

# ACW PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thursday, October 11, 2012  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Room 310  
ACWI, 181 Higgins Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB

Good day! My report for October/12.

## **Tripartite**

The next Tripartite meeting will be held in Ottawa in December/12. We are awaiting receipt of this year's Contribution Agreement. It should arrive any day now. In the meantime, this is affecting our cash flow. Marileen and I will address this issue as required. I completed the ACW Annual Report today and we forwarded to the Province. This action will release our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter payment from ANA.

## **Workplan 2012/13**

I am meeting with Harry Finnegan next week to finalize the community wide strategic planning project. The first step in this exercise will involve meetings between Harry and key urban Aboriginal agency leaders to brief them on this process and to seek their agreement to participate.

## **Portfolio Reports**

Education: I attended the national Aboriginal Education Summit at Niagara on the Lake last week. There were over 200 participants at this event. I have a much better appreciation of a broad range of initiatives that major educational institutions are undertaking to attract Aboriginal students to their programs of study. We also participated in mini workshops to identify other issues that need to be addressed by the education system in Canada. I also spoke to our efforts to establish a new Aboriginal Charter School in Winnipeg. Former Prime Minister Paul Martin attended the entire event and his foundation is willing to work with us. The North End Education Steering group will be meeting next week. I am on this committee as well as other members of the ACW Education Committee including Kathy Mallet and Sonia Prevost Derbecker. The work of our two committees is complimentary and we interact with members of the school divisions and other provincial education representatives.

The ACW Education Committee will continue to undertake the necessary research and development activities required to develop a proposal to establish the new charter school in Winnipeg.

Economic Development: ACW, CAHRD and ACWI are incorporating the Mother Earth Recycling Centre. The partners are anticipating closure of the offer to purchase Syrotech Industries any day now. We continue our meetings with officials of provincial departments that have oversight or other responsibilities relative to recycling.

Youth: The youth Strategic Planning exercise date will be set as soon as we receive our 1<sup>st</sup> payment from AANDC.

Education, Training and Employment: ACW has an opportunity to submit another proposal to AANDC in this fiscal year. There may be some research that we could undertake to prepare a report for the federal government re: the changing landscape relative to Aboriginal education needs.

Emerging Issues: ACW may also submit a proposal to engage a consultant to undertake research relative to restorative justice/Gladue court implementation in Winnipeg.

### **University of Manitoba**

I did a presentation on ACW to a native studies class at the U of M this week. As a result, Professor Wuttenee would like to arrange placement of one of her students for a practicum with us. This experience could lead to other placements that would help us do more work in the future.

### **Next Years Workplan**

We need ideas for major activities/projects that would benefit our community as part of next year's workplan. These ideas would relate to issues affecting women, youth, education, employment or training, economic development or new issues. Please give this some thought and feel free to email me at anytime: [djohnston@abcentre.org](mailto:djohnston@abcentre.org) As per last years experience, I intend to have a 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the workplan done by March 1/13.

