



**Nova Scotia
Advisory Council on
The Status of Women**

**Conseil consultatif sur la
condition féminine de la
Nouvelle-Écosse**

An agency of the Province of Nova Scotia

Presentation to the Standing Committee on Community Services

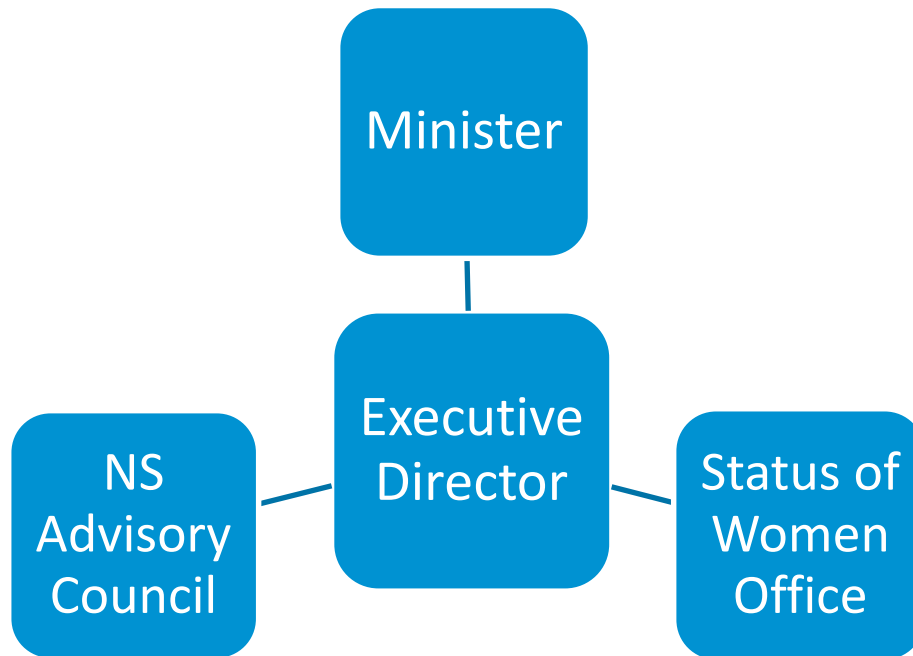
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Presentation to Standing Committee on Community Services

- Provide context on the NS Advisory Council
- Celebrate 40 years of women's leadership
- Share 40th anniversary legacy video
- Discuss current focus of Council



Advisory Council on Status of Women Act & Regulations

Enacted in 1977, this Act articulates Nova Scotia's commitment to a sustained focus on equity for women.

- Establishes Council - therefore, speaks to role and parameters of Council, and less to specifics of mandate and priorities of the Status of Women office.

Vision & Mandate

To advance equality, fairness, and dignity for all women and girls in Nova Scotia by influencing public opinion, policy, and programming across the province in the following intersecting areas:

- Violence against women
- Leadership
- Economic security
- Health and wellness



40 Years
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Marking the 40th Anniversary:

- Story of Marie-Henriette LeJeune (Granny) Ross
- Leaders in Action: Breakfast & Keynote Speaker
 - Deborah Gillis, CEO of Catalyst
- Legacy Video – first shown publicly at our breakfast event

Related activities:

- Women's History Month – acknowledgement in the House
- NS Archives: Community timeline of domestic violence work
- Barb's Bench placement in New Glasgow
- National Inquiry into MMIWG: Membertou Community Hearings

Current Focus of Council

- Minister Regan requested advice for recruitment strategy to increase number of women on Agencies, Boards & Commissions.
- NS Council Chair Michelle Kelly is incoming Chair, Coalition of Provincial & Territorial Advisory Councils on the Status of Women.
- Council & Status of Women office preparing to update legislation.
- International Women's Day Breakfast & Keynote (second in leadership lecture series with Centre for Women in Business):
 - Mandy Rennehan, CEO Freshco
- Campaign School for Women – May 2018



In closing:

- Women comprise over 50% of Nova Scotia's population
- Women make up over half of the paid labour force (50.3%)
- Issues that affect women affect families and communities
- Gender equity matters to Nova Scotia