)
January 16, 2025	Calgary Regional Women's Committee meeting (online)
January 21, 2025	Regina Regional Women's Committee AGM (online)
January 23, 2025	Regional Women's Conference Steering Committee (online)
January 26 Or 29, 2025 on Resolutions (Online)	Regional Women's Working Group Inaugural meeting; Focus on Resolutions (Online)
January 30, 2025	Saskatoon Regional Women's Committee AGM (online)

This reporting period was a busy season with the planning and execution of a special women's event, Union Voices for Health Choices retreat. This conference/strategic retreat brought women from across the prairie together at the wonderfully equipped Edmonton Regional Office to discuss priorities and plan actions in the region, and beyond, centering on women's health. The event featured workshops, panels (Friends of Medicare Executive Director, Chris Gallaway, and the Canadian Health Coalition board member and CLC VP Siobhan Vipond), group discussions, and a surprise visit from National PSAC President Sharon DeSousa. Deliverables from the event (so far) include, a WhatsApp group to organise beyond the conference (we will be combining this with the group from last cycle's (2022) Regional Women's Conference to create an Ad-hoc Regional Women's working group, attendees submitted bargaining demands related to conference subjects to the latest Treasury Board Bargaining demand call out, we will be hosting an online Regional Women's Working Group meeting (January 26 or 29 TBD) to discuss resolutions to our upcoming Regional Women's Conference, and I have received a request for a lobby plan/effort on women's health that we can role out through the committees.

The next highlight of the season for me was being able to attend the December 6 Vigil in Edmonton hosted by the Edmonton Regional Women's Committee. The Committee put together a thoughtful and moving program featuring a speaker from a local Women's Second Stage Shelter WINGS (Women In Need Growing Stronger). I look forward to future collaboration between this vital community group and the Edmonton RWC!

Focus has shifted to the upcoming Regional Women's Conference, planned for March 6-9, 2025 at the historic Fort Gary Hotel in Winnipeg, with most of the actual conference taking place at the Union Centre across the street. Due to an increase in funding, we have been able to offer some additional time in the program for an enhanced experience for all delegates. The Conference theme builds on the work we have already

been doing in the region around care, health care and community care: "Caring for Change; Women Shaping the Future." I am please to report we have over 150 applicants to date(!), sadly we have only 60 spots available, so some hard choices will have to be made in delegate selection. The deadline for Resolutions to the conference is February 17, 2025

The National Human Rights Committee Women's Working Group did meet (online), late last year. We did receive some program updates, the program remains understaffed at the National level, but a commitment for quarterly online meetings was made. The Women's Working Group was also consulted on the upcoming Women's Leadership Forum, which will be in Ottawa March 1-2, 2025. This forum will inform the creation of a women-centered leadership program pursuant to GEN-062 and the Gender Equity Taskforce Report.

The PSAC National Women's Conference will be held in Toronto, November 21-23, 2025

Submitted in solidarity,
Sherry Hunt