

ABOUT THUNDER BAY AND DISTRICT COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO END WOMAN ABUSE

Governed by an elected Board of Directors, the Thunder Bay and District Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse is an independent, non-profit, cross-sectoral committee that works with a network of individuals, groups and organizations to establish and support a comprehensive and effective community response to end woman abuse. We advocate for the safety and wellbeing of women and children, for the accountability of men who use violence, and for a safer, healthier community for everyone.



OUR MISSION

We envision a community where women and children are safe, valued and free from abuse.

We recognize the gendered and racialized nature of intimate partner violence, and work collaboratively to effect necessary change at the systems level.

We believe that everyone is ultimately accountable for the safety of women and children, and we support the sharing of appropriate information in effort to ensure it.

We value diversity, believe in shared responsibility, and actively engage in respectful collaboration at our table and within our community.

MEMBERSHIP

Anishinabek Police Service (APS)

Catholic Family Development Centre (CFDC)

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Children's Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay (CAS)

Community Representatives

Faye Peterson House (FPH)

Marjorie House (Marathon)

Municipality of Greenstone's Community Services Department

Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre (NOWC)

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

Sexual Abuse Centre Thunder Bay

Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centre (TBRHSC)

Thunder Bay and Area Victim Services

Thunder Bay Counselling Centre (TBCC)

Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council

Thunder Bay and District Health Unit (TBDHU)

Thunder Bay Police Service Domestc Violence Unit (TBPS/DVU)

Thunder Bay Probation & Parole Services

Victim/Witness Assistance Program (V/WAP)

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The Coordinating Committee has had an interesting year of coming together as a group monthly to continue to keep each other informed and up to date on the issues in Violence against Women and our own agencies meeting by zoom the last few months.

We finally finalized our billboard replacement and have hired someone to remove the trees as well as develop and install the new billboard at Sistonens Corner.

We engaged in education on gender fluidity with Aiden Kovisto and are committed to continuing our education and policy advocates. I believe we understand me must show up and do the work more now than ever.

Covid-19 has had a dramatic impact on members and their agencies as most are now working from home and not delivering many services face to face with abused women but using technology to make connection. There are many pressing issues for VAW and similar agencies during this time, many community meetings on zoom, provincial and federal policies and working with each other and our municipality to keep everyone safe.

We want to take this opportunity to recognize our colleagues who are essential services and didn't have the privilege of working from home: our police, public health unit, hospital staff, and front line shelter staff to name just a few. We recognize they have held the community together and shown up! Thank you.

We do not know what the months ahead hold for our community for the people we serve, we have learnt many lessons these past three months and as a Committee expect the aftermath of Covid-19 will show its devastation on families, women and children and we will be here ready as always to serve.

Sincerely, Debbie Zweep



FINANCIAL REPORT 19/20

	DVCCC
REVENUE	
Ministry: Community/Social Services	28,454.00
Total Operating Revenue	28,454.00
TOTAL REVENUE	28,454.00
EXPENSE	
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Advertising - Promotion	4,226.83
Board Development / AGM	902.98
Staff Travel	1,565.63
Telephone/Communication	20.00
Food Expense	781.25
Insurance	1,206.27
Wages Expense	19,751.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,454.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	28,454.00
NET INCOME	0.00

COORDINATOR REPORT

As we look back on another year, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize the commitment of our members. 2020 has been an exceptionally challenging year so far, and we have all had to shift our focus as well as our way of operating. The pandemic has forced us to revision how we connect, and I am grateful to our members who have adapted to these changes without hesitation, and continue to show up to do the work. Your energy and dedication to eradicating violence against women does not go unnoticed, especially during these strange and uncertain times.

In July 2019, I was given the opportunity to travel to Windsor, ON to attend the Sare Centres Enhanced Assess Acknowledge Act (EAAA) training. This intimate six-day training is geared to preparing instructors to train other young women to implement the program in universities and colleges, with the target audience being first year students. The program aims to equip women with the knowledge, confidence, and skills to stand up for their sexual rights, which in turn makes women safer and able to live more fully without fear. Unfortunately, due to the a variety of different challenges, we were unsuccessful in implementing the EAAA program here in Thunder Bay. It is with hope that at a future date, we will be able to support this violence prevention programming here in our community.

Beginning in January of 2019, I became a member of the provincial DV3C Coordinators group. This voluntary group meets virtually on a monthly basis to discuss committee work, projects, best practice and other learning tools. Additionally, I maintain an active membership with the Crime Prevention Council, and attend the bi-monthly meetings to represent the VAW sector in our community. Complimentary to this, I participated in the Community & Safety Well-being project by sitting on the community engagement group and supporting sessions throughout the community. Networking is an essential aspect of coordinating a multi-sectoral committee, and I am grateful to be welcomed into various tables to continue this work.

Standing responsibilities of my role consist of regular correspondence with members, recruitment of new membership, organizing and attending monthly meetings, representing our committee in other working groups and through events. I also monitor our social media accounts, respond to inquiries and make appropriate connections to resources. It is my hope for the 2020 year to purchase promotional items for our committee and begin tabling at events to spread awareness of our committee and the work that we are doing.

As always, I am greatly humbled by the reception of this work and the support I receive in my roll. Despite the many challenges this year has thrown at us, I truly believe we are now stronger as a collective. As we look ahead, I hope to only strengthen the work and direction of this committee as we continue to envision a community where women and children are safe, valued and free from abuse.

Respectfully,

YEARIN REVIEW

The TBDCCEWA is fortunate to participate in various events, training, working groups and events.

Enhanced Assess Acknowledge Act Training

B-Safer Training

Community Safety & Wellbeing Project

Human Trafficking Forum

Crime Prevention Council

Transgender Identity and Lived Experiences

High Risk Navigation Project

Gender Based Violence Project

EAAA TRAINING

Enhanced Assess. Acknowledge, Act (EAAA)

Sexual Assault Resistance Program

SARECentre

sarecentre.org

Let's Flip the Script for Women

EAAA empowers young, self-identified women to trust their judgement and ercome social pressures to be "nice" when their sexual integrity is threatened.



1 in 5

young women will experience attempted or completed rape while in university.

Sexual assaults are most commonly perpetrated by someone women know and trust.

Most occur in social situations that people do **NOT** consider dangerous.

How EAAA does it:

Four, 3-hour units, ENHANCED to provide a positive environment for young women to explore their relationship values and sexual desires and empower them to:

ASSESS - Recognize risk cues for sexual violence in situations and in men's behaviour.

ACKNOWLEDGE - Identify and overcome personal obstacles to prioritizing their own sexual rights in acquaintance situations.

ACT - Develop a toolbox of effective strategies to defend their bodies and boundaries.



Bystander and societal level interventions are necessary, but not sufficient to address the violence faced by young

- → Societal change takes time
- → Bystanders are present in less than 20% of sexual assault situations



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