

Vancouver Council of Women
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(2-13) LETTERS: INCOMING

18-2	Alberta Day Care Advisory Committee	1982	1
	Alcohol-Drug Education Service	1980-83	3
	Alvras, Peter	1983	1
	American Women's Club	1983	1
	A.M.E.S.	1984	1
	Andrews, Janice M.	1980	1
	Association of Canadian Community Colleges	1984	1
	Austin, Jack	1983	1
	Banff Centre	1980	1
	Barrett, David	1980	1
	Bennett, William	1980-84	6
18-3	Bishop, Mary F.	1979	1
	B'nai B'rith Women	1984	1
	Board of Parks & Recreation	1984	1
	Board of School Trustees, District 39	1984	1
	Bonavero, Leonard	1984	1
	Boyce, Helen	1982	1
	Boydell, Dr. A.N.	1983	1
	Brandak, George	1984	1
	British American Bank Note Inc.	1986	2
	B.C. Council of Human Rights	1985	1
	B.C. Housing Foundation	1983	1
	B.C. PreSchool Teachers Association	1983	2
	B.C. Women's Liberal Commission	n.d.	2
	Broadbent, Edward	1984	1
	Brown, Irene	1984	1
	Brown, May	1982-84	4
	Brown, Rosemary	1984	1
	Brummett, Anthony J.	1983	1
	Burnaby Council of Women	n.d.	1
	Burnaby Public Library	1982	1
	Burnett, Louise F.	1982	2
18-4	Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women	1983	1
	Canadian Association on Gerontology	1985	1
	Canadian Daughters League	1985	1
	Canadian Human Rights Commission	1984-85	6
	Canadian Union of Public Employees	1981	1

18-4	Carney, Pat	1983-84	3
(cont)	Catholic Women's League of Canada	1983	1
	City Planning Department	1980	1
	Clarke, Bill	1983	1
	Coalition for World Disarmament	1981	1
	College of Physicians & Surgeons	1985	1
	Community Arts Council of Vancouver	1981	1
	Concerned Citizens for Choice on Abortion	1980	1
	Consumers' Association of Canada	1980, 85	2
	Council of Women of Winnipeg	1981	1
	Crawley, Jean	1984	1
18-5	Davies, Libby	1984-85	3
	Desrochers, Yvon	1983	1
	Donnett, Marjorie	1983	1
	Douglas College	1982	2
	Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations	1983	1
	Erola, Judy	1981, 83	2
	Evans Lucylle	1981	1
	Expo 86	1981-82	2
	Federal PC Women's Caucus of Vancouver	1984	1
	Firewood	n.d.	1
	Fleeton, J.	1983	1
	Fort, Marguerite	1982-85	3
	Fraser, Alex V.	1982-83	2
	Fraser, John	1983	1
	Frazur, Vicki	n.d.	1
	Genuine Education Movement	1981	3
18-6	Hadassah-Wizo	1980-84	4
	Hagman, Rita	1982	1
	Harcourt, Michael	1980-84	9
	Harris, Emma G.	1984	1
	Harrison, John	1984	1
	Hendrickson, Bev	1982	1
	Henry, Robert	1982-85	8
	Hewitt, James J.	1982-83	2
	Highlard Stirling Community Group	1982	1
	Hugan, Mary	1982	1
	Howard, Ruth	1982	1
	Hughes, Mrs. A.C.L.	1984	1
	Hyndnam, Peter S.	1982	3
18-7	Imperial Life	n.d.	1
	James, Margaret	1981, 84	2
	Joyal, Serge	1983	1
	Junior League of Vancouver	1981-84	3
	Justice Institute of B.C.	1983	1
	Kelly, Isabel A.	1982	1
	Kelsey, Barry	1983	1

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(cont)	Kinsella, Maria	1980-85	6
	Kissick, Doreen	1984	1
	Kiwanis Club of Vancouver	1983-84	2
	Kiwassa Club of Vancouver	1982-83	2
	Knox United Church Women	1981	1
18-8	Landers, Elise	n.d.	1
	L.A.R.A.	1984, 86	2
	Law, Maureen	n.d.	1
	Legal Services Society	1983-85	2
	Lion's Ladies Club	1981, 86	2
	Little, Doug	1980	3
	McCarthy, Grace	1979	1
	McCloskey, Mabel	1981	1
	McDonald, Lynn	1983	2
	MacGuigan, Mark	1983	1
	Maleport, Jean-Claude	1985	1
	Mellish, Doris E.	1984	1
	Minister of Justice	1984	1
	Mitchell, Margaret	1980, 83	2
	Morgan, Ora	1981	1
	Motademi-Price, Massoume	1983	1
	Mowat, Doug	1983	1
	Mulroney, Brian	1984	1
18-9	Nat'l Assn. of Women & the Law	1983	1
	Nat'l Council of Women of Canada	1980-84	8
	Nat'l Council of Women of South Africa	1982	1
	Nat's Film Board of Canada	1982	1
	New Westminster Council of Women	1981-86	3
	Office of Employment & Immigration	1984	1
	Ontario Native Women's Association	1983	
	Parks, John M.	1984	1
	Pavey, Shirley	1983	1
	Payte, Luella	1981	1
	Perrault, Ray	1982	1
18-10	P.C. Women's Assn. of Vancouver	1982	1
	P.C. Women's Assn. of B.C.	1983	1
	The Province	1985	1
	Provincial Council of Women	1980-86	15
	Pryce, Freda	1982	1
	Public Service Commission of Canada	1983	1
	Ritchie, Bill	1983	1
	Roberts, John	1984	1
	Robinson, Svend	1980-83	3
	Rotary Women's Auxiliary	1980, 85	2
	Rousseau, Yvette	1984	1

