

BIMINAAWZOGIN REGIONAL ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S CIRCLE
Annual General Meeting Report
November 6, 2024
Patricia Mulcaster, Chairperson

On behalf of the Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women's Circle, welcome to our 17th Annual General Meeting. This has been a productive year for BRAWC. Our Circle of Director's commitment and dedication to our organization continues to be strong. I would like to say miigwetch to our Directors who I have had the pleasure of working with over the last year:

Laura Forget, Melissa Monague, Eva Brown, Meghan Cote, Bernice Chevrier, April Dumont-Moreau and honourable mention to Debra Waylen, ex-officio who supported my role as Chair for the past year.

And to the current staff who are at the front line of BRAWC:

Candace Hawke, Executive Director

Amanda Maynard, Finance Manager

Deborah Henderson, Program Support Worker

Karen Sandy, Transition Outreach Worker/Data Entry Specialist

Crystal Sutherland, Human Resource Manager

Roxanne Shebobman, Housing First Case Manager

Nicole Bruyns, Outreach Worker

Aleeza Dejong, Intake/Coordinated Access Worker

Charles Clarke, Housing First Case Manager

Sherry Stinson, Housing First Case Manager

And our newest staff, Jordyn Clark, Housing Support Worker

And to our external support staff:

Luana Harper-Shirt, Cultural Advisor

Yvonne Brunelle, Psychotherapist

Valerie Anderson, Social Worker

Our Executive Director continues to work hard to sustain operational and program funding. BRAWC does not have core like funding and we rely solely on annual grants. I would like to say miigwetch to the:

- **County of Simcoe** for providing funding through the Homelessness Prevention Program, Reaching Homes (last fiscal year), and our Outreach Service Program, all programs are annual grants
- **Ontario Aboriginal Housing Support Services**, the Indigenous Supportive Housing Program which supports our transitional housing program and our Indigenous housing first program. This is also an annual grant.

Thank you to the community who continues to support BRAWC. Our Circle continues to be inspired as we move forward empowering Indigenous people and families across Simcoe County.