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REPORT TO THE PRAIRIE REGION COUNCIL

26 - 27 FEBRUARY 2026

September 2025

23 RWC Town Hall

October 2025

1-3 National Women's Conference Resolutions Committee Meeting
(Gatineau)

8-10 National Human Rights Committee Meeting (Ottawa)

10 National Women's Conference Resolutions Committee Meeting (Online)

November 2025

20 National Women's Conference Resolutions Committee Meeting (Toronto)

21-23 National Women's Conference (Toronto)

December 2025

19 LRWC Meeting (Online)

January 2026

7 LRWC Meeting (Online)

23 March 7 Regional Women's Committee Workshop Planning meeting
(Online)

The fall activities were related to work with the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) Women's Working Group, and Resolution Committee deliberations for the National Women's Conference.

National Women's Conference Resolutions Committee

The resolutions Committee for the National Women's Conference meet in Gatineau QC October 1-3, 2025 to deliberate and prioritize 83 resolutions over the span of 2 days. I was honoured to be elected Chair of the committee by my peers at the meeting. All 5 resolutions submitted by the Prairie Region Conference were in concurrence, with 3 resolutions submitted from the Prairie Region Women's conference prioritized in the top 10 for the National Conference.

"Family Care Policy Review," "Understanding the Value of Care Work," and "Regional Equity Conferences" were later debated and carried at the PSAC National Women's Conference, and will be advancing to the PSAC National Triennial Convention.

National Human Rights Committee and Women's Working Group Meeting

The National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) Women's Working Group convened in Ottawa on October 8-9, 2025, focusing on equity, advocacy, and strategic planning. The meeting opened with acknowledgments of rising hate and racism in Canada and concerns about austerity's impact on equity groups. Updates from national program officers highlighted new leadership development initiatives, anti-racism action plans,

and the creation of toolkits and resources for workplace support. The Women's Program is launching a leadership program centered on women and racialized members in 2026.

Regional updates at the Women's Working group meeting showcased diverse activities: the NCR emphasized intersectionality and fundraising for gender-diverse shelters; Atlantic regions focused on empowerment, strategic planning, and community outreach; Ontario worked on committee engagement despite budget constraints; BC prioritized new activist recruitment and work-life balance; The Prairie Region shared exciting strategic plans and goal set at the Regional All Committee Summit (Spring 2025).

Key agenda topics included pay equity—addressing persistent gender pay gaps, the need for proactive legislation, and ongoing advocacy. The Gender Equity Taskforce reported progress on leadership and mentoring programs. The group piloted a workshop on “Tyranny, Fascism & Authoritarianism as Union Issues,” emphasizing the importance of educating members on political threats.

The Women's Working Group recommendations included extending resolution debate time at the National Women's Conference, fostering regional connections through national webinars, and ensuring a closing plenary at future National Human Rights Committee meetings to support intersectional allyship building across the working groups and the National Indigenous People Circle. The next in-person meeting is tentatively set for October 2026, with ongoing follow-up on leadership, pay equity, and strategic regional actions.

PSAC National Women's Conference

The 2025 PSAC National Women's Conference took place November 21–23, 2025, in Toronto, ON. The theme was “Women United: Breaking Barriers and Building Futures,” reflecting a strong focus on solidarity and empowerment for PSAC Women. Workshops included: “My Body, My Choice: Advocating for women's health in workplaces.,” “Embracing Intersectionality: Understanding and applying intersectionality in activism.” “Past, Present, and Future: Am I a Feminist? Exploring feminism in labour history and current challenges.” While mainly successful, challenges with automated voting devices and the increased delegate selections for National Triennial were frustrating to organisers and delegates alike. The delegation voted to return to ballot voting. 4 of 5 delegates were selected at the conference with plans to host a virtual meeting with delegated to complete the delegate and alternate selection in January of 2026.

March 7th Political Action Workshop

The delays with voting at the National Conference prevented the planned Regional Sessions from taking place in Toronto. The Prairie Region Delegates will be invited to a special political action workshop event March 7th, currently under development with PSAC Prairie Regional staff.

In solidarity,
Sherry Hunt
RWC Representative, PRC

I acknowledge that I live in Treaty 7 Territory and the land on which I stand is the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, comprised of the Kainai Nation, Piikani Nation, and Siksika Nation; and of the Ktunaxa, Stony and Tsu'tinna people.