8-11	Safeway Canada	1984, 84	2
	Sales & Marketing Executives of Vancouver	1980	1
	Salvation Army	1984	2
	Secretary of State	1980-83	9
	Secter, Lee	1982	1
	Siemins, Leora	1984	1
	Solidary Coalition	1984	1
	Soroptomist Int'l of Vancouver	1985	1
	Spitzer, Therese	1982	1
	Spotlight Shows	1983	1
	Status of Women Canada	1985	1
	Task Force on Child Care	1984	1
	Terrace Women's Centre Society	n.d.	1
	Thomson, Katheryn	1984	1
	Trudeau, Pierre	1983-84	2
18-12	Unitarian Women's Church Alliance	1984	1
	U.N. Association in Canada	1982	1
	University Women's Club of Vancouver	1984-85	3
	Vancouver Art Gallery	1983-84	2
	Vancouver Citizenship Council	1984	2
	Vancouver City Planning Commission	1985	2
	Vancouver Community College	1981	2
	Vancouver Foundation	1981	1
	V.I.S.A.C.S.	1982	1
	Vancouver Island Human Rights Commission	1985	1
	Vancouver lions Ladies Club	1983	1
	Vancouver Rape Relief	1984	1
	Vancouver South Presbyterial	1986	1
	Vancouver Status of Women	1982-83	2
	Vancouver Sun	1982	1
	Voice of Women	1983	1
18-13	Waddell, Ian	1983	1
	Watters, Fran	1985	1
	West Coast Environmental Law Assn.	1985	1
	White Rock & District Council of Women	1982	1
	Williams, Allan	1982	2
	Williams, Amy	1982	1
	Wilson, Anna Maria	1984	1
	Women Against the Budget	1984	1
	Women's Canadian Club	1980-85	13
	Woodward's Limited	1984	1
	Young Women's Christian Association	1981, 83	2
	Zlotnik, Martin	1980	1
	unidentified (Margaret)	1983	1
18-	LETTERS: OUTGOING		
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18-15	Harcourt, Mrs		1
(cont)	Tilley, Mrs. Major		1
	Steen, Pearl		1
	Gow, June		1
	Walker, Mrs. J.		2
	Cheros, Mrs. L.		1
	Williams, Allan		1
	Hutcheon, Dr. P.		1
	Erola, Judy		1
	Vancouver Province		1
	Payte, Luella		1
	Hinkley, Mrs. W.C.		2
	Evans, Mrs. Lucylle	1981	1
	Denholm, Dr.		1
	Henry, Robert		1
	Pension Conference		1
	Madden, George		1
	Hyndman, Peter		1
18-16	National Council of Women of Canada	1982	5
	Brown, Irene		2
	Williams, Allan		2
	Nat'l Day Care Information centre		1
	Hyndman, Peter		2
	Henry, Robert		2
	Mitchell, Margaret		1
	Phyarson, Evelyn		1
	Brown, May		2
	Boyce, Helen		2
	Ford, Marguerite		2
	Perrault, Roy		1
	Harcourt, Mike		1
	Moir, Mr. D.		1
	Crane, Stephanie		1
	Bjerring, Barbara		1
	O'Shaughnessy, Roy		1
	Soong, Coral Anne		1
	Harcourt, Mrs.		1
	Larson, Bruce		1
	Queen's Printer		1
	Canada Safeway Ltd.		1
	Hutcheon, Pat		1
	Carrell, Meyan	1982	1
	Howard, Mrs. R.C.		1
	Spotlight Shaws Ltd.		1
	Burnaby Public Library		1
	Hewitt, James		1
	Spitzer, Therese		1
	Victoria Order of Nurses		1

18-14	Hinkley, Mrs. W.C.	1980	1
	Mitchell, Margaret	1980	1
	Holt, Simna	1980	1
	Carney, Pat	1980	1
	McLeod, Elizabeth J.		1
	Beal, Mrs. R.D.		1
	Fingarson, Mrs. F.		2
	Ross, Miss Angela		1
	Herman, Cleta		1
	Kiwanis Music Festival		1
	Bennett, William		1
	Maycock, Mrs. Goldie		1
	Volrich, Jack		2
	Dobson, Pearl		1
			1
	Barnes, Dorothy		1
	Williams, Mrs. L.A.		1
	Organization Reprs.		2
	Brown, Mrs. W. H.		1
	Mellish, Mrs. D.		1
	Robinson, Svend		1
	Vancouver Sun		1
	CKVU Television		1
	B.C.T.V.		1
	Fox, Terry		1
	Droettboom, Mr. T.		1
	MacKenzie, Dr. C.J.G.		1
	Team Election Headquarters		1
	Non Partisan Election Headquarters		1
	Cape Election Headquarters		1
	Harcourt, Mike		2
	Beck, Max		1
	Axworthy, Lloyd	1980	1
	McGeer, Patrick	1980	1
	Watchorn, Joan		1
	Tilley, Mrs.		1
	Nat'l Council of Women's Canada		1
	Coresky, Dr. Walter		1
18-15	Kinsella, Mrs. M.	1981	2
	Roskell, Mavis		2
	Watchorn, Joan		1
	Bullen, Georgiana		1
	Secretary of State		1
	Harcourt, Mike		3
	Brown, Mae		1
	Ford, Marguerite		1
	Boyce, Helen		1
	Davinsky, Nathan		1
	Vancouver Foundation		2

