CFUW Fredericton

Annual General Meeting

and

Annual Report

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CFUW Annual Report 2025

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CFUW Fredericton 2025-2026 President's Report

CFUW Fredericton 2025 kicked off with a Fall Gathering event where we chose to celebrate our own membership of women. Recognizing the strengths each brought to the organization created a great sense of pride and support as we planned our upcoming year of events. Starting with the City of Fredericton's Healthy Aging Expo in October, we provided a small but effective representation. Kicking off our guest speaker roster was a presentation by Sarah Sherman who provided an inside look at how an abusive relationship can change one's life. Her resilience enabled the development of the program "We Are Here for You" and the publication of her life story. This created a segue into the 16 Days of Activism program. A pivotal moment for us was winning the support of Fredericton's Mayor and City Council for our advocacy against violence towards women. Other organizations, such as NBPower, UNB and STU provided both local and province wide support.

2025 ended with a combined celebration of Hannukah and Christmas. Contributions to our member, Linda Aitken's *Share I Care* project left everyone feeling festive and grateful for being able to provide for others less fortunate. Our Christmas social event, Happy Yappy Appetizer's, provided another opportunity to share, enjoy great food and company and wish each other the best for upcoming New Year.

Our winter started strong with learning from our scholarship winner, Caroline Blakely's research on zebrafish, supporting our knitting group's efforts in providing items for homeless individuals, recognizing the success of the Friday Mahjong Group and planning for our upcoming May Book fair. Our April guest speaker, Executive Director, Women in Transition, Jan Hicks left us with renewed interest in planning how we could also help women who found the strength to leave abusive relationships and were living in transition while sorting out their lives.

A major success of the year was the endowment of our 75th Anniversary Scholarship Additionally, both the UNB and STU part time 80th Anniversary scholarships were voted on for the start of the endowment process.

As we ended our year, we again held a very successful book fair. We also saw changes to our Executive and committee convenors. Those moving on to other roles were acknowledged for their hard work and time spent providing strong leadership and input. The new convenors were recognized for bringing a different set of skills and experience to complement the existing committees. Together, they demonstrate the power of women working together towards a common goal, while supporting each other and CFUW.

A point to include was the desire for our membership to recognize each other. Time was reserved in our June General Meeting to learn from one member, Jenipher Schousboe, how important art was in her life. We experienced an amazing art show of Jenipher's work while gaining insight into her motivation for producing such beauty. It was encouraging to hear how we needed to continue to focus on the strengths and talent within our group going forward. Our last meeting was held at Sharon Crabb's home where CFUW National President, Linda Sestock, joined us for an afternoon of food and conversation. It was an enjoyable ending to our busy year.

Thank you for the continued support I have received from all of you in the past year. Your presence, suggestions, willingness to help, and of course, donations of wonderful food, demonstrated our CFUW values. Our successes were always a team effort!

I am also grateful for the ongoing support from the Executive, to Jean Fisher, Treasurer, and to Sharon Crabb, Past Vice-President and Special Advisor.

I respectfully submit this Annual Report 2025-26, as a document of our annual organizational activities.

Shelley Delano Parker, PhD.,

President, CFUW Fredericton

Treasurer's Report: Jean Fisher, Treasurer and Pam Love

	CFUW Fredericton - Proposed Budget for May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027		Proposed 26-27	Sub-totals	TOTALS
	A/ REVENUE SOURCES				
1	Membership [35x$78]		2,730		
2	Fundraising & Donations		15,000		
3	Fredericton Community Foundation		1,200		
4	Interest in Savings account [& from GIC's due Oct. 25, 2026]		2,200		
5	Total New Revenue			21,130	
6	***Reserve Funds [from net assets]***			10,540	
7	TOTAL REVENUE				31,670
8	B.1/ GENERAL OPERATION EXPENSES				
9	CFUW National & ARC Dues [35x$57]		1,995		
10	Meeting and Secretarial Expenses		600		
11	CFUW Fredericton AGM Expenses		400		
12	Membership Engagement & "In Memoriam" Library Books		200		
13	Conference expenses		3,000		
14	Website		600		
15	Fundraising expenses		1,500		
16	Miscellaneous		400		
17	Total General Operations Expenses			8,695	
18	B.2/ FUNDING, EDUC & COMMUNITY EXPENSES				
19	Kingswood Turnaround Scholarship		1,000		
20	CFUW F'ton 80th Anniversary Scholarship [part-time student at STU / $1000 to pay to student plus $5000 to start endowment]		6,000		
21	CFUW F'ton 80th Anniversary Scholarship [part-time student at UNB/ $1000 to pay to student plus $5000 to start endowment]		6,000		
22	NBCC Scholarship		1,000		
23	NBCCD Scholarship		1,000		
24	Literacy in the Classroom Grants		4,000		
25	Fredericton Music Festival Prizes		450		
26	International Projects		500		
27	Donations to Charities/speakers		225		
28	Local Issues		2,500		
29	Special Events		300		
30	Total Funding activity expenses			22,975	
31	TOTAL EXPENSES [general + funding]				31,670
32	This Proposed Budget is subject to Ratification at the CFUW Fredericton AGM on June 11, 2026				

