

Introductory message from the President of OSSTF/FEESO

At its 2020 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly (AMPA), the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) passed the following motion:

MAC 211-20: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Provincial Executive establish a workgroup made up of appropriate staff and a representative group of Members to develop curriculum resource supports to highlight the history and the accomplishments of women over the course of Canada's history, with a review and update every five years.

The Provincial Executive reviewed applications of active members interested in participating in this curriculum resource support development. Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, the selected writing team worked in collaboration with OSSTF/FEESO staff to develop these supports for members.

While developing a resource of this nature always presents challenges, it needs to be recognized that the writing, editing, graphics and technology of this particular resource all took place during the COVID-19 pandemic. The commitment, dedication and flexibility of all those involved has been overwhelmingly impressive.

On behalf of OSSTF/FEESO, I offer respect and gratitude to the following:

- Rachel Bergen, writer (Deaf and hard of hearing Teacher, District 30, and now District 25)
- Laura Cipolla, writer (Alternative school Teacher, District 16)
- Jo-Ann Mathon, writer (French Immersion Teacher, District 16)
- Kristina Ferorelli, graphics (OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office)
- Marcela Sleizer, graphics (OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office)
- Catja Moskal, website administrator (Executive Assistant, OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office)
- Dan Earle, website implementation (Executive Assistant, OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office)
- Rosemary Judd-Archer, Canadian Women's Lives resource lead (Executive Assistant, OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office)

We hope this resource proves useful to you, your colleagues and your students.

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