8-17	Nat'l Assn. of Women & the Law	1983	1
	Erola, Judy		1
	Nat'l Council of Women of Canada		5
	Rumbook, Luke		1
	Kelsey, Dee		1
	Douglas College		1
	Motademi-Price Massourne		1
	Fox, Francis		1
	V.I.S.A.C.S.		1
	U.N. Assn. in Canada		1
	Spotlight Shows Ltd.		1
	Nat'l Council of Women of South Africa		1
	Otis, Susan		1
	MacGuigan, Mark		1
	Kamm, Rose		1
	Hendry, Eileen		1
	Victorian Order of Nurses		1
	Trudeau, Pierre		1
	Williams, Allan		1
	Pacey, W.R.		1
	Ritchie, Judi		1
	City Hall		1
	Soong, Carole Anne	1983	2
	Vancouver School Board		1
	Buckley, Warren		1
	Vancouver Sun		1
	Mouat, Douglas		1
	Ritchie, Bill		1
	Mitchell, Margaret		1
	Smith, Brian		1
	MacGregor, Mrs. M.		1
	Bennett, W.R.		1
	Dingham, F.S.		1
	Grauer, Cindy		1
	Joyal, Serge		1
	Brummet, Tony		1
	Fleeton, J.		1
	Sperling, B.I.		1
	Dennett, Marjorie		1
	Pavey, Shirley		1
	Fraser, Alex		1
	Dobson, Pearl		1
	Harris, Margaret		1
	Harcus, N.		1
	McCarthy, Grace		1
	Partovi, Gordon		1
	Harris, David		1
18-18	Weinberg, Hal	1984	1
	Kinsella M.		1
	Rosen, J.		2
	Halvorsen, O.		1
	Goodrich, E.	1984	1

18-18	Weintraub, Mrs		1
(cont)	Healey, Anges		1
	Pacey, M.		2
	Wainborn, George		1
	Northrop, Shirley		1
	Harris, David		1
	Partavi, Gordon		1
	Harcourt, Mike		2
	Pringle, N.		1
	White, A.E.		1
	Brown, Irene		1
	Dobson, Pearl		3
	Mitchell, Rev. Brook		2
	Rumbout, Luke		1
	MacDonald, Jane		1
	Barkley, E.L.		1
	Sackville, Beverly		1
	Chucks, Mrs. A.		1
	Sanford, Mary		1
	Kelsey, Dee		1
	McPherson, Duncan		1
	Harris, Margaret		1
	Parks, John		1
	Harrison, John		1
	Strachon, Pam		1
	Soong, Carole Anne		1
	MacGregor, Mrs. M.		1
	Kissick, Doreen		1
	Roberts, John		1
	MacGee, Margaret	1984	1
	Desjardins, Louise		1
	Murchie, Gwen		1
	Doflores, Anna		1
	Yorsh, Dr. & Mrs.		1
	Centennial Commission		1
	Woodward's Limited		1
	Briggs, M.		1
	Ens, Bob		1
	Court of Canadian Citizenship		1
	Team Headquarters		1
	N.P.A. Headquarters		1
	Cope Headquarters		1
	Pace, Sonia		1
18-19	Diamond, G.	1984	1
	Nijdam, A.G.		1
	Bell, D.		2
	Davies, Libby		2
	Ford, Marguerite		2
	Brown, Mae		2
	Lawson, Mrs		1

18-19	Kis, F.		1
(cont)	Hudson Bay Company		1
	Marketing Dept., Bank of Montreal		1
	James, A.		1
	Chizik, Ina		1
	Challmie, C.N.		1
	Elmy, Stephen D.		1
	Murchie, Gwen		1
	Kinsella, M	1984	1
	Barclay, Iola		1
	Histie, Richard		1
	Harcourt, Mike		2
	Allen, Barbara		1
	Tout Sweet Chocolate Ltd.		1
	College of Physicians & Surgeons		1
	MacGee, Margaret		1
	Hughes, Mrs. A.C.L.		1
	Levitt, Mrs. R.		1
	Herman, Cleta		1
	Sanford, Mary		1
	Fingerson, F.	1985	1
	Vancouver Hospice Project		1
	Watters, Fran		2
	Canadian Assn. on Gerontology		1
	Brandak, George		1
	Rutter, Frank		1
	Henke, Mr. W.		1
	Harcourt, Mike		2
	Ford, Marguerite		1
	Davies, Libby		1
	Brown, Mae		1
	MacGee, Margaret		1
	Maleport, Jean-Claude		1
	Dobson, Read		1
	Breault, Linda		1
	Roddan, Hulda		1
	Westworld		1
	Hall, Ester		1
	Barkley, Ida	1985	1
	Hinkley, Ruth		1
18-20	Henke, Mr. W.E.	1985	1
	Worbets, Elizabeth		1
	Hudson Bay Co. Ltd.		1
	Bonabero, Leonard		1
	Stewart, Robert		1
	Yandle, Anne		1
	Repa, Jindra		1
	Sargent, Zella		1
	Allison, Patricia E.		1
	Deele, Wayne		1
	Kissick, Dareen		1

18-20	B.C. Automobile Assn.		1
(cont)	Glass, Pam		1
	Department of Justice		1
	Stewart, J.		1
	Salvation Army		1
	Women's Studies Endowment Campaign		1
	Boyanski, John	1986	1
	Hannah, F.		1
	Dobson, Pearl		3
	Chisholm, Deborah		2
	Henke, W.E.		2
	Harcourt, Mike		1
	MacDonald, Jean		1
	Chucks, Mrs. A.		1
	Scudamore, Miss Joyce		1
	Hall, Esther		1
	Bennett, W.R.	no dates	1
	Carney, Pat	"	1
	Flynn, Norah	"	1
	Unitarian Church Hall		1
	Dobson, Pearl		1
	Brown, Mrs. W.H.		1
	King, Fran		1
	McCausland, Mary-Lou		1
	Highland Stirling Community Group		1

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(1-13) **REPORTS AND BRIEFS**

- Assorted Reports prepared both by and for the Women's Council, concerning relevant issues. Dated 1962-1986.

