

**RWC Minutes**  
**December 4, 2006**  
**5—6:30pm YEU Boardroom**

**In Attendance:**

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

Jo-Anne Smith, YEU, Y010  
Suzette Montreuil, AREVP  
Nancy Debreceeni, PSAC

**Regrets:** Tamara Teel

**Chaired by:** Jo-Anne Smith

**Oct 23/06 RWC Minutes** reviewed and approved

**Tres. Report:** Bank balance not available – cheques signed for outstanding bills

**Correspondence:**

- CLC Budget Cuts
- CLC Jail conditions for Canadian Aboriginals
- CLC Postcard campaign re: violence against women
- other PSAC RWC – strategizing at the bargaining table
- Victoria Faulkner invitation – Halloween pot luck
- Victoria Faulkner Co-dependency workshop Dec 4-11
- Victoria Faulkner intro to new part-time advocate – Gisele Maisonneuve
- Midwifery Lobby group Info and Petition for YTG to fully fund midwifery services
- National NDP Fall updates/Budget Dispatch
- Yukon Family Services Assoc Thank you for funds to Outreach Van
- PSAC women’s program Canadian Status of Women campaign
- PSAC North Surplus in action budget call for proposals around Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> activities
- Victoria Faulkner Notice of Dec 6<sup>th</sup> vigil

**Actions Since Last Meeting:**

- RWC rep to attend Reg. Bargaining Conf. – TB/Parks (provided info on equity priorities from other RWCs as well as bargaining priorities submitted for YTG
- \$500 donated to BYTE towards food and other supplies needed to keep Go-go Girl program going to end of year. Go-Go Girls is program through BYTE which has youth actively taking leadership in recruiting and promoting better and healthier choices and positive leadership
- \$500 donation to Yukon Family Services Assoc towards Outreach Van to assist homeless/street youth in Whitehorse with emergency Food, Medical and Feminine Hygiene supplies for the expanded 6 days per week schedule through end of year.
- \$1000 to Yukon Family Services Assoc towards design and lay-out expenses for brochure- “She Bullies” – peer delivered program addressing issue of girl to girl bullying among teenagers
- Open letter to Premier – re behaviour at Yukon Party elections nigh headquarters.

**Old Business:**

- Follow up to Childcare consultation – Nancy to contact Yukon Childcare Assoc re: update and possible joint actions
- Set regular meeting with Women’s Directorate – Sue and Sylvie agree to represent RWC. Nancy to set up meetings
- Set regular meeting with Public Service Commissioner – Nancy to contact to set up meetings for new year
- Follow up on Letter to Premier - Nancy to contact Premier’s office to schedule meeting
- Follow up on offer to meet with Liberal leader /NDP – Nancy to set up meetings early in new year
- Discussions on Dec 10 Actions in response to \$5 million cuts by federal govt. to Canadian Status of Women. RWC to continue with postcard campaign, lobby Yukon Mp Larry Bagnell for support and request for Standing Order 31 as well as send letter to PM. Nancy reported on meeting with Victoria Faulkner Women’s Centre, Yukon Status of Women and L’ essentials – recognizing this will likely require an ongoing effort. Discussion on possible Bra Burning Rally to highlight outrage at having to go back to 60s or 70s in terms of equality.

**New Business:**

- Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Vigil, hosted by Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre – ceremony at YTG Main Admin Bldg at 5pm followed by torch lit march to FH Collins high school cafeteria for chili, hot drinks and cookies. Whitehorse RWC to provide coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cookies. Thanks Carol for volunteering to help set up and serve. Thanks Sylvie for representing RWC at Rose ceremony.

- Jean-François and Reg Coord urged RWC to submit Action Proposal: Dec 6 --dealing with Violence against women or Dec10 --dealing with Human Rights and equality – to utilize remaining surplus in Northern Regional Women's Conference budget. Whitehorse RWC identified issue of homelessness as priority issue. Also noted with cuts to Canadian Status of Women, the planned action by Yukon Status of Women on soon to be released results of survey on growing homelessness in Yukon, the proposed follow-up will not be possible. RWC to develop and submit proposal for \$4000 towards action plan to be delivered over next few months.

-Planning 2007 Priorities to include:

- Continued campaign towards Respectful Workplaces – including dealing with Bullying
- Canadian Status of Women funding/mandate loss – lobbying to restore and increase
- Coalition work re: Childcare and ensuring workers receive fair wage
- Coalition work re: Homelessness (Victoria Faulkner Women's Center sees increasing crisis – at least one or two single mothers with children desperate for housing per week)
- Include guest presenters from various coalition groups

**Next Meeting: Jan. 8 – 5pm – YEU Boardroom** - urgent decisions on actions between meetings made via email

Make a point to bring someone new to the next meeting- all PSAC women welcome