

**RWC Minutes**  
**January 8, 2007**  
**5—6:30pm YEU Boardroom**

**In Attendance:**

Sylvie Leonard, YEU Y010  
Sue Christianson, YEU Y010  
Carol Oberg, YEU Y017

Jo-Anne Smith, YEU, Y010 via phone  
Diane Allen, PSAC  
Nancy Debreceeni, PSAC

**Regrets:** Tamara Ohlin, Kait Dinunzio

**Chaired by:** Sue Christianson

**Dec. 4/06 RWC Minutes** reviewed and approved

**Tres. Report:** Bank balance not available

**Correspondence:**

- Invitation to Vagina Monologues Dec 9
- Invitation to Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre Open House Dec 11
- Info on Tenant Act/Housing Advocacy lobby
- Invitation Yukon Literacy lunch Dec 13
- Info on delay tactics re Anti-scab Legislation
- Invitation to Light Night Out Jan 9 - cancellation
- Larry Bagnell re cuts to SWC

**Actions Since Last Meeting:**

- Dec 6 Participated in Vigil, supplied refreshments
- Dec 12 Letter to PM re cuts to funding and mandate of Status of Women Canada
- Dec 13 Letter to HUMA cttee re Anti-Scab Legislation
- Dec 13 Contacted Yukon Childcare Assoc – to meet with Minister in early Jan re: wages, where is \$1.3 million plus interest from Liberal National Childcare fund, SA claw back, affordability
- Dec 18 Meeting with Margot Simonot -Women's Directorate
- Dec 18 Contacted MP, Larry Bagnell re cuts to Status of Women Canada – available to meet between Jan 10-22 before House convenes on Jan 29, suggests petition, will hand deliver message/bra to PM, will present Standing Order 31 and petitions, other possible action of stringing bras across hill.
- Dec 21 message from Elaine Taylor's office – will contact to schedule meeting in new year

**Old Business:**

- Child Care – Nancy reported on meeting with Chair of Yukon Childcare Assoc –Assoc to meet with Minister soon to discuss issue of funding – What is proposed for \$1.3 million transferred to YTG from Liberal National Childcare program plus interest accrued over past year??, as well as follow up on addressing SA claw back and any other YTG plans for ensuring affordable quality to meet Yukon needs. Possible response may be a one day general strike (around time of Canada Winter games)
- Meeting with Margot Simenot, Women's Directorate – Notes (as attached) on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting attended by Sue, Carol and Nancy Next meeting set for Jan 24, 1:30 pm
- Set regular meeting with Public Service Commissioner – Nancy to contact to set up meetings in early Feb.
- Follow up on Letter to Premier - Nancy to contact Premier's office to schedule meeting late Jan or early Feb.
- Follow up on offer to meet with Liberal leader /NDP – Nancy to set up meetings late Jan. or early Feb.
- Discussions on Dec 10 Actions in response to \$5 million cuts by federal govt. to Canadian Status of Women. Nancy reported on call to Yukon MP and his commitment possible Standing Order 31 and other lobbying actions. National PSAC strategy and action campaign to be coming out mid week.

Whitehorse RWC has been collecting bras for possible action but will coordinate local actions with national campaign. Online fax from North to be put on web.

-RWC reps at bargaining table for TB and YTG negotiations

-Discussion on building coalitions with groups assisted by Action Budget funds. Nancy to contact Melissa and Renee to discuss.

-RWC to follow up with Charlotte on progress of action funds toward self advocacy group for women living in poverty

**New Business:**

Discussion on priorities for 2007 to include:

-support for establishing a Whitehorse Food Bank,

-Bare Essentials campaign (letters requesting funding assistance for locals, YEU and Yukon Area Council to be sent out) – After identifying needs – items to be distributed for IWD

-Weekly hot lunch program at Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre - letters urging financial support to be sent to locals and Yukon Area Council (program meant to assist women living in poverty with a weekly hot lunch, place to shower, use of computer and networking in a safe environment --as well as also be expanded to tips on healthy, nutritional yet economic preparation of meals and cooperative buying.

-Call to go out for RWC Representative for Yukon Area Council. Sylvie to do double duty until filled.

-Yukon Education Survey. RWC recommends a 'Women at Work' in-residence course as a priority for 2007, as well all courses should include modules on Respectful Workplace and strategies to deal with Bullying and as previously recommended also include gender and diversity analysis modules.

-Discussion on setting regularly scheduled meeting dates for the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month with a commitment for all to invite a new PSAC women each meeting – Invite a friend.

**Next Meeting: Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – 5pm – YEU Boardroom** - urgent decisions on actions between meetings made via email

Remember, bring someone new to the next meeting- all PSAC women welcome