

Maritime UCW Executive Meeting

190 Carson Drive, Moncton, NB

Monday, October 6, 2025

Welcome

In Attendance:

Betty Ann Watts	Ann Piper
Myra Thiemann	Marilyn Burbar
Lee-Anne Boulet	Elaine Burrows
Michele Ashby	Sharon Moyse
Debbie Hawkins	Pauline Luker
Heather MacDonald	Anna Peters
Phyllis Munroe	

Good News and Regrets: Liz Birch sent a message that she is very busy with a move and is resigning as a 'Member at Large' for the Sydney/Cape Breton region. Lois Budd sent regrets as she is working. Regrets were also received from Joan Fraser.

First Nations Legacy:

As we gather, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples predominately the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.

Lighting the Christ Candle: Betty Ann Watts

Opening Worship: *Phyllis Munroe led us in worship with the poem 'Hugs' and a prayer.*

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Phyllis Munroe and seconded by Lee-Anne Boulet that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Anna Peters and seconded by Michele Ashby that the minutes be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. *Archives Committee-* Sharon Moyse explained that she is no longer on the Archive Committee but does still provide pictures and antidotes to Pat Edmondson for the 'Stayin in

Touch' National newsletter. She has written to Ruth Kennedy and requested a short write up about her experiences at the National meetings. She has also written a piece about Letha Mowatt for the Fall edition of Keeping in Touch. Sharon added that we need a MUCW Historian so Debbie suggested that she and Marilyn Bubar may do a photo album as a winter project.

2. *Banner* – Elaine Burrows is working on a banner that will measure three feet across and four feet down. She will need at least 12 blocks and if there are extra, they can be placed on the rear of the banner. Elaine will put a request when she has a better idea of what size she wants. The blocks can be related to the Maritimes, UCW, or church related. The banner will be bound in gold and each block will be bound in blue or dark blue. Elaine will need the blocks by October, 2026. Elaine will make a presentation at the AGM in April in regards to this banner.
3. 65TH Anniversary – The NUCW (EOR UCW) is planning the 65th Anniversary celebrations for July 19-23, 2027 in Ottawa, ON. The Theme will be 'Hear our Voice'. This event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Airport, and rooms prices for double occupancy will be \$230.00 per night. It is expected that the registration will be \$500.00. An application can be made to the Dorothy Amos Fund by July 2, 2026, for an amount of \$300.00 per person. A list of possible tours you could participate in was read out by Debbie.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Issac Vallentin, the Executive Director of the Tatamagouche Center requesting financial support. Letter received for information at this point.

Committee Reports:

- *Archives*- as previously reported in Business Arising.
- *Newsletter* - Ann Piper reported that the next newsletter will go out mid-November and it will be shorter than last time stating that 12 pages is best. A 'save the date' will be included regarding the Annual General Meeting in April. A discussion ensued around the possibility of the newsletter being e-mailed only and it was suggested that it be placed on the agenda for the AGM.
- *Christian Life and Growth:* Rev. Karen Oliveto, the Minister in Residence for the week, was invited to UCW Day at Berwick Camp and spoke of her own experiences as a Bishop of the United Methodist Church in the US.
- *Berwick* The Cookie Cottage had lots of cookies and monies to buy more as required from the UCW groups in PEI. There was a cheque given to Phyllis from a Michael Gorman for \$343.70 and required some clarity from Jocelyn Langile.
- *MUCW Social Secretary* Michele provided a report and mentioned that the Canada Post strike will cause her to send messages on-line only.
- *Nomination* Debbie Hawkins was called upon to give report on what changes will be made at the AGM. Even though Debbie, Marilyn Bubar and Sharon Moyce are on the

Nomination Committee, it is the responsibility of the entire executive to recruit members. Currently, we will need a Treasurer and President Elect as well as Member at Large from Cape Breton/Sydney. Phyllis Munroe will sit as a Member at Large from Valley/SouthShore when her time as Treasurer is complete. Debbie will check with the women from Miramichi to see if they may like to sit on MUCW Executive as Members at Large.

