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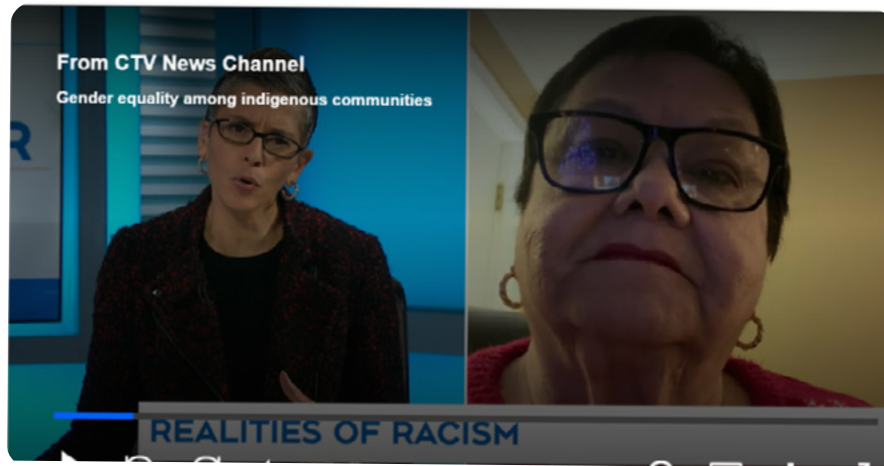
It's the most wonderful time of the year!

I called the following meetings:

- Finance Committee meeting on December 4.
- Bylaw and Governance Committee on December 6.
- Ad Hoc NAP Committee on December 7.
- A Board meeting on December 8.
- Ad Hoc Building Committee meeting on December 11.
- Personnel Committee meeting on December 12.

The conversations were sometimes difficult, but I am always impressed how committed Board members are to ensure the good governance of NWAC.

During the month, I met with our CEO, Lynne Groulx, numerous times on different issues.



MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS:

On December 4, I recorded an interview by Zoom for TV broadcast on Global News Winnipeg with Katherine Dorian regarding the proposed Red Dress Alert system on which the federal government has begun consultations.

On December 13, I spoke to Rick Stow of MyFM 107.7 for a segment called *Sixteen Days of Action Concludes- Let's Not Forget the Other 349* where I discussed human trafficking and other atrocities affecting our women and the work that needs to happen to offset the violence perpetuated against us. This interview aired on all of the MyFM stations and was posted to their website.

On December 13, I also spoke to Frank Green, who is writing an article for Slate Magazine about the structural causes of domestic violence. He came across a report that found 74 per cent of Indigenous women leaving shelters went to live with the person who had been abusing them, compared to 14 per cent of non-Indigenous women leaving shelters. In both cases, about 70 per cent of women had been living with people abusing them prior to entering the shelter. I spoke about the complexities of abusive relationships and the interplay of colonial harms that make Indigenous women and gender diverse folks more vulnerable. I also discussed how this is exacerbated by a lack of culturally appropriate housing and shelters.



On December 13, I spoke to Eastern Door, a community newspaper based in Kahnawake. The reporter, Miriam Lafontaine was interested in NWAC's role in the proposed Red Dress Alert system.

On December 15, I was live with CTV's Angie Seth about the realities of gender-based violence and what that means for Indigenous women and gender diverse people.

On December 22, I was live with Global BC to discuss Yellowhead Institute's 2023 status update where they reported that zero calls were completed this year.

On December 22, I also spoke with the Winnipeg Sun about the recent story of an Indigenous woman in Winnipeg who was lured, restrained, and thrown in a dumpster.

<https://winnipegsun.com/news/provincial/action-to-stop-violence-against-indigenous-women-girls-must-include-men>



MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS:

Native Women's Association of Canada applauds first steps in creating MMIWG alert system, urges that consultations be expedited

NWAC President Carol McBride: "Let's get this alert system up and running. Let's take the steps necessary to stop this genocide."

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A statement by Carol McBride, President of the Native Women's Association of Canada, to mark the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

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A statement by Carol McBride, President of the Native Women's Association of Canada, to mark the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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A statement by Carol McBride, President of the Native Women's Association of Canada, to mark the holiday season

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*I am wishing everyone a restful holiday season with their loved ones.
We have a busy year ahead.*



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