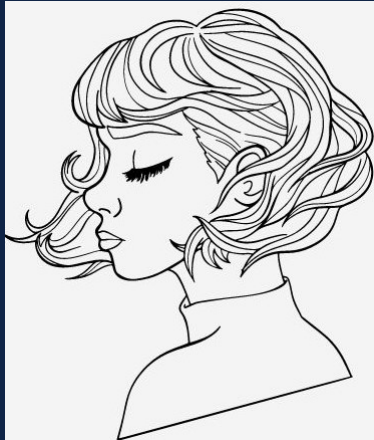




BPW Brampton

"Women Working For Women"



**"Dedicated to the advocacy of
social, political, and economic
equity of all women"**



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



BPW and the United Nations



Resolutions Committee

Past Resolutions from Brampton

- Human Trafficking
- Equitable divorce laws
- Climate change
- Long term care regulations
- Equality in Boards of Governance in universities



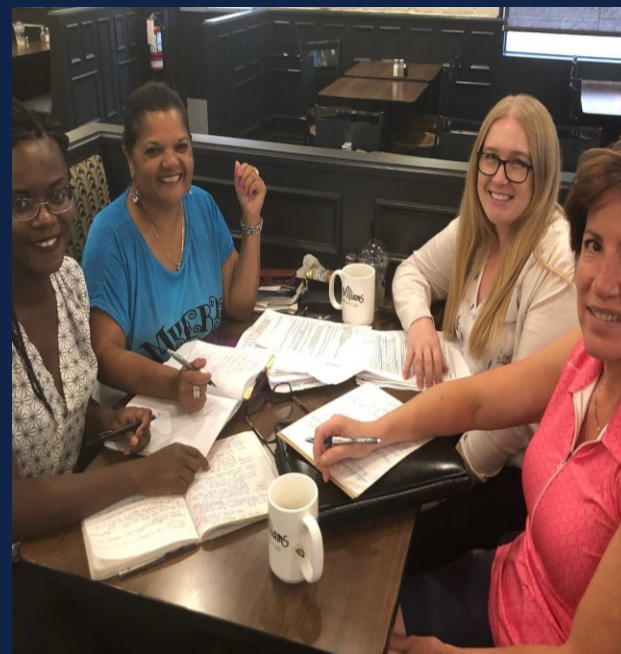
What Changed for Us?

- We became a committee!
- We met monthly
- We focused our efforts at the local level, we used what we could see and hear from our community
- We focused on building partnerships, a collective voice



Resolutions Today

- Resolution to BPW Ontario
- Complimentary Resolution distributed at the municipal level
- Currently working to complete a version of this resolution to be submitted to Peel Region for implementation and endorsement





2021 BPW Brampton Resolution

The Expansion of Funding for Victims of Domestic Violence to Live Safely in their Communities

- Emphasizes an existing pilot program, Project Guardian, and highlights it as an alternative support for victims of violence
- This considers alternatives to shelter system which isn't an option for some due to a variety of reasons including, but not limited to shelter capacity and accessibility
- Witnessing women and their children fleeing their homes, their friends, their places of worship, their jobs, and sense of community so that they can live safely exacerbates gender gaps
- Domestic violence and domestic violence homicides are a significant issue in Brampton specifically, our focus is to encourage options so that all victims might find safety
- Covid-19 has increased domestic violence rates and made it more difficult for victims to access services; those charged with assaults are often released from custody immediately due to the risk of contracting coronavirus

Partners

- Zonta
- Roots
- Hope 24/7



With Input from

- Victim Services of Peel
- Elizabeth Fry Society
- Peel Regional Police
- City Councillor Charmaine Williams

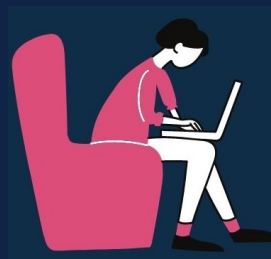


Why Now?

- In 2019, Brampton saw a 24% increase in homicides, a year where nearly half of all homicides were domestic related



- New programs and program structures allow for appropriate providers to reach victims in a larger capacity



- Police spend more time on scene for domestic calls than any other type of incident

- Government funding has increased to support the VAW sector in response to Covid-19



Our Next Steps

- Brampton City Council
- Peel Region
- Province of Ontario
- Local Agencies





Making BPW history



Thank
you!