

# **ACW PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Thursday December 8, 2011  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Room 310  
ACWI, 181 Higgins Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB

Good day! My report for December /11

## **Tripartite**

The next meeting of the Joint Management Committee (JMC) is scheduled for Monday, January 9/12 in Ottawa. Office of the Federal Interlocutor (OFI) will be our host.

2012/13 Workplan: I will prepare a 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of next year's Workplan during the Xmas break. This is getting easier because we now have a process where we build on the work we are doing relative to the portfolios. For next year, we need to discuss and identify a project that ACW could undertake re: Issues of Aboriginal Women.

## **ACW Organizational Changes**

- Beginning in January, we will hire a person to work with Carol and me to improve our communications/engagement with our members, our community and the general public. A big piece of this work is relative to steps we will take to improve/maintain our website, how we will use social media (Facebook, Youtube, Twitter etc.), development of an electronic newsletter. (format is under development with the consultants hired to produce our ACW Marketing Plan).
- The City of Winnipeg's (Aboriginal Youth Strategy) funding for the ACW Youth Intern position will be ending at Dec.31/11. We have no confirmation of funding from the city beyond that date. A final report has been submitted and we are waiting to hear if any changes or more info is needed. I have given Michelle notice and she is returning to school in January of 2012. I also thanked her for her service to ACW, our members and our community.
- ACW will receive a 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the ACW Marketing Plan by December 15/11. I will review this document and send it back to the consultants for revision if that is required. I have requested a concise report with recommended actions and a rationale for same.
- I met with Jeff Betker, OFI representative in my office this morning. We had a brief discussion of this years workplan and an update on the flow of funding from OFI for this fiscal year. All required reports have been submitted and OFI is

### **Social Enterprise Project- Recycling Plant**

- 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the business plan will be ready within 2 weeks
- A proposed site for the plant has been identified with the City of Winnipeg. Steps are being taken to acquire the site. City may designate this site and plant as 1 of 5 receiving centres for goods and materials to be recycled
- A number of partners have been identified for this project
- Ownership of the project will be negotiated

Ongoing meetings/negotiations remain confidential pending agreement by all partners to release information to the public.

### **New Ventures**

ACW has identified other potential social enterprise opportunities. We are exploring these as time and resources permit. My attendance at 3 national conferences has confirmed that we are moving in the right direction relative to major shifts in federal/provincial policies/legislation targeted at the charitable and not for profit sectors.

### **ACW Education Initiative**

The Education Committee met earlier this month to review activities to date and to formulate a path forward relative to these issues. A proposal is being drafted and will be submitted to the province for funding. The Social Planning Council and the Community Education Development Association are partners in this process. More partners may be identified as we proceed with our work together.

### **Justice Issues**

As you may know, the federal government is proceeding with passage of a new omnibus crime bill known as C-10. This new legislation has provoked significant outcry from many parts of Canadian society. In spite of this, it has passed Parliament and is now before the Senate. We are monitoring its progress to determine what amendments may be made that will address some of the concerns raised by those who oppose the bill in its current form. ACW is a member of the Gang Awareness Interagency Network and we are working with those members to address various justice issues in Winnipeg and Manitoba.