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(14-16) **MEMBERSHIP DATA**

- Attendance records and lists of officers of Women's Council, dated 1971-81

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20-3 **MINUTES**

- Minutes of meetings of Vancouver Women's Council, dated 1977-86

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(4-5) **NOTICES**

- Printed reminders of meetings of the Vancouver Women's Council, dated 1979-86

20-6 **CONSTITUTIONS**

- Constitution of the N.C.W.C., dated 1964.

J-7 FINANCIAL RECORDS

- Assorted statements & treasurers' reports of the Vancouver Women's Council, 1976-86

20- PRINTED MATERIAL

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- (a) - 4 folders : assorted pamphlets & briefs of affiliated organizations, arranged at random.
- (b) - 1 folder : yearbook of the N.C.W.C., 1969, in two volumes. 20-15
- (c) - 8 folders : Newsletters of the N.C.W.C., ranging in suites from 1968 to 1984. Arranged chronologically
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20- CLIPPINGS

- (8-10) - assorted newspaper clippings pertaining to relevant issues of the V.W.C., dated 1980-85

SCRAPBOOK (OVERSIZE)

Newspaper clippings of the Women's Council, 1913-1954

21- NEWSLETTERS

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Newsletters of the National Council of Women, Oct. 1968-Apr. 1984

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21-12	Summary of Decisions and Actions of National Council of Women of Canada Annual Meeting.	1994
21-13	Information file.	n.d.
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22-1	Photo album of Sylka Olkovick, Mass Media Chairman.	1982-1985

Selected Items from the Correspondence and Minutes

The records of the Vancouver Council of Women cover activities of the Council since its inception in 1893. Female suffrage, mothers' allowances, pensions for deserted wives, women's wages & working conditions, penal reform, adoption & guardianship of children, family court conditions, purification of water, pasteurization of milk, introduction of public libraries and town planning are some of the issues for which the Council has fought. Some of these issues have been selected from the Council's correspondence, 1916 - 1957, and minutes, 1910 - 1915, by Jean Beck.

1916

- (1-1) Letter to the mayor to draw to the attention of the chief of police the overcrowding of jitneys at night.
- (1-1) Letter to Vancouver Library Board urging that the reading room be well lighted and comfortable.

1917

- (1-1) Letter to mayor McBeath urging him to ask the B.C. government to take over the sanatorium at Tranquille, B.C.
1. Resolved that the government control all food supplies for duration of the war
 2. Resolved that notification and isolation of victims of venereal disease be compulsory
 3. Resolved that the government be petitioned to establish child welfare institutes.
 4. Resolved that it be recommended to the government that the cottage system be adopted for women delinquents in B.C.

Letter regarding injustice in the protection of juveniles and especially mentally deficient in court.

1916

Letter 16 "regarding training and preparing women to take places left vacant by our men who have gone to the front"

Letter 19 - the reading room at the Carnegie Library to be made well-lighted and comfortable.

1917

Letter 11 endorsing the action of Mayor MacBeath of Vancouver that the old court house site, Hastings St. West "be given to the city as a memorial to our soldiers from this city who fight for us in this present war.

Letter 12 endorsing the action in asking the B.C. government to take over the sanatorium at Tranquille, B.C.

Letter 13 - endorsement of various resolutions regarding immigration, juvenile court, Board control of girls' schools, substitute for the saloons, mentally deficient children, conservation of grain for the duration, notification and isolation of V.D., establishment of child welfare institutes, cottage system for women delinquents.

Letter 14 to premier Brewster protesting the taking of fraud in the soldiers' notes overseas on the Prohibition referendum and

Letter 14 cont.

"urgently request the government to bring the prohibition act into effect on July 1, 1917 as a war measure."

Letter 16 - regarding free clinics . A dental clinic has been started and also one for the eyes, movement for providing glasses for children who require them.

Letter 20 to the Attorney-General re: the question of protection of juveniles and especially the mentally deficient.

1918

Letter 1 acknowledging dominion-wide prohibition.

Letter 14 - appreciation of the government's intention of establishing a child's department for neglected, dependent and defective children.

Letter 17 "heartily commend Mayor Gale for his interest & solicitude on behalf of taxpayers in arrears and strongly endorse his plan for relief.

Letter 18 strongly denounces confining girls to Oakalla after they broke custody from the girls industrial school.

Letter 19 supports Y.W.C.A. regarding travellers' aid work.

Letter 20 urged women to conserve wool to release material necessary for war.

Letter 21 to Vancouver School Board urging appointment of a woman truant officer.

Letter 29 endorsing proper care for invalid soldiers.

Letter 32 ask the records of the girls be taken from the Oakalla records.

Letter 40 to police chief asking that the police commission create a police woman's department with an experienced woman in charge and several women under her to combat juvenile delinquency among young girls.

Letter 64 - Two names recommended for police women.

Letter to the Attorney-General expressing appreciation for the government's intention of establishing a child department for neglected, dependent and defective children.

Letter to the Attorney-General deploring the sending of 5 girls aged 19-15 to Oakalla for breaking custody from the girls industrial school.

Resolved that wool be conserved for making articles necessary for war and that women stop knitting fancy wool sweaters and other non-essential items.

Letter to Vancouver School Board asking that they appoint a woman truant officer.

