



WELCOME TO THE SECOND VOLUME OF KCI-NIWESQ
THE MAGAZINE OF THE NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (NWAC).

We're so excited, for a second month, to be bringing you the heartwarming, empowering, and fascinating stories of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA people of Canada.

In this issue, we give you an in-depth look at what happened after a teacher's aide told a little girl named Isabella Kulak that the ribbon skirt she was wearing for formal day at her school was inappropriate.

We tell you how Dr. Rose Roberts changed her focus from learning more about health care to learning more about the land after spending months on her family trapline with her mother.

We connect with the brother of Gord Downie, the Tragically Hip frontman who spent his days, after receiving a terminal cancer diagnosis, raising awareness about the difficulties faced by Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

You will learn the way that the grandmother of Grandmother Roberta Oshkawbewisens, who is an Elder providing guidance for NWAC's new Resiliency Lodge, used strawberries to help her transition from child to woman.

And you will read about the many steps that Josephine Mandamin took in her campaign to protect the water, as well as NWAC's consideration of a new strategy to give water its own legal personality.

We hope you enjoy these tales and that you subscribe to this free magazine so you can continue to read more of them in the future.

We're also hoping that, very soon, we can fill many of these pages with tales written by Indigenous journalists about the amazing women in their own communities.

When we decided to create Kci-Niwesq, we did so knowing there are too few places in Canada where First Nations, Métis, and Inuit storytellers can have their features published. We want to provide that vehicle.

There are so many interesting things happening in our communities. There are so many incredible Indigenous women and gender-diverse people walking their own new paths across Canada and so many who are re-learning the paths taken by their ancestors.

We want to tell you about that.

So thank you again for taking this journey with us. Thank you for reading the second edition of Kci-Niwesq. Please drop us a line and let us know what you think at reception@nwac.ca.

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