



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council**



**President
MEMO #8**

DATE: March 2, 2020

FROM: Judy Look
TO: Provincial Executive
RE: Report - Meeting with Alberta Provincial Government
February 24, 2020

Attendance: CWL

Judy Look President, Mary Hunt President –Elect, Sharon Malec Legislation Chair, Betsy Fletcher Resolutions Chair

UPC

Minister Adrianna LaGrange, MLA Michaela Glasgo, Ministerial Assistant Eliza Snider (Education), Ministerial Assistant Chad Hallman (Health) Ministerial Assistant Hannah Storvold (Children's Services), Legislative Coordinator for MLA Glasgo Melissa Crane

Purpose:

- Introduce the members of the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council Catholic Women's League of Canada to provincial government
- To share the following 3 resolutions
 - In-School Dental Screening for Children in Alberta k-12
 - Official Recognition of Obesity as a Chronic Disease
 - Establish National Standard & Inter-Provincial/Territorial Protocols for Child Welfare Interventions
- To share the 2014 CWL provincial initiative
"Urge the Alberta Provincial Government to amend the Alberta Health Act to ensure that the Seniors' Advocate is an Officer of the Legislature and therefore independent"
- To reconsider the closure of the Seniors Advocate Office

Process:

- The meeting began with introductions and a picture of the group.
- A little background of CWL and its resolution process was shared. It was mentioned that we are a national organization, we present represented over 9,000 members in Alberta and that are topics come from our parish councils who have the pulse of the community.
- It was acknowledged that the province has a funding problem but concerns don't dissipate because of lack of funding.
- Each member of our committee presented one of the topics. After each topic there was a question and answer period.

Dental Screening:

Education Minister shared that they have begun the process with vision screening and she would add dental screening to the conversation

Obesity:

A conversation took place about the ills and costs related to obesity and our request would be moved forward to the Minister of Health

Inter-Provincial Protocols: some work had begun a few years ago but fell apart because of funding. Will forward the report to us.

Seniors Advocate: Shared that we had been working on this since 2014. Asked that at least Seniors be mentioned on the Health Advocates website. Reminded them that health care issues are not the only issues seniors have.

Follow –Up: UPC will send us relevant materials with what is happening in the 4 areas.

ACTION:

- Encourage all CWL members to contact their MLA's and share with them the resolutions.
- Share with the MLA's that Provincial Council members met with the government on February 24th re the resolutions and the Seniors Advocate Initiative
- Ask for the MLA's support to get the action requested.