Letter to Attorney-General asking that the name of the 5 girls be taken off Oakalla records.

Letter to the mayor asking that the city police commission create a police women's department

1919

(1-2)

Letter 12 to the police chief in appreciation for securing a woman inspector and policewoman for our city.

Letter 17 to premier of B.C. urging him to secure mothers' pensions.

Letter 18 to the Attorney-General re: mothers' pensions

Letter 20 Re: prohibition that a vote not be taken until the soldiers come back. Also a half-holiday for postmen be asked for.

Letter 26 endorsing a resolution concerning the establishment of a woman's court in Vancouver.

Letter 28 a resolution regarding the wife's share of the property of her husband.

Letter 31 to Mr. H.H. Stevens, Ottawa urging him to do all in his power to secure federal franchise for women. Also urging him to secure a woman on his **committee dealing with divorce**.

Letter 34 endorsing a resolution concerning the enforcement of the present prohibition laws.

Letter 36 endorsing that ~~ACT 21/A~~ be amended to exclude the words "of previously chaste character". Renew request that age of consent for girls be 16 years (age in which a man be prosecuted for sexual offences against women be 16 years).

Letter 37 regarding the treatment for syphilis and the cost of preparations for treatment.

Letter 43 urging that prohibition be continued to H.H. Stevens M.P.

Letter 43 same letter to Sir Robert Borden.

Letter 57 on favour of the exhibition.

Letter to Premier of B.C. urging the security of mothers' pensions.

Same letter to the Attorney-General.

The local Council of Women endorses the resolution of the New Era League concerning the establishment of a woman's court in Vancouver.

A resolution was endorsed regarding the wife's share with the property of her husband.

Letter to H.H. Stevens M.P. Ottawa urging that he secure a woman on the committee dealing with divorce; and that the words "Previous chaste character" be struck out.

Local Council of Women endorse a resolution coming from the District W.C.T.U. concerning the enforcement of the present prohibition laws.

1919 cont.

- 0 Letter renewing the request that the age of consent for girls be raised to 16 years and that the age in which a man may be prosecuted for sexual offences against women be 16 years.

Letter to H.H. Stevens M.P. Ottawa deploring the recent action of the Senate regarding prohibition and urging that prohibition should continue.

Same letter to Sir Robert Borden, Ottawa

Letter to Attorney-General of B.C. thanking him for his recent attitude regarding mothers' pensions.

1920

Letter to mayor of Vancouver recommending free golf links at Hastings Park.

Letter to Premier Oliver thanking him for passing the bill for mothers' pensions.

Letter re: standard of milk sold in this province considered.

Letter 11 to the mayor to provide free golf links at Hastings Park.

Letter 16 to Premier Oliver thanking him for passing the bill for mothers' pensions.

Letter 23 in favour of securing a non-tipping system in Canada.

Letter 24 accepts affiliation of South Vancouver Women's Institute.

1921
(1-3)

Letter 4 - to premier of B.C. opposing sale of wine and beer in hotels and restaurants in B.C.

Letter 5 to the premier to provide proper buildings and equipment to accomodate all children of school age in the city.

Letter 6 - against labelling crockery "For the insane females"

Letter 7 - another letter protesting labelling in the Westminster Mental Asylum.

Letter 8 - object to increase in telephone rates.

Letter 9 - another letter objecting to rate increase.

Letter 10 - objecting to aggressive actions of the anti-British element of the city.

Letter 11 - reaffiliation with the widows, wives and mothers of Great Britain's Heroes Association

1921 cont.

Letter 12 - urging a better standard of milk, raising butter fat to 3.50

Letter 20 asking the IODE to contribute to a British flag for the opening of the peace arch at Blaine.

Letter 31 strongly in favour of this city having a woman probation officer

Letter 33 President and Mrs. Harding visit Vancouver and Mrs. Harding sends thanks for the beautiful flowers from the local Council of Women in Vancouver.

Letter 1 endorsing a resolution supporting the Provincial New Era League in its efforts to obtain from the dominion government the system of Indeterminate Sentence and parole with regards to prostitutes.

1923

Resolution endorsed by the local Council of Women to support the League in the system of Indeterminate sentence and parole which is in force in Ontario with regard to prostitution.

1924

Endorse the appointment of Mrs. G.K. Lynde as special worker among the children of the crèche.

1925

Letters from Westminster Hall Women's Auxiliary, S. Vancouver Women's Institute endorsing the resolution on penal reform. Also from the Ladies' Aid Society of the Kitsilano Methodist Church. Also the Point Grey W.C.T.U.

Local Council of Women were asked to endorse the principles of Old Age Pension by the British Progressive League.

Letter stating resolution from New Westminster local Council to endorse the recommendations of the Mental Hygiene Committee that they petition the legislature that a law be passed making sterilization for both sexes of the mentally deficient be made lawful.

Local Council of Women re-endorse the resolution forwarded to the Provincial government curtailing the racing season in B.C.

1926
(1-4)

Request that the Federal Parliament establish strict physical and psychological tests all intending immigrants at the point of departure for Canada.

Accepting in principle of Old Age Pensions as proposed in a bill by the dominion parliament.

Resolve that the "Voters Act" be amended so that no alien female can be placed on the voters' lists unless she personally becomes a naturalized citizen of Canada.

Opposed to the government seal being placed on any cattle killed for

1926 cont.

Opposed to the government seal being place on any cattle killed for tuberculosis and that it be against the law for this meat to be sold for human consumption.

Request that the government place a ban on Liberty Magazine

Urge the Dpeartment of Education to make compulsory in all schools, both public and high, and for pupils both girls and boys the study of hygiene and physiology.

