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NWAC CELEBRATES ITS 44TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) celebrated its 44th Annual General Assembly this weekend with its Board of Directors and delegates from across the country who passed NWAC's bylaw 14 with overwhelming support. The three-day event started with a gala to celebrate a historic year of achievements followed by discussing significant issues to Indigenous women, girls and gender-diverse people across the country.

At the gala, Minister Carolyn Bennett of Crown-Indigenous Relations delivered the keynote speech highlighting the importance of healing and resiliency.

Others in attendance included Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Jane Taylor and a Commissioner on the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Brian Eyolfson.

"We are embarking on our 45th year with clear and set direction to further our mandate to empower First Nations, Inuit and Métis women, girls and gender-diverse people," said NWAC's President Francyne Joe.

Delegates voted on policy resolutions to steer NWAC into its 45th year in accordance with the Board of Director's Strategic Plan 2018-2021. Some of the organization's focus will include healing and resiliency, LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit inclusivity, and environmental issues.

We are excited for another year filled with historic accomplishments, including the grand opening of NWAC's new building in early 2019. This culturally infused building is a social and cultural innovation centre dedicated to in-house revenue-building activities for the non-profit organization. This includes workshop space for ongoing culturally appropriate and gender-specific projects for Indigenous women, girls and gender-diverse people, as well as training for public and private sectors.

To find out more on NWAC's upcoming year please visit our website or contact us directly.



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Minister Carolyn Bennett, Crown-Indigenous Relations

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