

NWAC'S PRESIDENT REPORT

This publication highlights the various activities the president has undertaken throughout the month of November

LORRAINE WHITMAN

NWAC's President

Lorraine Whitman was elected as the president of the Native Women's Association of Canada on September 14, 2019. Prior to her presidency at NWAC, Ms. Whitman served as president of the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association and has been advocating for Indigenous women's rights over the past 45 years.



The President undertook several activities throughout the month of November.

- *Attended a meeting at the NWAC Ottawa office on November 1st, 12th, and 15th to finalize the agenda for the visit of Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS) on December 4th to the 5th. The purpose of the visit was to raise awareness on the violence impacting Indigenous women, girls and gender-diverse people.*
- *Supported First Nation health and wellness by giving the opening remarks and participated at the “Wije’wi 5km Fun Run” in Glooscap First Nation on November 2nd. “Wije’wi” is a Mi’kmaw word meaning “come with me” and is meant to inspire support and a community approach to health.*



Ottawa, ON



Glooscap First Nation, Nova Scotia



Stephenville, NFLD

- Met with Dorothy George, President of the Newfoundland Native Women's Association, from November 5th to the 6th for a community visit and discussed the possibility of introducing a Resiliency Centre in Newfoundland.



Glooscap First Nation, Nova Scotia

- Attended meetings in Glooscap First Nation on November 7th to the 8th regarding the issues affecting women, girls and gender-diverse people in this community and identified ways to work more closely with NWAC.

- *Attended the National Remembrance Day Ceremony in Ottawa on November 11th and laid a wreath on behalf of NWAC.*



Ottawa, Ontario

- *Delivered a speech on economic empowerment of Indigenous women, girls and gender-diverse people at the Indigenous Technology Summit in Kelowna, B.C. on November 22nd. The goal of the summit was to gather input from Indigenous leaders or best practices to promote successful economic development in Indigenous communities.*



Kelowna, British Columbia



*With Minister of Indigenous Services
Marc Miller*

*On November 20, 2019, I attended
the swearing in of the new Federal
Cabinet Ministers at Rideau Hall in
Ottawa.*



*Minister Mary Ng, Minister of Small
Business, Export Promotion and*



Governor General Julie Payette



With one of the Inuit Throat Singers



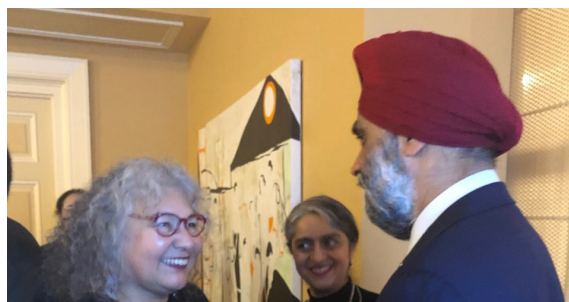
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