



NWAC

PRESIDENT'S *Report*



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we step into the beautiful month of October, it gives me great pleasure to share with you the promising progress made by me and my team. We addressed several pressing concerns, implemented new initiatives, and strengthened relationships. The report will highlight some key developments and initiatives that have taken place this past month.

MEETINGS

Over the past month, my meetings were productive and informative, serving as a valuable forum for the exchange of ideas and information. The discussions were fruitful, and the insights gained were helpful. It was excellent to have the opportunity to engage with colleagues, elected officials and Indigenous professionals. As always, the meetings listed in the table below were a great source of knowledge, support, inspiration, and I look forward to further collaboration in the months ahead.



CEO AND PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS

DATE	MEETING SUBJECT	NOTES
October 4, 2023	Weekly updates President/NWAC	Regular Check ins between the offices of NWAC's President and CEO (in-person meeting)
October 13, 2023	Weekly updates President/NWAC	Regular Check ins between the offices of NWAC's President and CEO
October 17, 2023	Board training discussion	Quick check in with CEO on Board Training
October 20, 2023	Weekly updates President/NWAC	Regular Check ins between the offices of NWAC's President and CEO
October 26, 2023	Weekly updates President/NWAC	Regular Check ins between the offices of NWAC's President and CEO (in-person meeting)

While in Ottawa, I also met with Amy Sock and Matilda Ramjattan.





MEETINGS

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October 4, 2023	Virtual Meeting	Meeting with Senator Carigan– Sarah Niman (Senior Legal from NWAC also attended).
October 5, 2023	Meet and greet (in-person)	Meeting with Vicki Smallman- National Director of Women's and Human Rights for the Canadian Labour Congress.
October 12, 2023	Coffee Chat	Informal meeting with Josie Nepinak- Received updates.
October 13, 2023	Audit meeting preparation (Virtual)	Preparation meeting - Meeting with CEO, CFO
October 18, 2023	Letter to Senator Tannas regarding Bill C-29	Meeting with Josie Nepinak
October 19, 2023	Audit (Virtual)	Meeting between NWAC/ CIRNAC/ISC
October 24, 2023	Training Logistics with Embassy Hotel	Meeting with Abigail Woods to discuss training logistics (Conference room set up, meals etc.)
October 26, 2023	Meet and greet & NWAC Tour (in-person)	Meeting with Diane Lebouthillier-Minister of Fisheries & Oceans



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

DATE	MEETING	NOTES
October 10, 2023	Executive Council Meeting	

EVENTS

During the month of October, I attended several events, including a “Town Hall” where I was a guest speaker. These events allowed me to connect with other professionals and learn about what others are doing while establishing new connections. Please refer to the table below for more details on the dates, events, and key takeaways from each event.

DATE	MEETING	NOTES
October 4, 2023	Sisters in Spirit Vigil	The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations visited the NWAC building for a tour & attended the Sisters in Spirit Vigil. It was great to see him there and I’m glad he was able to come.
October 11, 2023	Virtual APA Division 35 Society for the Psychology of Women-Townhall meeting	I was honoured to be invited as a guest speaker. The event provided awareness into issues surrounding MMIWG2S and I was pleased to see a strong representation of Indigenous professionals in attendance. It was also encouraging to witness shared concerns on MMIWG2S between the US and Canada.
October 16, 2023	Virtual Meeting with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights	Lisa Smith (Advisor to the President) attended on my behalf.
October 24, 2023	Research Canada’s Upcoming Parliamentary Health Research Caucus Events - Gairdner Luncheon	---
October 25, 2023	Blessing ceremony at Aīāna	---

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The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations & Myself at the Sisters in Spirit Vigil on October 4, 2023



NWAC's CEO, The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations & Myself



Sisters in Spirit at the Vigil with NWAC's CEO & Myself



MEDIA RELATIONS

There were many interviews during the month of October; here are a few highlights:

DATE	PUBLICATION	TOPIC
October 4, 2023	APTN Interview	Sisters in Spirit Vigil
October 4, 2023	Toronto Star	Manitoba election results
October 4, 2023	The Hill Times	Prairie Green and Brady Road landfills

On October 4, 2023, I issued a press release **congratulating Wab Kinew on his historic election as the Premier of Manitoba**. Through this gesture, I hoped to elevate the significance of this pivotal moment in Manitoba's history and demonstrate my support for Wab Kinew as he steps into his new role.

ADMINISTRATIVE

As you might already be aware, I recently came up with a new initiative to showcase our PTMA's organizations. Each month, I plan on highlighting one organization on my social media channels through a one-page poster. This will be a great opportunity to showcase your impactful work, services, activities, events, and share any other information to a wider audience. Positive feedback has been received regarding this initiative, with one organization already providing posters and information. More contributions are eagerly anticipated. My team and I are currently working on social media posts, which will be submitted for approval prior to being published.



LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS & NWAC TOUR

Despite securing a meeting & NWAC tour with MP Anothy Rota, his office cancelled it following the event at Parliament.

