Violence Against Women and Girls Must Stop

Original Policy Recommendations

- Develop and implement a comprehensive Violence Against Women and Girls Civic Action Plan.
- Provide a fully accessible, centrally located Women’s Hub.
- Work collaboratively and effectively with both the Provincial and Federal Government to end violence against women and girls.

Progress

Based on a series of conversations with community partners and elected officials, there has been *minimal progress* on addressing violence against women and girls.

Ongoing barriers:

- No steps taken towards a publicly funded Women’s Hub or Civic Action Plan
- Women not sufficiently represented on the police force
- Too much burden place on the victim of sexual assault and violence against women; more women need to be in positions of power to change the justice system, removing prejudice and upholding the integrity of women and girls
- Issues surrounding violence against women and girls are suppressed while sexist attitudes remain

Progress made towards original goals:

- Collaboration between community organizations and Vancouver City to develop a plan for the Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Girls and Women

Additional actions taken:

- Issues pertaining to violence against women and girls advocated for through initiatives such as the Healthy City Initiative, the Engaged City Strategy, the Gender Equality Strategy, the Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee, the Women’s Advisory Committee
- Key focus surrounding violence against women with the development of civic spaces, including adequate lighting on city streets