

Disposition of the Resolutions

By Anne Dyas

Cochrane District re: Rabies

Hon. Helen Johns, Minister of Agriculture states: "Vaccination for many diseases is a critical component of pet and livestock ownership." A Ministry Fact Sheet is available. Several municipalities periodically run reduced cost rabies clinics in partnership with local veterinary clinics or associations. The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines subsidizes veterinary calls for livestock in remote areas of Northern Ontario.

Cochrane District re: Removal of GST from Feminine Hygiene Products

The Prime Minister's Office acknowledges receipt of our resolution. Hon. John Manley states: "GST ... applies to a very broad base, with only a limited, narrow set of exemptions ... this enables the tax to be set at a relatively low rate... Tax relief is provided for low-income Canadians rather than excluding specific items from the tax base."

Thora District re: Dairy Product Consumption

Letters have been written to several organizations supporting public education regarding the benefits of dairy product consumption.



Carleton District re: Banning the Use of Bio-solids in Agriculture, Silviculture and Aquaculture

Letters have been written to several ministries and a written presentation was submitted to the Stage 1 Hearings on Bill 81.

Provincial Board Request re: Subsidized Transportation for Hay West

The Prime Minister's Office acknowledged receipt of our request for immediate provision of subsidized transportation for donated hay to Prairie farmers.

From the District Reports

Branches sent letters or lobbied in other ways on a great variety of subjects, including:

- immigration (placement, language requirements, costs to teach English)
- closure of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead
- condition of local gravel roads
- provincial amalgamation program
- removal of Christmas programming from public airways
- school closures
- welfare and human rights
- suggestion to appoint an Ombudsman to the Federal Health Care system
- home care for seniors
- protesting business closures with jobs going to Mexico
- support for proposed heritage areas
- restoration vs demolition of a building
- deregulation of electric power
- need to keep physiotherapy pool open

- reopen a roadside park
- need for flashing light at intersection
- removal of old oak trees
- cessation of local eye surgery
- elimination of Area Conventions
- support for Kyoto Accord
- a directory with annual supplements to promote community
- WI web page with contact information on community website
- protesting Life Member fees
- supporting local food banks
- necessity of livestock vaccines
- reflective vests for nighttime cyclists, walkers, etc.
- reintroduction of The Lord's Prayer in schools
- seat belts on school buses

Members met with municipal bylaw officers to express local concerns and received assurance from then Foreign Minister John Manley that he did not consider water to be for sale, as "a good" in goods and services. Program guests spoke on protecting, conserving and testing water, on sealing unused wells and on Women's Rights in Uganda.

From the Perth South District Report:

"If our WIs are going to survive, we must give concern to everyday affairs in our own communities and in Canada, whether it is agriculture, health, education, government spending or moral and spiritual issues."

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Books for Babies

Grandview WI President Mary Belle Hambly (left) and Education Committee Chair Miriam McKeown (right)



presented Lennox & Addington Hospital Obstetrics RN Brenda Luffman with 120 "Books for Babies." Every newborn child at the Hospital will receive a complimentary book, thus promoting literacy from birth. This project is in support of the national literacy project known as LINKS (Linking Institutes and Neighbours with Knowledge and Skills) initiated by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC).

Submitted by Helen Stafford, PRO, Grandview WI, Lennox & Addington.

Lansdowne WI Supports Local Defibrillator



The Lansdowne WI recently presented the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne and the 1000 Islands with a generous cheque for \$500 to offset the purchase of a defibrillator for use in their community. Shown from left to right are Connie Burns - Branch Treasurer, Bill Grier - Fire Chief and Donna Cross - Lansdowne WI President.

Submitted by Nancy Langton, Secretary, Lansdowne WI, Leeds. Photo courtesy of *The Reporter*, Gananoque.