Protect against a beauty contest as not being of the best interest of womenhood or amusing to the public.

Resolve that the Attorney General's Office establish a prison colony on the cottage system, and that some classification be given that shall not only give them a chance to reform in conduct but in the end to justify the financing of such a scheme in the restoration of law-abiding citizens.

Resolve that the Department of Education recognize in our high schools certificates from accredited musical institutions until such a time as we have a recognized institution of our own,

Resolved that they recommend to the city council their hearty approval of the erection of a suitable Art Gallery at as early a date as possible.

1927

(1-5-6)

Endorsing the action of the National Council of Women of Canada in opposing commercial exploitation of the National Parks especially the utilization of Spray Lakes in Banff Park for hydro-electric power.

Desiring the official appointment of women advisers for girls in high schools and junior highs.

1928

(1-7-8)

Letter to the mayor of Vancouver resolved that the local Council of Women deplore recent changes in the Early Closing By-Law, that increase in hours of labour is detrimental to the welfare of women and girls and recommend that all public-spirited persons do their shopping before 6 p.m.

Letter to the mayor of Vancouver deploring the inadequacy of representation of women in the city of Vancouver's Police Force.

Request to the Attorney-general to visit the women at Oakalla Prison
Letter from the warden asking that they arrange a visit.

Urging the provincial government to reduce the amount of horse racing.

The National Council of Women was founded by Lady Aberdeen in 1893, and the local Council of Women of Vancouver that same year.

1928 cont.

Letter to the mayor urging the establishment of a women's bureau as a unit of the police system of Vancouver.

1929

1-(10-13)

With regard to appointment of teachers, in promotions and in fixing salaries that there should be no discrimination as between men and women teachers on the grounds of sex. Copy of this resolution was forwarded to the school board of Vancouver.

Letter to the secretary of the Senate of U.B.C. urging that a chair in home economics be established during 1929.

Similar letter to President Klinck.

Resolved that specially trained teachers be given time from class duties to act as counsellors for both girls and boys.

Letters to Chairman of Vancouver Police Commission and Chief of Police, thanking them for their co-operation in establishing the Women's Division of Police.

Letter to the Provincial Secretary regarding the care of the feeble-minded. Resolutions 1. that the Provincial Government operate a psychopathic hospital and clinic 2. that the department of education encourage formation of special classes 3. that a provincial training school be established for institutional cases of mental defect 4, that they are in favour of provision of Supervision and Guardianship as described in the report of the Royal Commission on Mental Hygiene.

1930

2-(1-3)

Petition the provincial government to authorize the use of a dictionary of British publication as authority on English spelling and pronunciation in public libraries, universities, public and high schools and other public places where dictionaries are used "to preserve the English language as a heritage for future generations"

Endeavour to suppress loose shows in vaudeville, songs and films as undesirable for our young people tending to undermine the sacredness of home and marriage. Also try to have vaudeville placed under A Censor Board.

Petition the proper authorities to establish a home in the country for the girls' Industrial Home, preferably on the cottage system.

Petition the proper authorities to establish a separate prison farm for women with provision for the segregation of types, outdoor work, and exercise and more adequate training in useful occupations.

Resolution that the local Council of Women of Greater Vancouver believe that equal consideration and opportunity for work be given to women

1930 cont.

Resolution that the local Council of Women of Greater Vancouver believe that equal consideration and opportunity for work be given to unemployed women as well as to unemployed men.

Letter to the mayor of Vancouver regarding the above.

Similar letters to the Vancouver daily Star, Sun and Province.

Letter from the city clerk informing them that the work of registering unemployed women has been put in hand and is proceeding.

Resolution that the local Council of Women of Vancouver request that in all schemes for relief both in securing employment, food and shelter, the same consideration be given to women as well as men.

1947

2-5

Resolution that the Vancouver Council of Women urge the Provincial Government to take steps to prevent a further increase in the cost of milk.

1952

2-7

Letter to Mayor Hume protesting the proposed increase in streetcar and bus fares to 15¢.

Copies of above letter to B.C. Electric Railway Co. & Public Utilities Commission.

Letter to B.C. Electric Railway Co. about the possible discontinuing of transportation to St. Vincent and Shaughnessy Hospitals.

Letter from General Manager of Transportation, B.C.E.R. stating that they are making changes which will improve service to these areas. Also they are not applying for a 15¢ fare in Vancouver. The proposed fares are 12.1/2¢ sold in tickets 4 for 50¢ or 13¢ cash.

Letter to the Prime Minister urging that the organization of facilities for the safety of the coastal waters under a coast guard service with authority to integrate services now available and equipped from time to time as required with craft and staff,

1953

Letter to Premier Bennett urging him to discuss with the Prime Minister the problem of a Coast Guard Service for the Pacific coast.

Resolution that we request the government of Canada to immediately form a permanent Coast Guard Service covering all Canadian coastal and inland navigable waters.

- 1954 Another resolution urging the government of Canada to set up a Canadian Coast Guard Service.
- 1952 Brief presented to the Liquor Commission urging: 1. the curtailment of drinking by the restriction of outlets. 2. Better supervision of establishments in order to prevent abuse.
- 1955
- (2-8) Letter to City Clerk saying that there should be no difference in the retirement age of men and women.
- 1956 Resolved that nursing sisters who saw service in the British Isles
(2-9) be accorded the same treatment as those nursing sisters who saw service in France and Belgium.
- Resolution urging the Provincial Government to take measures to alleviate the present situation of seasonal lay-offs this winter and institute a survey of seasonal unemployment with a view to planning a program whereby the civic, provincial and federal governments would share in the cost. This resolution sent to the Ministry of Labour and Premier W.A.C. Bennett.
- 1957 Letter to the secretary of the Lower Mainland Advisory Park Committee endorsing their stand regarding having Indian Reserve #5 at the north end of Lions Gate Bridge reserved for park purposes.
- Letter to the City Clerk sending him our resolution regarding the preservation of the old Carnegie Library as an open space when it is to be torn down.