Treasurer's Report:

CFUW Fredericton Financial Activities to April 30, 2026

	AMOUNTS	Sub-totals	TOTALS
REVENUE: Book Sales & donations	29,835.00		
Interest earned Omista Savings	258.07		
Interest earned in GIC's	2,625.0		
Membership dues	2,342.0		
Fredericton Community Foundation Inc. [Logue Estate]	1,500.0		
	Total Revenue		36,560.07
EXPENSES: General Operations:			
AGM Expenses	284.89		
Book Sale expenses	1,151.50		
Meeting and secretarial expenses	561.37		
Membership dues [National and ARC]	1,720.00		
	Total gen.Operating Expenses	3,717.76	
EXPENSES: Funding Activity Expenses			
CFUW F'ton 75th Anniversary Scholarship/UNB[endowment/partial]	11,500.00		
CFUW F'ton 75th Anniversary Scholarship/UNB [2025]	2,000.00		
NBCCD Scholarship	1,000.00		
NBCC Scholarship	1,000.00		
CFUW 80th Anniversary Scholarship/ UNB	1,000.00		
CFUW 80th Anniversary Scholarship/ STU	1,000.00		
Turnaround Achievement Award/Scholarship [Kingswood]	1,000.00		
Website	369.18		
Donations for speakers	150.00		
Local Issues	2,500.00		
International Projects	500.00		
Library & Creative Arts Grants	4,000.00		
Fredericton Music Festival	450.00		
	Total Funding Activity Exp.	26,469.18	
	TOTAL EXPENSES		30,186.94
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		6,373.13
	Net Assets begin May 1, 2025		110,568.82
	Net Assets end/ April 30, 2026		116,941.95
Submitted by: Jean Fisher, Treasurer CFUW Fredericton and Pam Love, Assistant to the Treasurer			

CFUW Fredericton - Statement of Financial Position [Year end Balance Sheet]
April 30, 2026

ASSETS:

CASH - Omista Community Chequing Acct./ general account	14,064.02
CASH - Omista Community Savings Acct./ scholarship & reserve	32,877.40
CASH - Omista Community Chequing Acct./ARC Conference	0.53
CASH - Omista GIC	30,000.00
CASH - Omista GIC	40,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	**116,941.95**

LIABILITIES :

None	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**0.00**
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	**116,941.95**

Submitted by: Jean Fisher, Treasurer CFUW Fredericton and Pam Love, Assistant to the Treasurer

CFUW Fredericton ‘s strength is in our committees and membership. Over the past year, our committees have been very active. The following is a listing of their activities:

Programs and Advocacy - CFUW Fredericton Program/Advocacy Committee Report

September, 2025 - May 2026

All members interested in this committee were invited to attend a meeting on October 30, 2025 at the Fredericton Public Library. Those who attended agreed we would concentrate our efforts for 2025/26 around the theme of Gender Based Violence (GBV). GBV was declared an emergency in New Brunswick in June 2025 and is a major theme of CFUW National's education and advocacy work. We wanted to learn about the many aspects of GBV, its causes, the resources and organizations available to respond, how we can play a part in combating it, and the roles of the municipal, provincial and federal governments. We discussed possible speakers and other related activities. We also discussed hosting an event to celebrate International Women’s Day and having a CFUW Fton scholarship student tell us about her studies and work.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence – At our request, City of Fredericton made a proclamation that November 25-Dec 10 be a time of reflection, action and solidarity to build a future free from violence, full of dignity, safety and justice. Purple ribbons were distributed at the Council meeting and CFUW monthly meeting. CFUW members approached NB Power, St Thomas University, City Hall and other businesses and organizations to display **purple lighting** to signify their concern and participation in the 16 Days of Activism.

An **information package** of materials related to the 16 Days of Activism was compiled and distributed to CFUW members and others.

Several CFUW members attended the December 6 ceremony at UNB to commemorate the victims of the **Montreal massacre**.

On Nov 27, 2025, CFUW welcomed **Sarah Sherman, author, advocate, survivor of GBV and founder of We’re Here for You, Canada,** a non-profit organization that provides support, care and comfort kits to survivors who seek help at hospitals after sexual assault, intimate partner violence or family violence. Information and an invitation to attend were widely extended on **CFUW website and newsletter.** Members brought contributions of requested items to donate to the organization.

