

RWC Minutes
March 12, 2007
5:30 – 7:00pm
Dawson City Legion Hall

In Attendance:

Nicola Walch, National Y0105
Georgina Taylor, National Y0195
Wendy Trapp, YEU Y026

Helen Winton, YEU Y011
Carol McBride, YEU Y026
Nancy Debreceeni, PSAC

Chaired by: Nicola Walch

The Dawson City RWC has seen a renewal of interest and agreed to get back on track with regular meetings and by filing missing minutes of meetings and financial reports as per PSAC regulations.

The Dawson City RWC jointly sponsored a successful IWD celebration and fundraiser for the Dawson Women's Shelter on March 10th. A gala evening of music, speeches, poetry and great food was well attended.

Discussions followed on priorities and possible actions around issues affecting Dawson City women. In recognizing their strengths of having an independent voice that can not be silenced by fear of losing funding (as expressed by many other groups who rely on outside source funding) as well as importance of coalition actions, the Dawson City RWC will contact the other groups to strategize on possible actions.

The issue of the uncertain future of the Dawson City Group Conferencing Society was discussed. This alternative justice strategies program has had great success and support in the community. The Board and other community groups will be contacted to strategize around possible joint actions to bring awareness, support and political pressure in an effort to see this worthwhile program's funding is extended.

Another possible issue effecting Dawson women is need to address women's access to health services and wellness. The RWC will also make contact with community health nurses and women's organizations.

The RWC is also looking into identifying training needs with a goal of obtaining joint funding towards sessions being offered in Dawson.

The committee is also looking forward to being involved with plans for upcoming Northern Regional and National Women's Conferences – November/07 – Toronto, ON

An interim executive was elected:

Chair	Nicola Walch
Secretary	Helen Winton
Treasurer	Wendy Trapp

Nicola, Helen and Wendy will all have signing authority for the Dawson City Regional Women's Committee bank account. Necessary arrangements will be made with the bank.

Next meeting TBA with regular group email communication/meetings and decisions on urgent decisions.