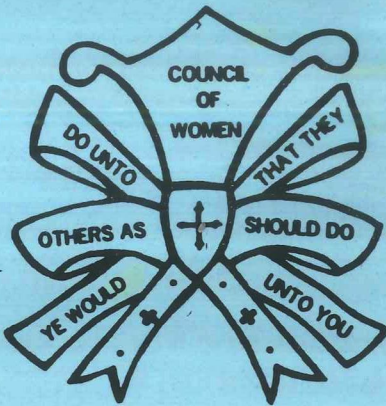


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THE ST. CATHARINES LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

AIM

The aim of the Council of Women is to work for the betterment of conditions pertaining to family, community and country.

Members try to accomplish this through interest and action in economics, education, health, citizenship, environment, social welfare and legislation.

Founded in 1918

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A BIT OF HISTORY

The National Council of Women of Canada, of which the St. Catharines Local Council of Women is an affiliate, was founded in 1893, by Lady Aberdeen, wife of the Governor General of Canada at that time.

The National Council of Women of Canada, has been in federation with the International Council of Women since 1897, and is one of the 72 National Councils of Women, world-wide, so federated.

The International Council of Women was founded in Washington, D.C. in 1888, and has Class 1 Consultative status at the United Nations.

"Our comprehension of one another's circumstances, needs and difficulties and methods of thought, may be poor and weak at first, but it will surely grow and strengthen if we go forward grasping that magic wand of love, determined not merely to TOLERATE one another's opinions, but to UNDERSTAND one another and to understand the value that underlies each one's work."

- Lady Isbel Aberdeen, 1895

HOW THE COUNCIL FUNCTIONS

- Council is organized to function at various levels International, National, Provincial and Local.
- The International Council is composed of National Councils of Women, in federation.
- The National Council is composed of national organizations, provincial councils and local councils, in federation. Its function is to take action on national matters and to inform and serve its members.
- The Provincial Council is composed of local councils, within its boundaries and provincially organized societies in federation. It takes action on provincial matters.
- The Local Council is composed of organizations within its community in federation, and is responsible for action with respect to the welfare and progress in its area.
- Projects may be initiated and resolutions introduced by Federated Associations, Special or Standing Committees, Committee of Officers or Executive Committee, but not by individuals.
- After study and a majority vote by Council, action may be taken on a project or resolution.
- Many resolutions require action either by Federal or Provincial governments for implementation. The Parliamentary Committees of the National Council and Provincial Councils request and are accorded interviews with the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premiers and members of their Cabinets. Local Councils meet with their Mayors and City Councils.
- Resolutions of the International Council of Women are implemented through action taken by National Councils of Women.

LOCAL MILESTONES

- 1918 St. Catharines Local Council of Women established
- 1930 Council urges establishment of Pre-Natal clinic.
- 1931 Council conducts registration of unemployed women and girls, and urges employers to take on extra help.
- 1934 Council joins with the YWCA, Business & Professional Women and Zonta to form a Big Sisters' club.
- 1937 Council asks for a Juvenile court.
- 1938 Council supports the building of an arena.
- 1939 Council requests City Council hire a Social worker.
- 1967 Council completes survey of Day Care Nurseries and takes seat on city's safety council.
- 1970 Council conducts poverty and the elderly survey.
- 1976 Council publishes 'Women of Action' book featuring 125 local women.
- 1977 Council hosts 'Women in Politics' seminar and backs women candidates in municipal election.
- 1984 Council compiles data on programmes for women.
- 1987 Council spearheads drive for Blue Box programme.
- 1989 Council starts Read Canada programme

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- fruitland preservation
- dangers of nuclear
- preservation of the Malcolmson Park, the Brock Escarpment lands
- the SARC initiatives
- housing
- waste management
- battered women

ISSUES NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN HAVE ADDRESSED TO GOVERNMENT BY RESOLUTION

- **ACID RAIN**
- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
- **BATTERED WOMEN**
- **CHILD ABUSE**
- **CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE**
- **CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION**
- **NATIONAL DAY CARE**
- **PORNOGRAPHY**
- **TAX REFORM**
- **NUCLEAR SAFETY**
- **REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY**
- **TRANSPORTATION REGULATION AND
SAFETY**
- **PEACE AND SECURITY**
- **PENSIONS**
- **POVERTY**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**
- **MULTICULTURALISM**
- **SOLAR AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE
ENERGY FORMS**

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**THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
WOMEN OF CANADA HAS BEEN
A LEADER IN WORKING
TOWARDS:**

- **FOUNDATION OF THE VICTORIAN
ORDER OF NURSES**
- **THE DESIGNATION OF WOMEN AS
PERSONS**
- **THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
PLAYGROUNDS ACROSS CANADA**
- **ENSURING A PURE MILK SUPPLY**
- **ENSURING PURE WATER SUPPLY**
- **CONSERVATION OF NATIONAL PARKS**
- **EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK**
- **OLD AGE PENSIONS**
- **WOMENS BUREAU, LABOUR CANADA**
- **A NATIONAL GALLERY**
- **WOMEN AS MEMBERS OF THE RCMP**
- **DANGERS OF ACID RAIN AND NEED FOR
REGULATION**
- **RIGHT TO STATUS OF NATIVE WOMEN**
- **NO FAULT DIVORCE**
- **ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF
WOMEN/ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN**