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February 3, 1986

The Base Administration Officer  
Canadian Forces Base Calgary  
Calgary, Alberta

Dear Lt. Colonel St. John:

The Organizational Society of Spouses of Military Members requests the use of the Women's Center on the evening of 20 February 1986 for the purpose of holding a meeting. The nature of this meeting will be apolitical and no members of the media shall be admitted.

Enclosed please find copies of our agenda, the national objectives of OSSOMM and the six recommendations which OSSOMM has made to the Equality Rights Commission.

Awaiting your reply we remain

Yours truly,

Leslie Taylor  
Minnie Draper

OSSOMM Meeting 20 February 1986  
AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Court Case
4. Rents
5. Dialogues with the military administration
6. Request for information on studies done re: Family violence, alcohol & drug abuse within the military community.
7. Fund raising

INTRODUCE GUEST SPEAKER: MaryAnne Jablonski  
Vice president OSSOMM

Ms. Jablonski will address these issues:

1. Ad Campaign
2. Membership
3. Lucie Richardson's activities
4. Letters of support
5. Fund Raising Dinner
6. Royal Commission
7. Military Family Advisory Council
8. Dental Plan

CLOSE MEETING

- open forum for questions & answers.
- provide opportunity for members to express concerns and to write down suggestions for fund raising.
- Video tapes with OSSOMM newspapers available for viewing

Coffee and refreshments

## NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Seek implementation of policies which will improve the status of women in their military communities.
2. Make available day care centers within the military communities.
3. Effect policies regarding homemakers pensions
4. National crisis line
5. Regional or national shelters
6. Promote an understanding of women's issues among spouses and military personnel
7. Provide an opportunity for women to become more active and develop organizational skills
8. National ombudsman to deal with issues not resolved at the chapter or regional level

## SIX RECOMMENDATIONS TO EQUALITY RIGHTS COMMISSION

1. Define PROHIBITED POLITICAL ACTIVITY under article 19:44 very specifically to be that which threatens the security of Canada. If there are certain activities which could pose a risk then these should be listed. All other lobbying and participation in the democratic process should be allowed.
2. We request SPECIAL STATUS. In requesting special status, we point out that we are not military members but we are civilians living on DND property. This action would grant us our rights but still protect the military from outside civilians.
3. Establish a CIVILIAN OFFICE with official capacity to liase between the DND, government representatives, and families and with the power of an ombudsman. This office could also provide research which is much needed and sadly lacking with regards to the military and their families.
4. Drop the term DEPENDANT or DEPENDANT WIFE from regulations, law documents, publications, etc. This wording is symbolic of the archaic attitudes. It is inappropriate, demeaning and discriminatory. We suggest the terms spouses and children.
5. The investigation and implementation of ways to have democratic elections in PMO's open to all residents regardless of rank or sex. This should include the office of mayor (or chairman or president). It should also include school board members and trustees. These elections should be outside the jurisdiction of the Base Commander.
6. Investigation into the administration of NPF funds. These funds are generated through the messes and the Genex system. Spouses and ordinary members contribute to these, yet have no say in the spending of the fund. It is run by the base commander and senior officers.



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10 February 1986

Mrs Leslie Taylor  
Mrs Marnie Draper  
Organizational Society of Spouses  
of Military Members  
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Dear *Ladies,*

Your request to use the Currie Community Centre has been thoroughly reviewed and regrettably must be denied. While I appreciate the guarantees provided in your recent letter, there are certain unresolved issues which may be prejudiced by allowing you to use DND facilities for your meeting. Accordingly, I must recommend that you try to obtain other suitable facilities.

I have discussed this matter with the Base Administration Officer, LCol St John and he has advised me of your cooperation and constructive approach. In fact, we share many of the same goals in relation to improving conditions for our military families. I hope this rapport will continue and I assure you that the members of my staff will try to assist wherever possible.

Yours truly,

W.B. Vernon  
Colonel  
Deputy Commander