



Message from the CEO

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is a national Indigenous organization representing the political voices of Indigenous women, girls, Two-Spirit, transgender, and gender-diverse+ (WG2STGD+) people in Canada. We are an aggregate of Indigenous women's organizations from across the country. Together with these provincial and territorial member associations (PTMAs), we work to enhance, promote, and foster the social, economic, cultural, and political well-being of the people we serve and represent.

In this issue of our newsletter *Shining the Spotlight*, we look at some of the many topics in which NWAC is involved. Some of those topics or issues relate to breaking down barriers and lifting up Indigenous women, through initiatives such as the recent "Change the Bill" call to action that aims to promote reconciliation through art. Then there's our ongoing work on the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls file, with our current focus on the Safe Passage project. Given the affinity that Indigenous women have with the land, all things climate-related continue to be top-of-mind. That's why participating in such international events such as COP 15 In Montreal in December 2022 is so important to NWAC and the people we represent.

But we couldn't do our work without the active participation and involvement of our grassroots members.