MINUTES 1910

(6-1)

Letter from Attorney General acknowledging wire re home for delinquent girls -promises to give it consideration.
A committee met with the Attorney General to impress upon him the necessity of having a home for girls as well as boys.A.G. agrees to meet the Mayor of Vancouver to discuss this proposal.

V.C.W.ask the Chairman of the Board of Works to have the law enforced prohibiting the throwing of refuse in lanes and on vacant lots;suggest that baskets be used for refuse and that it be deposited in appropriate places.

Victoria's resolution accepted re earnings of prisoners i.e. that they be used to support wives and families

Enfranchisement of women discussed.

Resolution to oppose moving pictures and shows

The question of buying books for the boys at the Industrial School and Home of Detention was discussed. (page 29)

Letter from Mr. Faran of the Juvenile Court about forming a Boys' Club; recommend that this be taken up with the Y.M.C.A.V.C.W. concur with the idea of a Boys' Club and are willing to assist any fund-raising efforts

The Mayor and Alderman were interviewed re franchise for women;the question was unanimously carried (see p.42)

Resolution re technical schools to be sent to the Department of Education

MINUTES 1911

(6-1)

The Health Committee was advised to inquire into the conditions of the small fish wharf.Questions raised include: 1.)sewage and the wharf; 2.)the storage of fish in crates lowered into the water,3.)the colouring of fish offered for sale.Information gathered from this inquiry to be placed in the hands of the appropriate authorities.(see p.72)

Letters from Premier McBride and the Honourable H.E.Young,M.D.,L.L.D., in which they assured the Council that steps would be taken next session to establish a home for wayward girls (see p.77)

Local Committee in charge of women's and children's works at the Vancouver exhibition (see p.92)

Letter to be written to the City Council asking them to petition the B.C.Electric Co.,to lower the steps on streetcars (see p.102)

MINUTES 1912

(6-(1-2))

V.C.W. on their society: "One of the great advantages of a society of this kind is that it affords a common meeting place where the needs of the city may be freely discussed,and by standing shoulder to shoulder may,at a signal,march as a body in attacking any outstanding evil or injustice

MINUTES 1912 contd.

6(1-2)

V.C.W. agitate for an industrial school for girls; the playground movement; the obtaining of municipal franchise for married women; the lowering of street-car steps and for better guarding of railway street crossings (p.7)

Resolution regarding Hindu wives: "We would favor any prudent measures for such family reunion that would not re-open the whole question of asiatic immigration; but we are forced to conclude that the admission of Hindu women... involves the establishment of a permanent and growing asiatic colony... making it difficult to protect the Dominion from the social and economic consequences of a large and continuous immigration from Asia. For these reasons we believe that no relaxation of regulations should be ordered without information as to the number and character of persons whose admission is sought..." (p.9)

V.C.W. place on record their appreciation of the news advertiser for having stopped the sale of paper on Sunday (page 15)

The motion for Girls' Industrial School passed; communication to be sent to the Attorney General expressing the V.C.W.'s appreciation and asking that he move ahead as soon as possible with the construction of the school (p.20)

V.C.W. find that most merchants are in favour of a half-day holiday per week in the stores (p.39)

Suggestion to approach the Legislature again with a petition to appoint a Provincial Board of Censorship of moving pictures (p.40)

A letter from one Mrs. Barrett living in one of the R.R. Construction camps speaking of the terrible conditions there and asking the local council to interest themselves in this matter. V.C.W. send a copy of Barrett's letter to the Provincial Government and also to the Ministerial Association of the city (p.65)

MINUTES 1913

(6-2)

A letter from a Dominion health official asking that the local council cooperate with the Dominion Government re property. They discuss the problems of sanitation and overcrowding; suggestion: Vancouver should look into the problem now before the city becomes any larger (p.70)

Resolved that they petition the National Council to look into the question of housing in large cities in Canada to find out what effect large rooming houses and tenements have on the home and the upbringing of children (90)

The National Council asks the V.C.W. to use their influence to have a bill passed regulating the construction of apartments and rooming houses so that all rooms have plenty of light and ventilation to prevent the spread of tuberculosis

The establishment of places of isolation for patients with pulmonary disease was discussed. The City Department was to be urged to use all efforts to prevent the spread of this disease (p.106)

A resolution regarding feeble-minded women and children was discussed. Suggestion: to send circulars to places where councils do not exist asking the proper authorities to compile a census on all such afflicted

MINUTES 1913 contd.

persons and impress upon the Government the urgent need for teaching the same with separate classes for the male sex (p.118)

The council resolved that the National Council of Women suggest to the governing boards of various universities in the Dominion to establish a "Peace Foundation" as a memorial to the 100 years of peace between Great Britain, the U.S. and Canada. This could be in the form of an annual lecture or prize (p.123)

A report from the Minister of Education was read; expresses his sympathy on behalf of the afflicted and agrees to allowing three schools to be used for education of the "afflicted"

The Victoria Council ask the Vancouver Council for their assistance in encouraging the National Council take up the matter of pensioned widows with children and deserted women (p.153)

MINUTES 1914

6(2-3)

The Health Committee secure a purer milk supply and ask for a female Sanitary Inspector