On another note, my congratulatory and NWAC tour letters have garnered more attention and resulted in further outreach. As mentioned above, I secured a meeting with Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of Fisheries & Oceans. Additionally, I received an email from the Policy Advisor to Minister Qualtrough, the Minister of Sport and Physical Activity requesting an initial meeting to discuss potential meeting topics. Lisa, my advisor will be taking this meeting.

It's great to see the positive response to my letters. I'm eager to see what other successful meetings and connections these letters will create for me in the future. My team and I will continue to pursue opportunities for dialogue and collaboration with elected officials.

Correspondence:

- Letter to Dr. Cindy Blackstock congratulating her on being honoured with the World Children's (Nobel) Prize, as a children's rights hero & NWAC Tour.
- Letter to the Honourable Senator Scott Tannas regarding Bill C-29.





SOCIAL MEDIA

As part of my monthly report, I want to highlight some of my social media posts on X (formerly known as Twitter). In the past month, I focused on commenting on current news events and advocating for Bill C-29 on X. In my posts, I expressed my opinion on various issues related to Indigenous Peoples. I also used my platform to raise awareness for Bill C-29 and its impact. Overall, I believe that my social media activity this month was impactful and helped inform and engage my followers with important current affairs.



Carol McBride @NWAC_President · Oct 16

Housing is a human right. It's time for [#Governments](#) & communities to come together and prioritize this crisis and provide all with safe, affordable, and sustainable housing. Urgent action is needed to address this systemic issue & provide adequate housing [#housingcrisis](#) [#UNDRIP](#)



NunavutWatch @NunavutWatch · Oct 16

Devastating Impact of Fires Exacerbated by Nunavut's Housing Crisis: Displaced residents struggle for over a year to find new homes, while some are forced to move south. nunatsiaq.com/stories/article...



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Carol McBride @NWAC_President · Oct 6

🎉🎉🎉 Congratulations to [@cblackst](#) for being honored with the World Children's Prize. This recognition is well-deserved for a leader who has been a fierce advocate for Indigenous Children's rights. I am grateful for her work and thankful for all that she does [#IndigenousRights](#)



CTV News @CTVNews · Oct 6

Cindy Blackstock, an Indigenous leader from B.C., has been awarded the prestigious 2023 World Children's Prize for her efforts to end discrimination against First Nations children. @DonnaSound ctvnews.ca/video?clipid=2...

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I am pleased to inform you all that links to my monthly reports and press interviews are now available on the NWAC website under the President's Corner section. I would like to extend my gratitude to NWAC's Communications Team for their timely update of the *President's Corner*. Thank you for your excellent work! Furthermore, my Team and I have taken the necessary steps to ensure that all my social media accounts and websites are being updated routinely.

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PRESIDENT NEWSLETTERS



NEWS COVERAGE

September 2023

- [The truth about reconciliation \(thestar.com\)](https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2023/09/01/nwac-statement-on-national-indigenous-history-month/)
- [NWAC statement on National Indigenous History Month \(yorkregion.com\)](https://www.yorkregion.com/news/local/nwac-statement-on-national-indigenous-history-month/)
- [#SearchtheLandfill and truth and reconciliation - rabble.ca](https://www.rabble.ca/news/2023/09/01/search-the-landfill-and-truth-and-reconciliation/)
- [NWAC President: Protests against gender diversity policies in school are putting vulnerable youth at risk - Indigenous Watchdog](https://www.indigenouswatchdog.com/news/nwac-president-protests-against-gender-diversity-policies-in-school-are-putting-vulnerable-youth-at-risk/)
- [Native Women's Association Of Canada Congratulates Wab Kinew On His Historic Election As Premier Of Manitoba | MENAFN.COM](https://www.menafn.com/news/nwac-president-congratulates-wab-kinew-on-his-historic-election-as-premier-of-manitoba/)
- [Being prejudiced against Indigenous people is not working like it did in the past: NDP victory in Manitoba a hopeful sign for justice for Indigenous women and girls - The Hill Times](https://www.thilltimes.com/news/being-prejudiced-against-indigenous-people-is-not-working-like-it-did-in-the-past-ndp-victory-in-manitoba-a-hopeful-sign-for-justice-for-indigenous-women-and-girls/)
- ['We're in crisis mode': the Native Women's Association of Canada's constant work towards reconciliation - The Pipestone Flyer](https://www.thepipestoneflyer.com/news/we-re-in-crisis-mode-the-native-women-s-association-of-canada-s-constant-work-towards-reconciliation/)

August 2023

- [Some Indigenous leaders reject PM's 'out of touch' housing comments | CBC News](https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/some-indigenous-leaders-reject-pm-s-out-of-touch-housing-comments-1.6788888)

That concludes my report for this month. I've covered all the important updates and progress made. I hope you found this report insightful and informative. Your continued support and interest are greatly appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to read through these updates. Together, we can continue to make progress and achieve our goals. I look forward to presenting you with future updates.

Sincerely,

President McBride



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Native Women's Association of Canada
L'Association des femmes autochtones du Canada