

## MONTHLY REPORT

<i>Ministry/Department</i>	Ministry of Women & Gender Equity
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Name	Description
New issues (top 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quick deadline to consult and then complete Women &amp; Gender Equality (WAGE) Feminist Response &amp; Recovery Fund. Funding application <b>due at noon March 25<sup>th</sup></b>, 2021. Notice was posted on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021</li> </ul>
Ongoing issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IT Challenges – unstable connectivity to Outlook and Teams for staff and MWBC.</li> <li>Capacity – only 1 Full-time staff person for all of Ministry operations</li> <li>Stable and sustainable funding for governance and leadership, systemic change and developing Métis feminist recovery approaches</li> <li>Visibility of ongoing structural and systemic violence Métis Women experience</li> </ul>
Key meetings	<p><b>Regular ongoing key meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls &amp; 2SLGBTQIA Métis Sub-Working Group National Action Plan (weekly)</li> <li>COVID19 Unintended Consequences Working Group (BCAFC &amp; MNBC w/Ministry of Health) (monthly)</li> <li>COVID19 Unintended Consequences Data Group (ADMs organized and driven) (every two weeks)</li> <li>Doulas for Aboriginal Families Granting Program Advisory (quarterly)</li> <li>BC Health Authority Indigenous HR Roundtable – Indigenous women recruitment and retention (every two months)</li> <li>Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women &amp; Girls RCMP Referral Dialogue &amp; Action Planning Working Group (forming a stable schedule)</li> <li>Thank you for Listening Report update and release meetings. Ongoing meetings with report writers to facilitate the release of the first MWBC report about Métis</li> </ul>

	Women's experiences of violence and survivance as part of the Sashing Our Warriors Campaign.
Other issues (top 3 or N/A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Summary (include finished work done through your ministry and closed files that are no longer relevant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal Interlocutor Contribution Program (FICP) conditionally approved for three years to support the ongoing implementation of Métis Women BC governance and leadership strategic plan 2020 – 2026</li> <li>MWBC Provincial Governance Council supported increased access to emergency relief funds administered through the Ministry of Housing &amp; Homelessness for Métis Women in BC</li> <li>Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (AANDC) approved amendment for carry forward for 2020-2021 funding for 1-year</li> <li>One hundred seventy-nine registrations are submitted for the Métis Women BC logo beaded earring kit and workshop</li> <li>MOWGE temporary administrative support contract began February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 and will complete March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Provided support in identifying governance and leadership training opportunities, professional development training opportunities, assisted in preparing multi-year funding applications, and shipping beading kits</li> </ul>
If applicable, any new or ongoing issues per region (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Region 2, Region 5, and Region 6 are vacant since the elections. Three regions have no MWBC representation. These vacancies are proving to be challenging to make connections with Métis community women</li> </ul>