On January 22, 2026, **Caroline Blakely, Winner of the Dr. Althea Warren MacCauley Scholarship,** presented information on her Masters research in Biology involving zebrafish and discussed the impact the CFUW scholarship had on her education.

On February 26**,** 2026, members of CFUW attended an informative, interesting presentation by Danie Gagnon, Executive Director of the **Muriel McQueen Ferguson Centre for Family Violence Research** on the UNB campus.

On March 8, 2026, **International Women's Day** was celebrated at Edye Besner's home with delicious food and spirited conversation. The event was well attended and much enjoyed.

On April 23, 2026, **Jan Hicks, Director of Women in Transition House,** spoke with our members about the purpose and work of Transition House and about the changing characteristics of GBV to now include many other harmful actions such as emotional, financial or pet abuse (and many others) in addition to physical abuse. Her talk generated many questions and conversations.

Unfortunately, Premier Susan Holt was not available to talk to our members in April or May as she had previously agreed. We have reissued the invitation for the Fall, but will have to wait and see.

With special thanks to Wendy Johnston for contributing her research, writing, knowledge of women's organizations and computer skills and to Shelley Delano-Parker for her enthusiasm and encouragement.

Beth Paynter,
Convenor, Programs and Advocacy Committee

Library and Creative Arts – Literacy in the Classroom Report 2025 to 2026.

The committee was comprised of Judy McPhail (Convener), Jean Fisher, Edye Besner, and Jenipher Schousboe.

This year with the recommendation of the of CFUW Fredericton executive and the approval of the general membership, the Literacy in the Classroom Grants were established to replace the Library and Creative Arts Grants. Letters of application for these literacy grants were sent to the Education offices in Fredericton and Oromocto. These were distributed to schools in their districts with a deadline of February 25, 2026. Nine grant proposals were received by the deadline. We were very pleased with the number of applications and the detailed information on how the grant money would be used.

The committee decided that eight grants of $500 each would be awarded. The schools that received the grants in the Fredericton area were Harvey High School, McAdam Elementary School and McAdam High School. The schools that received the grants in the Oromocto area were Burton Elementary School, Cambridge Narrows Community School, Gagetown Elementary School, Geary Elementary Community School and Minto Memorial High School. Letters of congratulation with a check for $500 from CFUW were sent out to the recipient schools. A letter was also sent to the other school who submitted an application thanking them for their application and encouraging them to apply again next year.
Thank you to all the committee members for all your work throughout this year.

Respectfully submitted, Judy McPhail, Convener.

Education and Scholarships – The Education and Scholarship Committee Annual Report for the 2026 AGM.

In the current fiscal year, 2025-2026, the endowment process was initiated for the STU and UNB 80th Anniversary Scholarships.

- The UNB 75th Anniversary Scholarship is now fully endowed.
- After meeting with UNB Marcie Nixon and Suzanne Bouderau it was decided the 80th Anniversary Scholarship annual value can be increased from $ 4500 to $5000 beginning at 2026-2027.

The following is a list of the **Scholarships Recipients**, the institution and the value of the scholarships. In the past year, we have awarded **19** scholarships. All scholarship recipients have forwarded their biography, a picture and permission to use this information on our Facebook and in our Newsletter. All scholarship recipients have been highlighted on our Facebook page and most in our newsletter.

NBCCD Aboriginal Female Scholarship ($1,000): Natasha Martin-Mitchell
NBCC CFUW Fredericton Scholarship ($1,000): Macy Jenkins

STU CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship ($2,000): Beatrix Culligin
STU CFUW-Fredericton Adult Learner Scholarship ($2,000): Sarah Busson
STU CFUW Fredericton Entrance Scholarship ($2,000): Annaclare Culberson
STU CFUW Fredericton 80th Anniversary Part-Time Scholarship ($1,000): Katherine Cake

UNB CFUW- Fredericton Bea Phillips Entrance Scholarship ($2,000): Sarah Linder
UNB CFUW- Fredericton 4-year Renewable Scholarship ($2,000): Julia St. Pierre (last year)
UNB CFUW-Fredericton 80th Anniversary Scholarship ($4,500): Megan Flann
UNB CFUW-Fredericton Charlotte van Dine Scholarship ($2,000): Madeline Brisson
UNB CFUW-Fredericton Jean Campbell Argue Memorial Scholarship ($6,000): Piper McCullough
UNB CFUW-Fredericton Marjorie Barberie Logue Scholarship (1) ($3,500): Mallory Campbell
UNB CFUW-Fredericton Marjorie Barberie Logue Scholarship (2) ($3,500): Marlee Hansen
UNB CFUW-Fredericton Marjorie Barberie Logue Scholarship (3) ($3,500): Chloe Brewer
UNB CFUW-Fredericton 75th Anniversary Scholarship ($2,000): Cameron Chessie
UNB CFUW-Fredericton Dr. Althea Warren Macaulay Graduate Scholarship ($2,000): Caroline Blakely
UNB CFUW-Fredericton Dr. Nora Ni Chuiv Graduate Scholarship ($2,500): Chinasa Ugwuegbulem
UNB CFUW Fredericton 80th Anniversary Part-Time Scholarship **(**$1,000): Sherri Good-Thompson

