

NWAC'S PRESIDENT REPORT

This publication highlights the various activities the president has undertaken over the month of October



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 October.

- *Attended the Treaty Day celebrations in Halifax on October 1st, where the new Mi'kmaq History Month poster was unveiled. Treaty Day honours the historic relationship and important contribution of the Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia. Unveiled the Treaty Day Poster Grand Chief Sylliboy and Lieutenant Governor Leblanc*



Halifax, Nova Scotia

- *Attended the Nova Scotia Legislature on October 2nd and was introduced to the Honourable Minister of Community Services Kelly Regan, and Keith Irving, the current Liberal MLA of Kings South, my husband Thomas Whitman, and officials from Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women.*



Halifax, Nova Scotia



Ottawa, Ontario

- Led the Sisters in Spirit Vigil in Ottawa on October 4th to honour the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and gender-diverse people. Alongside the president, NWAC staff and other guests participated in this event.



Waycobah First Nation, Nova Scotia

- Attended the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association Annual General Assembly in Waycobah First Nation from October 5th to the 7th. At this event, President Whitman congratulated the newly elected members of the Board of Directors and discussed introducing a Resiliency Centre in Nova Scotia.



Victoria, British Columbia

- Delivered a speech at the World Indigenous Business Forum (WIBF) in Victoria, B.C. from October 9th to the 13th. At this event, NWAC signed a partnership agreement with the World Indigenous Business Network and UN Women.

- Voted in the 2019 federal election on October 21st in Wolfville, Nova Scotia and promoted Indigenous women's voting participation in a social media campaign funded by Elections Canada. Indigenous women are among the fastest-growing populations in Canada yet are extremely underrepresented as voters and as candidates for elected office.



Wolfville, Nova Scotia

- Attended the Treaty Day celebrations with MLA Keith King, Minister Kelly Regan, Senator Daniel Christmas, Chief Sid Peters, Chief Debra Robinson, myself, Grand Council Norman Sylliboy, Chief Terrance Paul, and Premier Stephen McNeil.



Halifax, Nova Scotia



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- Attended the "Taste of Nova Scotia's Devour" - A food film festival that celebrates everyone involved in the local food chain - in Wolfville, Nova Scotia on October 23rd. Joe Pantoliano, prolific American actor who has more than 100 film, television and stage credits to his name, kicked off the festival with a rousing speech!



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