A resolution calling upon authorities to institute such measures as would do away with the erection of improper dwellings and impose upon builders adherence to stipulated requirements; copies of the resolution to be sent to the Provincial Government and Health Committee of Vancouver (p.17)

V.C.W. petitioned to use their influence in an endeavor to have a class for deaf, dumb and blind children established in connection with the public schools; at that time, the nearest institute was located in Winnipeg (p.25)

The National Council approved a resolution re assistance from government for a tubercular hospital at Tranquille (p.31)

The president revealed that the creche would accomodate foundlings as soon as complete (p.32)

Recommendations endorsed included one stating that garbage wagons be covered and collect all refuse from the streets; also resolution re minimizing noise in hospital zones

The Committee on Education reported an interview with Westbrook re establishing a chair for (home) economics in the new University (p.44)

A letter was sent to the mayor re negligent care given to the children at the creche (p.48)

August 10th. The National President asked that an emergency meeting be called and an effort be made to help raise \$100,000 to be sent as a gift from the women of Canada to Great Britain (p.52)

Letter from Police Commissioner stating that a policeman had been placed at the corner of Broadway and Granville to govern traffic subsequent to the V.C.W.'s request (p.56)

V.C.W. request that a woman doctor be placed on hospital board (p.58)

MINUTES 1914 contd

A woman factory inspector to be appointed in six months

The issue of unemployed women was discussed in great detail; consulted mayor and raised money for unemployed women (p.70)

The Women's employment league of Vancouver organized along with an employment bureau. The Provincial Government appealed to and asked to provide funds for some marketable article women can make. The Dominion Government was asked to allot the making of soldiers' uniforms to Vancouver women (p.79)

The local council of women is strongly in favour of endorsing any efforts to conserve foodstuffs during the war, particularly those used in the making of liquors (p.83)

6(3-4) The qualifications of women-voters were discussed with the ministers at Victoria (p.24), 1915.

Vancouver Council of Women fonds

Addendum

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The "Council of Women" concept originated at the Women's Congress held at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. There, women from thirty nations decided to form an International Council of Women to promote "the welfare of mankind, the family and individual" and "to work for removal of disabilities of women". The formation of a Canadian Council quickly followed, and in 1894, seventeen women in Vancouver organized a local chapter. Over the years, the Vancouver Council of Women has addressed issues affecting women and has lobbied governments on matters relating to education, housing, public health and recreation.

Scope and content:

The accrual to the fonds consists of materials created or collected by the Vancouver Council of Women from 1980 to 1990. Record types include reports of the local (Vancouver), Provincial (British Columbia), and National Canadian Councils of Women, as well as pamphlets and yearbooks of the councils, legal briefs, research materials, publications and outgoing correspondence on different subjects. Subjects include women's rights, women in the workplace, children and child welfare, and violence and pornography in the media.

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Immediate source of acquisition:

All materials were acquired directly from the creator in 1996.

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23-01	Reports and briefs	[Copies of annual reports]	1984-1990	
23-02	Reports and briefs	[Copies of annual reports – Canadian council of women development organization]	1984-1986	
23-03	Reports and briefs	[Copy of annual report – Provincial council of women of British Columbia]	1986-1987	
23-04	Printed material	[Copies of historical accounts, year book and pamphlets]	1980-1984	Contains the Moncton Council of Women Diamond Jubilee History and historical account of the provincial council of women of British Columbia.
23-05	Constitutions	[Copy of draft of constitution]	1979	
23-06	Reports and briefs	[President's Report and Resolutions]	1982-1987	
23-07	Printed materials	[Copies of publications on status of Women/by Minister of supply and services Canada]	1982-1983	Contains Better Pensions for Canadians Focus on Women and Towards Equality for Women. Language of material: English and French
23-08	Printed materials	[Copy of feminist organizational manual/ by Secretary of State Canada]	1984	
23-09	Printed materials	[Copy of women in the labour force/ by Labour Canada]	1985-1986	Language of material: English and French
23-10	Printed materials	[Copy of maternity and child care leave in Canada/by Labour Canada]	1984	Language of material: English and French
23-11	Printed materials	[Copies of children in Canada/ by Jean Emberley]	1978	

23-12 (1 of 2)	Reports and briefs	Background information to brief— pornography—its impact on public and personal safety	1977-1986	
23-13 (2 of 2)	Reports and briefs	Background information to brief— pornography—its impact on public and personal safety	1983-1984	
24-01	Printed materials	[Copies of publications on sexuality, pornography, and prostitution]	1981-1985	Contains Human Sexuality-- an annotated bibliography by Planned Parenthood, Pornography—a human rights issue which concerns both men and women by Montreal council of women, On the treatment of the sexes in research by Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Pornography and prostitution in Canada by Minister of Supply and Services Canada Language of material: English and French
24-02	Printed materials	A Critique of the Strengths and weaknesses of the Fraser Report as draft Legislation/ by Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women	1986	
24-03	Printed materials	Trial by media – a report on an open forum / by Ontario Press Council	1984	
24-04 (1 of 3)	Reports and briefs	[Reports and briefs/ by Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women]	1976-1979	
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24-06 (3 of 3)	Reports and briefs	[Reports and briefs/ by Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women]	1981-1983	
24-07	Printed materials	[Rescue-saving the Canadian economy/ by A.D. Hutcheon and Vancouver—fight for it or lose it! / by Warnett Kennedy]	1982	
24-08	Printed materials	[Copies of Goals for Vancouver / by Vancouver City Planning Commission]	1980	
24-09	Reports and briefs	[Copies of reports on women's participation in British Columbia colleges and institutes, and submission to the special committee on child care]	1983-1986	