



February 6, 2018

Hon. Melanie Joly
Minister of Heritage
House of Commons
Ottawa ON, K1A 0A6

Re: Museum of History of Women

Dear Minister Joly:

On behalf of the members of the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) thank you for your response to our suggestion that Canada establish a Museum of History of Women. We also appreciate your suggestion that funding for a feasibility study to determine viability may be found through the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF).

It is our opinion that, taking into account our prime minister's focus on women's equality our government should undertake, without delay, the necessary work to ensure that a museum be established to honour the many women who have struggled to bring equality to fruition.

Our suggestion was that the site of the former prison for women (P4W) at Kingston should be considered for this long over-due initiative. However a feasibility study may identify other appropriate sites.

We would sincerely appreciate your colleague, Minister Maryam Monsef, informally discussing the concept of a Museum of History of Women with Canadian delegates attending the up-coming Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations. NCWC will also be in attendance and presenting along with numerous other women's organizations.

NCWC members are hoping that the Museum of History of Women be initiated in celebration of our 125th Anniversary this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sandra Cohen-Rose'.

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The National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) has been the leading national voice of women for the past 124 years. A plaque has been erected in Allan Gardens in Toronto recognizing the establishment of NCWC as a National Historic Event. NCWC's initiatives have contributed significantly to the establishment of Canada's social welfare system, and the Council continues to work to improve the lives of women, children and society.

Cc

The Honourable Maryam Moncef, P.C. M.P.

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