



October Newsletter

Updates, events, and recommended reading from Women Transforming Cities.



Welcome to fall. With the change of season, came the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation along with the National Day of Action for MMIWG2S. In the words of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, "Reconciliation requires political will, joint leadership, trust building, accountability, and transparency, as well as a substantial investment of resources." We encourage you all to reach out to your municipality today and inquire how they are advancing the [TRC Calls to Action](#) where you live.

In this edition of our newsletter, we will celebrate our shared achievements and look forward to the work that lies ahead. Thank you for being a part of our community. We hope this newsletter motivates to connect with us at upcoming events, or explore the important resources below.

Monthly Highlights

September WTC Highlights

Stay up to date on what we're up to by checking our [In Action page](#). This past month WTC:

- Connected with our community at Car Free Day and asked what people wanted prioritized in the 2023 Vancouver city budget

- Hosted a community engagement session to help shape BC's anti-racism legislation
- Attended UBCM 2023 convention to connect with municipal leaders across the province
- Met with our [Watch Council](#) group to breakdown the 2023 budget survey and what our funding priorities are
- Attended the Standing Up Against Anti-trans Hate Rally in support of our 2SLGBTQIA++ community and SOGI affirmative stance. WTC Co-Chair, Dr. Joy Masuhara, and WTC founder, Ellen Woodsworth, spoke in support of gender affirming care.
- Received the [Community Climate Transitions Innovation Fund](#) for our project to accelerate collaboration, knowledge sharing and a sense of cohesion amongst groups working on heat preparedness in Metro Vancouver.



Updates from WTC

Join us at the Rio Theatre for an evening of changemakers!

We've partnered with the folks behind Citizen Minutes to highlight changemakers making a difference in their communities. Join us at The Rio (1660 E Broadway) on **Monday, October 16th at 6:30 PM** for the screening of the short films [Rising From the Ashes](#), [Sisterhood Softball](#), [Janelle Niles: Inconvenient](#), and [Ancestral Threads](#) plus a chat with local changemakers after.



[Tickets Here](#)

Keep your eye out for our next housing workshop

This week we gave our first Making Room in Housing: Taking your voice to City Hall workshop, in partnership with the Pan-Canadian Voice for Women's Housing, She.They.Us. and Progress Toronto. If you missed this first session on how to be an effective housing advocate for women and gender-diverse folks, don't worry! We'll have another one coming up next month, so stay tuned to hear more from experienced housing advocates from different communities across Canada.



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HPPC Update Coming Soon

It has been almost a year since our city councillors and mayor filled out the Hot Pink Paper Campaign (HPPC) policy ask survey. This month stay tuned for an update on the progress that Vancouver City Council have made to stay true to their commitments to implement our [eight policy asks](#), developed collaboratively by our community of equity-deserving genders.

2022 Elected Official Commitments

Name	Equity Lens	WTCs - Housing Equity	Affordable Housing	Harmless Protection	Community Safety	Wasteless	Climate Emergency	Taxnet
Colin Tanaka	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Michelle Peng	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
David Ahijevich	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
David Lam	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paula Morissette	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Michelle Chan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sharon Cheung	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carly Chan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paula Fyfe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Michelle Chan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Christine Bland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

[Explore the HPPC](#)

Upcoming Events

Donation drive for our unhoused neighbours

This Saturday, October 7 from 11-2:00 PM at Jonathan Rogers Park Distro



[More Info Here](#)

Disco, the mobile free store redistributing material resources to our unhoused neighbours on unceded Musqueam, Squamish & Tsleil-Waututh land, will be collecting tents, sleeping bags, tarps, seasonal shoes/boots, clothing, gift cards, and so much more! Check out [their Instagram here](#) for a full list of what's needed and spread the word.



[More Info Here](#)

BIPOC Community of Care Circle

If you identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Colour this is a space for you to gather to discuss mental health, institutional harm, pleasure activism, and more. "Our goals for this Community Circle are to offer an accepting outlet to speak on your unique and intersectional experiences, provide a space of mutual relation and discussion, and possibly offer a step in healing for the injustices we have and continue to face." Join one of the two community sessions offered from now until December by calling or emailing SASC to register.

From Reconnaissance to Repatriation

FROM RECONNAISSANCE TO REPATRIATION:

Reflecting on the work of
Dr. George MacDonald and Bill Reid

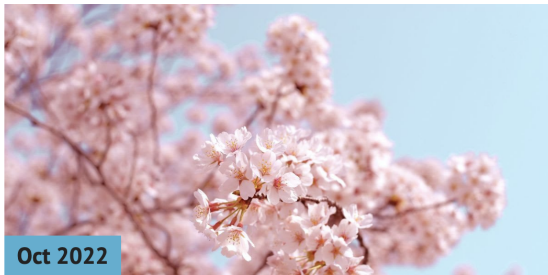
Sdahl K'awaas, Lucy Bell,
PhD (ABD) of the Haida Nation

Thursday, October 19
Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art



Join Sdahl K'awaas, Lucy Bell, PhD (ABD) of the Haida Nation as she talks about Haida art and artists, like Dr. George MacDonald and Bill Reid, as well as Tla Yahda – Making it right. She will reflect "on the historical context of their lives and their work, as well as the changing perspectives, actions and priorities of the Haida." Head down to the Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art on **Thursday, October 19** for this free event.

[Register Here](#)



Oct 2022

Conversation Series #4: Retention of Progressive Women in Municipal Elected Offices

Rounding off our Fall Programming, we have two great events in partnership with Ablaze Services. First, on October 26th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm PST via Zoom, for a look into the research project Retention of Progressive Women in Municipal Elected Offices, with insights into the barriers that women face in office, and the reasons why they don't run again.

Retention of Progressive Women in Municipal Elected Offices

Columbia Institute and Ablaze Services are teaming up to bring us a conversation series on a topic near and dear to our heart: how to retain progressive women in local elected offices on **October 26 at 4:00 PM**. Check out the report, [The Barriers Project: Retention of women and gender minorities in municipal elected offices in British Columbia and Alberta](#) and tune in to hear our Co-Chair, Trudi Goels, and New West Councillor, Nadine Nakagawa, chat about solutions.

[Register Here](#)

Read, Watch, & Learn

- Listen to the podcast [Warrior Life](#), hosted by Mi'kmaq lawyer, Dr. Pam Palmater, that features, "Indigenous warriors, advocates & leaders on the front lines of

Indigenous resistance, resurgence and revitalization, who are protecting our lands, peoples and sovereignty."

- Watch [We Know the Truth: Stories to Inspire Reconciliation](#)
- Read and share [The Barriers Project: Retention of women and gender minorities in municipal elected offices in British Columbia and Alberta](#), a report co-created by WTC's very own co-chair, Trudi Goels
- [Send a message](#) to your MLA in support of fair wages for Early Childhood Educators
- Explore [The Global State of LGBTIQ Organizing: The Right to Register and the Freedom to Operate, 2023](#)
- Read the book [Conscripted to Care: Women on the Frontlines of the COVID-19 Response](#), written by WTC board director, Julia Smith
- Download [this resource](#) to support students in Vancouver faced with a return of police in school via the School Liaison Officer (SLO) Program.



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