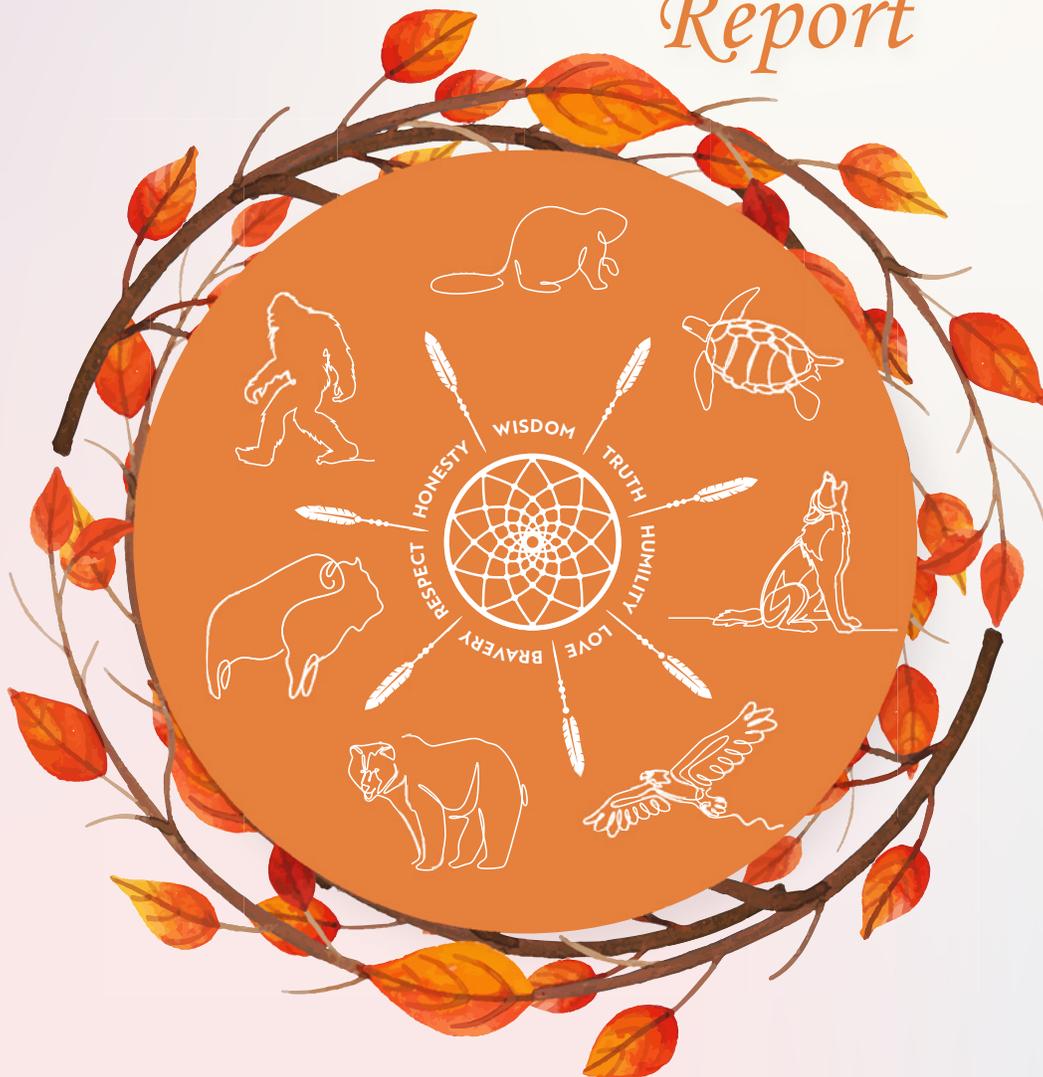




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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September was a highly productive month for me, despite encountering some challenges along the way. I remained focused to achieve my objectives and maintained a high level of productivity. I was kept busy with various meetings, events, tasks, and projects throughout the month. Overall, I feel that September was a successful month and I look forward to continuing to work towards building relationships and empowering women.

MEETINGS

My "Coffee Chats" have resumed, and I had the opportunity to meet with the National Youth, Angelina Perea. These meetings have been insightful, and I look forward to meeting with everyone else in the upcoming months. It has been great to catch up with colleagues and discuss important topics. These sessions have been highly productive, and I believe they are an effective way to engage with the PTMA's and foster stronger relationships .



CEO AND PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS

DATE	MEETING SUBJECT	NOTES
September 8, 2023	Weekly updates President/NWAC	Regular Check ins between the offices of NWAC's President and CEO
September 11, 2023	Check in	Quick check in with CEO
September 12, 2023	Check in	Quick check in with CEO
September 15, 2023	Weekly updates President/NWAC	Regular Check ins between the offices of NWAC's President and CEO

These meetings have been proven to be extremely valuable as they facilitate consistent two-way communication between our offices. They allow us to discuss important topics, share updates, and make sure we are aligned on goals and priorities. I appreciate the opportunity to connect with the CEO and look forward to continuing these productive conversations.

