

SHERRY HUNT, REGIONAL WOMEN'S COMMITTEES REP
REPORT TO THE PRAIRIE REGION COUNCIL (LATE)
SEPTEMBER 13 - 15, 2024

Activities from February 2, 2024 – August 23, 2024

Feb 2-3: In person PRC Meeting, Winnipeg MB

Feb 6: Child Care Now Alberta Community Meeting

Feb 12: Edmonton RWC AGM

March 4 Lethbridge RWC AGM

March 25: Webinar Planning Meeting with Dr. Karen Messing

April 3: All committee Executive Member, PRC and Staff VC

March 12: Calgary RWC AGM

April 10: Interviewed for “We are the Prairies” film series, Winnipeg, MB

April 11: Gender & Occupational Health & Safety: In conversation with Dr. Karen Messing, Webinar

April 17 Regina Women’s Committee Meeting/ Pink Tax presentation

May 11: Trans Rights and Inclusion at a Critical Moment – pan Prairie, via Zoom

May 16: PRC Conference Call, via Zoom

May 16 Pink Tax presentation to Winnipeg Young Workers Committee
(invited/with permission from REVP)

May 18: Fall Women’s Event planning meeting

May 25-31: PSAC National Triennial Convention, Ottawa Ontario

May 29: Lethbridge RWC, via Zoom

Jun 11: Fall women’s event planning meeting

June 22: Lethbridge Pride Parade

June 26: Fall women’s event planning meeting

June 27: PRC Conference Call, via Zoom

July 15: Planning meeting for 1st Annual Holding Space Retreat, via Zoom

July 20: Holding Space Retreat

Aug 20: Fall women's event planning meeting

Aug 22: One on One Check in meeting with REVP

The 2024 Spring season featured AGMs from most of the Regional Women's Committees as well as the submission of financial packages. The committees submitted a wide range of project ideas they intend to embark on in the coming year, and I am excited to see pictures and hear reports as things progress.

The Regina Regional Women's committee completed a Red Dress Day (May 5) project, collecting red dresses and displaying them on a public street with messages attached to the dresses about Missing and murdered Indigenous girls and women.

As we waited for an anticipated Pink Tax campaign from the National Women's Program, I developed and delivered a short Information presentation regarding the pink tax to The Winnipeg Women's committee as a Part of their International Women's Workshop. I also developed a short presentation on opportunities for lobbying that was delivered at the same event. The Winnipeg Committee Event was a full day workshop highlighting self care. The Pink Tax presentation was also delivered to the Regina RWC, and to the Winnipeg Young Workers Committee (by invitation and with the permission of the PRC Young Workers Representative and the REVP since I aged out decades ago...). The National Pink Tax Campaign is now live and can be found on the main PSAC page (**Gender-based pricing: Just because it's pink?**

(https://psacunion.ca/gender-based-pricing-just-because-its-pink?_ga=2.75907606.2048393384.1723474366-378808992.1689685119). The campaign against gender discrimination in consumer pricing features a "Call to Action - Write to Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth Marci Ien to demand the government ban gender-based pricing". I ask that all PRC representatives promote this action to their respective constituencies.

This fall I along with PSAC Staff (Special Thanks to Carm Chan Jaqueline Maurice, Karoline Klug and Kristen Lecours) will be welcoming RWC Executives, and activists to Edmonton October 16-19 for a very special event. The Union Voices for Health Choices: Strategic Solutions for Women's Health is a by invitation event aimed to equip and empower RWCs to advocate for women's health in their union, workplace and communities. I am excited for this new opportunity to commune with the other women across the Prairies on such an important and timely topic.

Submitted in Solidarity,

Sherry Hunt

Regional Women's Committee Representative to the PRC.