



Federal Election 2025: CCFWE Congratulates Mark Carney and Urges Action on Survivor Economic Empowerment

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The Canadian Centre for Women's Empowerment (CCFWE) congratulates Prime Minister Mark Carney on his election victory and the conclusion of the federal election. This marks a pivotal moment for Canada to prioritize building a more equitable and economically empowered society. As an organization dedicated to advancing financial independence and security for women and gender-diverse individuals, we welcome the clarity and opportunity to move forward on critical issues.

"We are eager to collaborate with this new government to address the economic dimensions of gender-based violence, particularly economic abuse, and to build a stronger economy where everyone has access to opportunities," said Meseret Haileyesus, Executive Director of CCFWE.

Concerns Regarding WAGE Restructuring

CCFWE reiterates its concern about the federal government's decision to dissolve the standalone Ministry for Women and Gender Equality (WAGE) and fold it under another ministry. This move risks deprioritizing gender equality initiatives and undermining efforts to combat gender-based violence, including economic abuse.

"To truly achieve a stronger economy, gender equity must remain a priority, supported by a dedicated ministry that amplifies the voices of survivors and ensures policies are led by lived experience from an intersectional lens," said Denna Berg, Director of Policy of CCFWE.

A Call to Action

CCFWE calls on the newly elected government to release mandate letters as soon as possible that prioritize survivor financial independence through the following measures:

1. **Reinstate the Ministry for Women and Gender Equality (WAGE)**
2. **Financial Empowerment Programs:** Accessible initiatives to rebuild financial knowledge and confidence for survivors.
3. **Career Development Support:** Employment pathways, skills training, and entrepreneurship programs tailored for survivors.

4. **Financial System Reforms:** Protocols within financial institutions to recognize economic abuse and support survivors with recovery tools like credit repair.
5. **Housing Security:** Affordable housing paired with programs supporting financial empowerment.
6. **Survivor-Centered Policies:** Expansion of the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence to include economic abuse and economic empowerment as key components.

CCFWE remains committed to addressing systemic barriers that prevent survivors from achieving economic independence. We are optimistic about working alongside Prime Minister Carney's government to ensure survivors are supported and empowered to contribute to a thriving, inclusive economy.

About the Canadian Centre for Women's Empowerment (CCFWE)

The Canadian Centre for Women's Empowerment (CCFWE) is Canada's only national non-profit organization dedicated to addressing economic abuse through education, research, economic empowerment, policy influencing, and systems change. CCFWE collaborates with organizations and individuals to develop survivor-centered approaches that enable recovery and long-term economic security.

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