MEDIA RELATIONS

I want to highlight the impact of press releases and interviews in my work. They are crucial in raising awareness and advocating for change. I remain committed to monitoring all news and issues pertaining to Indigenous women, girls, Two-Spirit, transgender, and gender-diverse people in Canada, inclusive of First Nations on and off reserve, status and non-status, disenfranchised, Métis and Inuit. Through these efforts, I will continue to push for change and bring attention to important matters.



INTERVIEWS

I had the opportunity to conduct multiple interviews on significant issues. I really enjoy this aspect of my job as it gives me the opportunity to create greater awareness and shed light on important topics. The interviews covered a variety of specific subjects, all of which are detailed in the table provided below.

DATE	PUBLICATION	TOPICS	NOTES
September 14, 2023	APTN Interview	Priorities for the government	This was a recorded TV interview conducted via Zoom.
September 15, 2023	Global News	Indigenous maternal health rights	
September 22, 2023	CBC Hamilton	How human trafficking impacts Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, and transgender people	
September 22, 2023	Black Press Media	National Indigenous History Month	
September 22, 2023	Canadian Press	MMIWG	
September 25, 2023	Toronto Star	How few of the TRC Calls to Action have been met	
September 25, 2023	Canadian Press	Manitoba's PCs campaign position on not searching the Prairie Greenland landfill	
September 28, 2023	Rabble	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	
September 28, 2023	Canadian Press	Pierre Poilievre	
September 29, 2023	Global BC Morning	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	
September 29, 2023	Cp24	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	
September 29, 2023	CHCH Interview	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	



PRESS RELEASES

Throughout the month, three press releases were issued addressing important issues. The first release highlighted the **potential risks for vulnerable youth resulting from protests against gender diversity policies in schools**. The second release addressed the **lack of action taken to implement the 94 calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC)**. For the third press release, I marked the **National day for Truth and Reconciliation** with a statement that focused on the importance of recognizing and addressing the systemic harms inflicted upon Indigenous Peoples.





EVENTS

I was delighted to receive invitations to several events this month, some of which I had the pleasure of attending. It was an honour to be part of these gatherings and to have the opportunity to connect and expand my network. These events provided me with a wealth of knowledge and insights, and I thoroughly enjoyed my experiences and look forward to attending more in the future.

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
September 5, 2023	Reception Invitation to Meet U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland	
September 6, 2023	Invitation to Evening Reception–Trilateral Working Group on Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls–Wednesday	First time meeting Minister of CIRNAC, in person.
September 6,7,9, 2023	National Gathering on Unmarked Burials	Unfortunately, I was not able to attend. I delegated the responsibility to our National Elder, and I am grateful for her attendance on my behalf.
September 27, 2023	Speaking Invitation-Forward Summit Rama	Due to unforeseen circumstances, I was not able to attend.
September 28, 2023	National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) GIDINAWENDIMIN Event	National Youth, Angelina Perea attended.



U.S Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland, NWAC President, The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree (Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations) & The Honourable Dan Vandal (Minister of Northern Affairs)



U.S Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland, NWAC President

ADMINISTRATIVE

Recently, I have been focusing my efforts on the administrative aspects of my work by revising and updating my work plan to be presented to the board. Additionally, I successfully completed a mandatory online security awareness training which has equipped me with the necessary knowledge and skills to help ensure the security of our organization's data and information. These tasks have been crucial in improving the overall effectiveness and efficiency of my job performance.

Following the cabinet shuffle, I sent both congratulations and an invitation to tour our beautiful NWAC building. I am pleased to report that the letters have been effective. In total I secured two future meetings scheduled with Senator Carigan and the other with The Honourable Sean Fraser, MP (the housing minister) as a direct result of those letters. This outcome is significant, as it highlights the importance of building relationships. Moving forward, I will continue to implement this approach in my outreach efforts.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The committee meetings have resumed since the Annual General Assembly (AGA). The committees have been actively working on various initiatives and projects, aiming to achieve the organization's goals and objectives. Unfortunately, we had to cancel a few committee meetings this month as we did not have quorum. This lack of attendance can cause delays in progress. I would like to remind everyone that attending these meetings is crucial for the success and efficiency of our work.

Despite recent challenges caused by unforeseen circumstances, our PTMA's have been participating and providing valuable insights and feedback. I am looking forward to seeing the positive impact of our committees' efforts in the coming months.

I'd like to express my deep appreciation for the outstanding work of our PTMA's and staff at NWAC. I'm honoured to work with such a passionate team and look forward to continued success together.

DATE	MEETING	NOTES
September 8, 2023	Executive Council Meeting	
September 13, 2023	Finance/Executive Committee	This meeting was cancelled due to Quorum not being met
September 14, 2023	Ad-Hoc NAP Committee	Jeff Turner, Senior Director of NAP was present.
September 15, 2023	Urgent Board Meeting	
September 19, 2023	Governance Committee Meeting	This meeting was cancelled due to quorum not being met.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Over the past month, I focused on enhancing my social media presence, particularly on X (formally known as Twitter). Me and my team have developed a social media strategy and plan to discuss it with the Communications team to gain valuable insights and advice. This will help me further improve my engagement and reach on social media platforms.



As we bid farewell to another month, I can proudly say that our collective efforts have resulted in a productive month. The journey towards our objectives continue, and I look forward to accomplishing even more in the coming months. Thank you for taking the time to read this report, and I remain committed to keeping you all updated.

Sincerely,

President McBride



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