



# NEWSLETTER

FEDERAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF THE NDP

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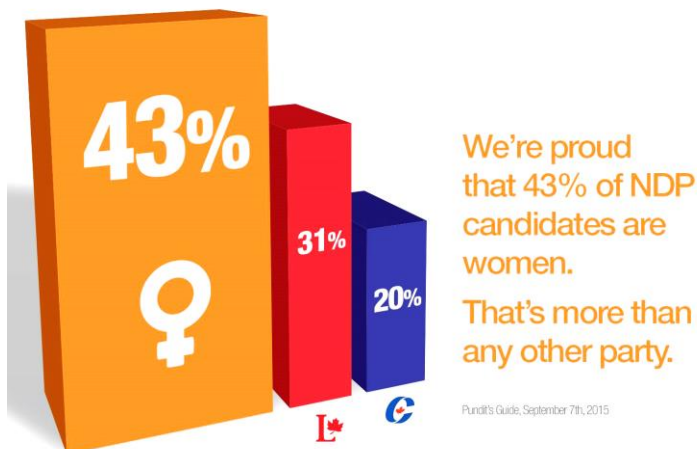
We are pleased to present the 3rd edition of our newsletter.

In this issue, we will give you the list of elected women MPs on October 19, 2015. We will also introduce our new website.

### Federal Election 2015

Giving a voice to women within the New Democratic Party of Canada (NDP), the Women's Council promotes the full participation of women in political life. With open leadership, more and more women are participating in the party and are elected to Parliament.

As you know, federal elections took place in the fall of 2015. Our party, the NDP, lost the election and, at the same time, we lost many competent women MPs. However, the NDP was the only party to present a high percentage of candidates. During the campaign, the Federal Women's Council has given financial assistance to a dozen women candidates.



On our 44 members elected October 19, 2015, 18 are women, or 40.9%.

## NDP women MPs elected on October 19th, 2015



**Niki Asthton**

Churchill - Keewatinook Aski (Manitoba)  
Critic, Jobs, Employment and Workforce Development.



**Ruth Ellen Brosseau**

Berthier--Maskinongé (Quebec)  
Critic for Agriculture et agri-food.



**Sheri Benson**

Saskatoon-Ouest (Saskaswan)  
Critic for Labour.



**Linda Duncan**

Edmonton Strathcona (Alberta)  
Critic for Transport.



**Rachel Blaney**

North Island - Powell River (British-Columbia)  
Critic for Multiculturalism  
Deputy Critic for Infrastructure and Communities.



**Cheryl Hardcastle**

Windsor -Tecumseh (Ontario)  
Critic, Sports and persons with Disabilities.



**Marjolaine Boutin-Sweet**

Hochelaga (Quebec)  
Whip and Critic for Housing.



**Carol Hughes**

Algoma - Manitoulin - Kapuskasing (Ontario)  
Assistant Deputy Speaker  
Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole.



**Georgina Jolibois**

Desnethé - Missinipi - Rivière Churchill (Saskaswan)  
Western Economic Diversification Canada, Indigenous and Northern Affairs (deputy critic).



**Christine Moore**

Abitibi-Témiscamingue (Quebec)  
Critic for Rural Affairs, Critic for Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec.



**Jenny Kwan**

Vancouver-Est (British-Columbia)  
Critic for Immigration, refugees and Citizenship.



**Anne Minh-Thu Quach**

Salaberry - Suroît (Quebec)  
Critic for Youth.



**Hélène Laverdière**

Laurier - Sainte-Marie (Quebec)  
Critic for Foreign affairs.



**Tracey Ramsey**

Essex (Ontario)  
Critic for International Trade.



**Sheila Malcolmson**

Nanaimo - Ladysmith (British-Columbia)  
Critic for Status of women.



**Brigitte Sansoucy**

Saint-Hyacinthe - Bagot (Quebec)  
Critic for, Families, Children and Social Development,  
Deputy Critic for Health.



**Irene Mathysen**

London - Fanshawe (Ontario).  
Deputy Whip,  
Critic for Veterans Affairs.



**Karine Trudel**

Jonquière (Quebec)  
Critic for Canada Post,  
Deputy Critic for Labour.

## Our new website

Since September 2015, the Federal Women's Council has a website that is a showcase for us. We invite you to visit our new website at the following address:

[womenscouncil.ndp.ca](http://womenscouncil.ndp.ca)

## MacPhail Fund

We also invite you to make a donation to Agnes MacPhail Fund :

[www.ndp.ca/donate/agnes-macphail-fund](http://www.ndp.ca/donate/agnes-macphail-fund)

This fund provides support to women who want to be elected as NDP MPs.

## Edmonton2016

8-9-10 April 2016

The Federal Women's Council (FCW) urges you to register massively for the Edmonton Convention. It will be an opportunity to get together and share our visions. We remind you that the elections for the FCW's Executive Board will also be held. You can register for the Congress at <http://edmonton2016.ndp.ca/>

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## Contact us

For future issues, please send us short papers about your activities in your respective provinces. We can share them with all the other NDP's women.

Please, visit us online at: <http://womenscouncil.ndp.ca/contact>

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