

WESTMAN AND AREA
REGIONAL WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance:

Alicia Zurba CEIU 50754 (V)
Gelina Alton UNDE 50704 (V)
Jen Chelkowski UNDE 50704 (V)
Kaajal Samuel CEIU 50754(V)
Tracy Thor, PSAC Staff
Heather McKinnon, USJE RVP MB and SK

Regrets:

Leifa Misko UNE 50140 (V)
Hanna Morris USJE 50057 (V)

Alicia Zurba, Chair of the meeting, called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.
Alicia read the Land Acknowledgement and harassment statement.
Heather McKinnon acted as intervenor for the meeting.

Adoption of previous Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from May 6, 2025 were accepted as presented.
Motion to accept by Jenifer Chelkowski, seconded by Gelina Alton.

Terms of Reference:

Motion to adopt revised terms of reference was presented by Kaajal Samuel and seconded by Jenifer Chelkowski.

Bank Status Update:

Westoba Credit Union requires a \$5 deposit to open the account. Gelina Alton will e-mail Marianne Hladun to see if this could be approved. Gelina Alton will also reach out to Westoba to get more details on service fees and cheque fees.

Upcoming Events:

September 18, 2025 from 2-4 at 1233 Rosser Avenue in Brandon – Open House for the Women's Resource Centre.

Ideas for the Women's Resource Centre include a call-out challenge to all the locals in Westman Area to donate hygiene items (ex. Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, underwear and socks). For every item donate Westman and Area Regional Women's Committee will donate \$500 to the Women's Resource Centre in Brandon. Other locals could donate to United Way or other Women's organizations within their local areas.

October 9, 2025 at 6PM – Princess Park in Brandon – Take back the night! This is a great solidarity event. The event starts at Princess Park and there is a March down to Brandon University.

November 14, 2025 – Strength & Me Conference hosted by YMCA. This event empowers children and youth ages 10-13years of age (there are 60-75 children registrants). There is a sponsorship event where we could go serve bagged lunches for kids and possibly donate \$500 to their cause. There are also 4 breakout sessions where each child chooses 2 sessions in the morning and 2 sessions in the afternoon. Volunteers are also needed to escort the children between sessions. Sessions from last year include:

- Community safety
- Indigenous Arts/crafts
- Crime scene investigation
- Career paths
- Healthy relationships
- Cartooning
- Drum circle
- Zoomba

This event would be a potential volunteer day/personal leave for Public Servants if they wanted to volunteer their time for a great cause!

Heather will check in with the locals in the North.

Budget:

Will be proposed once we get the account opened.

Points from the Floor:

Westman Area Women's Committee Whats App is up and running. Please contact Alicia Zurba if you would like to join the chat.

Neepawa Pride: Volunteers are needed! September 14, 2025 from 1-4 at Arts Forward.

Next Meeting:

Tentative for Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 6pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:34pm