

Our Vision

A vibrant, pro-active, council of women, reflective of the diversity of society, influencing political decision-making and public attitudes

Our Values

Justice and Democracy for Society & Individuals

Equity

Advocacy

Caring

Inclusion

Volunteerism

Education

Grass Roots

Respect for the Environment

“Esprit de Corps”

We are a federation of organizations and individuals who come together to act in the public interest, for the welfare of women, families and society.

Join the Network!

PCWM participates with other coalitions and advisory groups on a range of topics.

PCWM presents a Brief to the Provincial Government on the Resolutions passed by our membership.

**The Provincial Council of Women of
Manitoba was formed in 1949**

Our History

The International Council of Women was founded in Washington in 1888, by delegates from Canada, the United States, Great Britain, France, Norway, Denmark and India. In 1893, Lady Aberdeen, International President and wife of Canada's Governor General, was instrumental in establishing the National Council of Women of Canada. (www.ncwc.ca)

Western Canada has traditionally produced women, committed to their communities, who take leadership roles to improve the quality of life for families. In 1894, ten Winnipeg Women's groups formed one of the first Local Councils of Women in Canada.

Recently, in partnership with the Council of Women of Winnipeg, we sponsored the *Celebrating Women Art Display*, honouring the passion, pride and perseverance of Canadian Women. Proceeds are directed towards the many challenges women continue to face particularly the ongoing issues of homelessness and personal safety.

Over the years, Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba has advocated, through a grass roots resolution process,

- Women serving on juries
- Changes to the Dower Act
- Establishment of the Elizabeth Fry Society
- Establishment of regional libraries
- Training for women in non traditional trades
- Supporting sustainable development principles
- Accessible and affordable public child care
- Resources for recording and preserving women's history

Our Present

We are issue oriented. Some current issues of concern are:

- Minimum Wage
- Child Care
- Mental Health
- Gender Based Analysis
- Urban Planning
- Sustainable Development
- Urban/Rural Issues
- Poverty

We take Action!

- In 2004-2005, we spoke out about the decision and the process to amend Plan Winnipeg and begin a huge development in South West Winnipeg – Waverley West. We made presentations, did research, worked with others to urge governments to begin a comprehensive Plan Winnipeg review.
- In 2007 & 2012 we presented our Brief to the provincial NDP Caucus and Opposition Parties.
- In May, 2009, we co hosted the launch of the documentary, *The Way We See It*, in support of individuals who live with mental illness, and their families.
- In 2011 we studied Health at any Size at various educational sessions
- The shortage of affordable and safe housing is the focus for 2012-2013.

Our Federates

- Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Canadian Federation of Students Manitoba
- Canadian Voice Of Women For Peace - Manitoba
- CFUW—Manitoba Council
- Consumers Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc.
- Council of Women of Winnipeg
- Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba
- Girl Guides of Canada, MB. Council
- Ikwe-Widdjiitiwin Inc.
- Institute for International Women's Rights (MB)
- Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF)
- Manitoba Association of Friendship Centres
- Manitoba Association of Home Economists
- Manitoba Association of Women's Shelters
- Manitoba Business & Professional Women's Clubs
- Manitoba Child Care Association
- Manitoba Dental Hygienist's Association
- Manitoba Hydro, Employment Equity
- Ukrainian Women's Assoc. of Canada (MB Exec)
- Manitoba Women's Institute
- MATCH International - MB Region
- MB/NW Ontario Conf. of United Church Women
- Nova House
- MS Society of Canada, MB Division
- Polish-Canadian Women's Federation Branch 7
- Reseau action femmes (Manitoba)
- Sarasvati Productions
- Sexuality Education Resource Centre (SERC)
- Soroptimist International of Winnipeg
- Success Skills Centre
- The Aboriginal Disabled Self Help Group
- Wolseley Family Place
- Women's Health Clinic
- Women's Health Research Foundation

Our Strengths

There is strength in numbers and unity. Federate groups sharing a common interest in issues have the opportunity to grow through networking with other member organizations.

An inclusive, diverse, independent and objective organization with a focus on serving the interest of women, families and communities.

Federated organizations, regardless of size, have equal rights on Council. Each federate appoints an official representative. All members of federates are welcome to attend all general meetings as they are considered members of Council.

Individual Memberships are available.

You will be part of a network including the National and International Councils of Women.

Do you want to add to a strong voice for change on vital issues affecting your community?

Consider membership in the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba.

Membership information

Federate Fees: \$40.00

Individual Fees: \$20.00

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Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba, Inc.

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Her Honour Janice Filmon

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quality of life for themselves, their
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