

PAY AND SOCIAL EQUITY COMMITTEE REPORT

NOVEMBER, 2016

The Pay and Social Equity Committee continues work towards getting legislation for Pay Equity in Alberta. We did phone calls and emails to all MLA's and as a result we have had some meetings and phone calls with different ones. Some who have shown support have surprised us, and some we felt would be a given, have not responded as expected.

Hitomi and I attended the Persons' Breakfast Nov. 18, as LEAF is within the group of coalition members we have been building. The speaker at the breakfast focused on women's rights as to Social Equity, respect of women, rape and marital rape cases, etc. Bonnie, Raminder, and I also attended a meeting of the Grass Roots Womens' Group which organized Women's Day Activities, and Take Back the Night. We did a short presentation and asked them to spread the word of the need for Pay Equity Legislation, and to have them take the petitions back to their worksites.

We have over 3800 signatures so far, but had hoped to have 10,000 by now. But we refused to be discouraged. We will push forward. We are encouraged by the increase in interest there has been.

We meet again Dec. 16, and Jan. 24.