



DID YOU KNOW?

- Ontario has cancelled the Roundtable on Violence Against Women (VAW)*, no alternative plan has been identified, despite:
 1. **53** Ontario women being murdered from January 1 to August 30, 2018
 2. **13,986** women in Ontario being victims of domestic violence, per 2016 Statistics Canada. These are only the reported cases!
 3. The gun control bill, Bill C-71** was introduced to the Senate and received first reading on September 25, 2018. Where is it now?

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- November is Women Abuse Prevention month in Ontario.
- CFUW declared 16 days of activism from November 25th to December 10th.

MAKE WOMEN'S VOICES HEARD

Call or e-mail your MPP and let him/her know we are very concerned with the cancellation of the Roundtable on Violence Against Women and would like to know what the Ontario government plans to do to address VAW.

Call or e-mail your MP to let him/her know we want Bill C71 passed promptly. Ask what our club can do to help expedite this bill.

Please pass along the information you collect to one of:

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**an expert panel formed (by the Liberal government) in 2015 as a way for experts to provide strategic advice to the province on emerging issues related to Violence Against Women. See www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-ford-government-disbands-liberals-expert-panel-to-end-violence*

*** Bill C71 addresses control of fire-arms through background checks on purchasers, mandatory record-keeping, etc. See www.openparliament.ca/bills-c-71*

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