

A Message from the CEO

The last couple months were focused on federal politics and the announcement of the 2021 federal election.

ENGAGING IN ADVOCACY

On August 23, NWAC launched a comprehensive get-out-the-vote campaign aimed at getting Indigenous women and gender-diverse people to the polls. The We're Done Asking, We're Voting campaign included a voter's guide, which outlined where, when, and how to vote; a series of workshops on voting; a priority list; and a scorecard that analyzed the platforms of political parties. All of these resources worked together to encourage Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people to vote and make an informed choice based on their priorities in this election.



This campaign, spanning the latter half of August until election day on September 20, also called for our next government to do better. We were vocal on our expectations for the 44th Canadian Parliament—and we expect to see genuine reconciliation as we move forward with this new government. We spoke in defense of the basic human rights of Indigenous women and gender-diverse people to finally be met by the Canadian government—with clean water in all communities and access to housing, and health care that is free from racism and discrimination.

We will continue to hold the Canadian government accountable and call for immediate action to resolve issues that are most important to Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people.

BUILDING PTMA CAPACITY

Over the last few months, NWAC continued to engage with our provincial and territorial member associations (PTMAs) on several topics, including reviewing NWAC's bylaws and planning for the developing Resiliency Lodges across the country. Engagement with our PTMAs is central to NWAC's work. It ensures we are always guided by the needs of Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people at the grassroots level.