- *Annual Meeting* The AGM will be held at Nashwaaksis United Church on April 24,25, & 26, 2026. The theme is 'Creator, Creation and I'. The Ramada Inn, 480 Riverside Drive will provide rooms for \$145.00 plus tax which included breakfast. Registration fee will be \$30.00 and meals will be Fri. evening- \$25.00; Sat. lunch-\$20.00 and Sat. evening \$35.00. Betty Ann, Marilyn, Anna and Debbie met with UCW members from the church and discussed the needs for the meeting, including food. A local Men's Coir will provide entertainment on our last evening. The committee are looking at possible speakers and think that three people will be enough. One speaker, Nick Hawkins, (Debbie's son) does work on Conservation and would be willing to speak. His current focus is on tracking Atlantic salmon and working to have the fish farms moved to the land so as not to pollute the ocean. Betty Ann is in touch with the Executive Director at Tatamogouch Center trying to find an Indigenous woman who may speak. Other suggestions were Rev. Alice Finnemore or Rev. Karen Oliveto. It was discussed that it is important to work time into the schedule for groups to share. Bett Ann is looking at a 'hands on' activity using broken pottery to create something useable. Bedford United will be responsible for the Memorial Service.

Treasurer's Report Phyllis Munroe reviewed her report as submitted. It was moved for information purposes only.

MARITIME UCW FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Oct. 6, 2025

Balance June,9,2025.		\$5293.84
RECEIPTS		
Dues	\$1096.00	
Newsletter Subscriptions	\$124.00	
Berwick Offering	\$300.15	
AGM Sales	\$98.00	
Donation (Newsletter)	\$40.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1658.15	\$6951.99
EXPENSES		
Healing Fund	\$300.15	
Travel	\$1380.70	
Plaque (Letha Mowett)	\$20.00	
Bank Charges	\$24.72	
Newsletter Postage	\$119.70	
Acadian Printing	\$339.15	
Pres.Expenses	\$325.64	
Advance	\$250.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2760.06	
Balance on Hand	Sept.26,2025	\$4191.93

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Munroe, MUCW Treasurer

Region 14 Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters (FSLDW)

Chignecto Lois Budd reported that Chignecto UCW has been sending out regular emails to their UCW Groups, twice a month. They also had some sad news when we lost our dear friend and Chignecto UCW treasurer Ruth Ann Waddy. It was decided to re-schedule the planned Rally in Sackville as her funeral and our rally were on the same day. They have an executive meeting at Anna's on the 17th and will look at it and our Annual then. Lois also reported that 'Chignecto UCW attended the funeral for Ruth Ann and were given reserved seats for 16 of us. It was a lovely day for a drive and we were pleased to also have Ann Piper and Anna Peters as double

hats, also representing Maritime UCW. Ruth Ann's family was pleased we were there and thought their mother would be so happy although probably be telling us at the same time you should have enjoyed your Rally. Our hearts were not in that though and we were where we needed to be to say goodbye.

Miramichi Diane Ellis no report

PEI Elaine Burrows reported that a successful Rally was held on Saturday, Oct 4, 2025. Louise Elder provided music from 'Then We Shall Sing' and Corina Bolo spoke on 'Lessons we Learn from Elephants'.

FSLDW Regional Council Rep Elaine Burrows reported that Regional Council will be meeting on Oct 27 & 28, 2025 in Sackville, NB.

Western NB Carol Mehan/Marilyn Bubar Photos and Reports as provided.

Bermuda Nova Scotia

Bermuda	Marilyn Dyer	No report
Halifax	Lee-Anne Boulet	as provided
Valley/South Shore	MUCW Secretary	No report
Cape Breton/Sydney	MUCW Secretary	No report
Eastern	MUCW Secretary	No report
Bermuda NS Council Rep	Ann Piper reported that Regional Council will be meeting October 29 & 30 by ZOOM.	

