

A Message from the CEO

In October, we honoured our Sisters in Spirit and continued to advocate for the rights of Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people.

ENGAGING IN ADVOCACY

In October, NWAC hosted our 15th Annual Sisters in Spirit Vigil.—a day to reflect on the violence experienced by Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people. We gathered together virtually to honour our missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people (MMIWG2S).



While we continue to honour MMIWG2S and support those who grieve the loss of loved ones, NWAC also continues our critical work to end this genocide. Our action plan responds to the MMIWG National Inquiry's Calls for Justice; we intend to see it through and help end the genocide. We will continue to call on all governments to do the same.

BUILDING PTMA CAPACITY

In October, NWAC held our Annual General Assembly. Alongside our PTMAs, we discussed the significant work that we have accomplished over the past year, both in advocating for the rights of Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people and in providing essential support.

As we spoke about what we have accomplished so far, we also discussed what we need to do next. A key priority is expanding the reach of our in-person and virtual Resiliency Lodge programming by working with PTMAs to expand our outreach. We also spoke about key issues of concern that NWAC must continue to highlight in our work—including housing, food insecurity, and mental health.

I look forward to supporting our PTMAs as our critical work in both advocacy and service delivery continues to grow.

DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS

On October 19, 2021, NWAC and Sephora Canada hosted a National Roundtable on Indigenous Beauty.