Kingswood Turn Around Achievement Award ($1,000): Hannah McKelvie

Respectfully submitted by the ESC Committee: Jane Nicki, Connie Bothwell, Pam Love, Edye Besner, Ruth Holmes, Mary Priddle, Judy McPhail and Bo Miedema

Membership – Our current membership as of May 30, 2025, is 34, 29 full members and 5 Life Committee members. We welcomed one new member this year. As we consider increasing and sustaining membership levels, members themselves are the greatest resource for sharing with others information about CFUW Fredericton. Use of Facebook and our website enables interested women opportunity to learn about the organization and our activities. Public activities such as the Fredericton Active Living Expo and our annual Book Fair continue to be key activities for recruitment.

Submitted by Deb Pyne-Young, Convenor.

Public Relations and Publicity – There was a continued use of the CFUW Website and Facebook. It was identified these venues could reach hundreds of individuals interested in our club activities as well as our Book Fair. We also took advantage of local CBC and 106.9 Radio Stations to advertise our Book Fair.

Corresponding Secretary/Membership Engagement: This special designation again is held by Edye Besner, a long time CFUW Fredericton member. Edye continues sending birthday cards and get well cards to our members. As well the committee delivers Christmas cookies to life members, helping to keep them connected. She also writes thank you notes to individuals and businesses that support CFUW as well as answer many enquiries about the book fair. This committee also actively engages in pursuing leads provided by members regarding women who had made comments on joining CFUW. These efforts were recognized by our membership increasing by two new members. Submitted by: Edye Besner

Recording Secretary: Our Recording Secretary, Linda Aitken has provided a valuable service in documenting every meeting held by CFUW Executive and General Membership. Her well-developed and timely reports provide a full description of our monthly meetings and ongoing activities. These minutes also enabled the Archivist to maintain the required critical historical records.

Archivist: Archivist's Report

On August 28, 2025, in my new role as club Archivist, I met with Christine Lovelace, UNB Archivist and deposited hard copies of CFUW – Fredericton documents covering the period 2022 - spring 2025. Many thanks to former club Archivist Jean Fisher for preparing the well-organized files. This is an addition to the existing CFUW – Fredericton collection (Fonds MG 1999, housed on the 5th floor of the Harriet Irving Library) that includes a variety of materials including minutes, newsletters, posters and reports that speak to our activities and impact during the period 1944 to 2008, as well as not yet processed documents

covering 2010-2022. Additional documents and photos will be added to the Fonds in summer 2026.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Johnston

Special Committees

Book Club – meeting the second Tuesday of every month, this active group follows a published list of books where each one, in order, is discussed at the respective monthly meeting. A list of the books for the upcoming year is published at our Book Fair for the General Public to see.

Book Fair Group – The 2026 Book Fair was held at the usual Brookside Mall venue where books were received and sorted for the three weeks prior to the fair. We had a great turnout of members to help with both sorting and selling. A very high number of puzzles contributed to the financial success of the sale. We were able to have GNB Corrections remove any unsold books for use in the correctional facilities around the province. Local Elementary and Middle Schools also helped with the leftovers. Plans are currently underway for the 2027 Book Fair.

Outreach— The Outreach Group under the guidance of Sharon Crabb, is comprised of the Local Issues and Knitters Group. In support of the Coldest Night of the Year, the Knitters Group undertook the work of knitting woollen items which were then taken to the Fredericton Downtown Community Health Centre for distribution to the vulnerably housed or homeless population.

The Outreach Group met in March 2026 to discuss the Local Issues budget and to determine the distribution of the funds. Following these discussions, it was recommended the funds be distributed to the following charities: NB Coalition for Pay Equity, Enterprise Program, Gignoo Transition House, We're Here for You Canada, Grace House and Fredericton Community Kitchens.

Thank you to the members of the Outreach Group for your work as members of the Knitters Group and Local Issues Group.

Mahjong Group—Meeting every Friday at Edye Besner's home, this group continues to grow in popularity. It is anticipated it will continue to provide fun for members and their guests every Friday afternoon..

Social Committee

Our social events are important activities for us to come together as a group as well as support local restaurants. We enjoyed monthly luncheons, Happy Yappy Appetizer events, and an International Women's Day celebration, all organized by Edye Besner and Ruth Holmes. We look forward to continuing this tradition.