It was suggested that Myra Thiemann put a request in the next newsletter for contacts from Valley/South Shore, Cape Breton/Sydney, and Eastern Region.

Break for Lunch Grace Anna Peters

President's Report Betty Ann Watts reviewed her report.

My first activity following our June Executive meeting was to journey to Wilson United Church in Margaree—too many Margarees for me to be sure but I believe it was Margaree Centre. I got lost at least once even with the GPS. Hosted by the ladies of Wilson United this gathering offered a number of practical fund-raising ideas, a wonderful idea for members able to participate in funeral/memorial services for members with a suggestion that at the very least a unit ask the family of a departed member for permission to speak about her UCW activities. It was also enjoyable to experience the good-hearted banter between Rev. Dale Crawford and her sister Liz Birch throughout the day. And of course, the food was excellent Thank you to Liz for her hospitality as salmon season is not the time to be looking for accommodation anywhere in the area. I have never seen so many hip-wader clad men and women in one place in my life. Not even in a Bass Pro Catalogue.

I participated in an AGM planning meeting via Zoom in August. Thanks to some very creative committee members I believe we have set the foundation for an excellent meeting. On September 11 I was joined by Anna Peters on a two-fold mission. We first travelled to Keswick Ridge to meet with Marilyn Bubar's unit. Marilyn extended an invitation to several surrounding area UCWs to join the meeting and said she would be happy with an attendance of about 20 women. Imagine our surprise at meeting with just over 40 women. Following a brief business meeting Marilyn repeated the love overflowing activity that she had presented at our AGM. It was very well received. I was able to provide some MUCW information and to encourage those in attendance to plan to participate in our 2026 Annual Meeting to be held just down the road in Fredericton at Nashwaaksis United Church We enjoyed coffee, tea and a delightful dessert. I also distributed quite a number of our new member cards with the revised purpose and prayer.

The following day Marilyn, Anna and I were joined by Debbie Hawkins and some wonderful members of the Nashwaaksis UCW to discuss our AGM venue. We toured the facility and found it would meet our needs and were delighted at the enthusiasm of our host unit as they discussed meal plans, music and technical supports etc. All in all it was an uplifting and energizing two days. We left on a cloud of optimism. And I would be remiss if we did not thank Marilyn and James and their son Chris and daughter-in-law Donna for their generous hospitality.

And then the big event –the NUCW AGM in Mississauga. Ann Piper, Anna Peters, Myra Thiemann and I served as your representatives to the NUCW executive. It was a very busy, faith-filled and thought-provoking week. I believe we each managed to get our names in the minutes either as a mover or seconder to a motion, we led worship on Thursday morning and Ann Piper was the resident musician for the week. Oh, and we also performed a passible version of Farewell to Nova Scotia at the Thursday evening kitchen party. Ann Piper will continue to serve on the NUCW finance committee. For more information, please read the NUCW Annual Meeting report

New Business

1. *Handbook Review* Betty Ann requested that individuals review their sections in the Handbook and report back with any proposed revisions or deletions at next meeting.
2. *AGM Guidelines Review* The AGM Committee will review the guidelines at their next meeting **November 21, 2025 10am by ZOOM.**
3. *Liz Birch Resignation* It was moved by Myra Thiemann and seconded by Marilyn Bubar that we accept Liz Birch's resignation with regret. Motion carried.

Next Meetings **January 23, 2026 10am by ZOOM.**

April 10, 2026 10am by ZOOM.

June 15, 2026 10am Sackville NB

Worship Marilyn Bubar and Pauline Luker

Pot Luck It has been suggested that if we are going to have a pot luck at our in-person meetings that perhaps only half of the executive should contribute to the lunch at each in-person meeting--rationale- just too much food left over.