

# ACW PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wednesday, February 13, 2013  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Room 310  
ACWI, 181 Higgins Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB

Good day! My report for February/13.

## **Tripartite**

The next Tripartite meeting is scheduled for March/13. ANA will host this meeting. ACW will present the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of the ACW 2013/14 Workplan. We will discuss this evening.

## **Portfolio Reports**

Youth: ACW held a Youth Workshop at Thunderbird House on Thursday, February 7, 2013. Over 100 youth attended. The final report will be in hand by next week. I have seen the 1<sup>st</sup> draft and there is a wealth of useful information. I will send the report to all board members. Please feel free to send me any comments. This report will be shared with participants at the ACW Community Plan event to be held at the Canad Inn Polo Park on Thursday, March 7, 2013. This session will see the Board Chairpersons and the Executive Directors of most if not all of the major urban Aboriginal program and service agencies in attendance. So far, we have confirmed 14 of the 15 agencies invited. We are working hard to get the final agency on side.

Economic Development: The new social enterprise known as Mother Earth Recycling is operational. Three members of a new Board of Directors have been appointed and three others will be recruited in the not too distant future. Meetings with Conservation Manitoba, Green Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg are ongoing to ensure that MER is recognized and embedded within the recycling system in Winnipeg and Manitoba. We are also exploring options to diversify the products and services this new entity can use to grow and prosper for the benefit of the owner organizations and their constituents.

Education: ACW participated as a member of a delegation visiting the Harlem Childrens Zone in Harlem, New York and the Harlem Community Development Corporation. A debriefing meeting will follow and a report is being prepared that will outline our key findings. The ACW Education Committee will use this information as we proceed with our work to bring positive change for Aboriginal students and families within the education system of this City and Province.

Women: Celeste McKay is making good progress in terms of the Scope of Work relative to the ACW Aboriginal Women's Needs Assessment project. This project will be completed within the next few weeks and I will share the report with Board members as soon as it is completed.

### **U of M Practicum Student**

Amanda McMullin is working with ACW as above. She will be learning more about ACW and the urban Aboriginal community in Winnipeg. She will assist Finnigan and Associates with the Community Planning project as part of her duties here. She will also assist with some research and policy analysis. She will accompany me to select meetings to give her practical exposure to the role of ACW in our community.

### **Part Time Worker/Volunteer**

Henry Chevillard is providing volunteer advocacy duties with ACW. Henry is exceptionally good at this type of work as he knows government and how to deal with bureaucracy. He also assists some of our consultants with specific projects when there is opportunity and agreement to do so.

ACW will seek funding to create a full time position as our workload is becoming difficult to manage with two and a half FTEs.

### **Urban Aboriginal Peoples**

ACW President will lead a roundtable discussion on this topic.