

Dear Chapter Members,

We'd like to share an updated report on the Chapter Task Force recommendations voted on earlier this year. We're pleased to report that progress is ongoing and an updated report and itemized list of the kinds of progress made thus far is attached. More information will become available as we progress and we can look forward to a meeting of chapters in September.

In summary, a committee to revise the Chapter Handbook has been struck and has been working on updating and revising. The committee expects that work will be complete in August 2021. Jeannette Muhongiyare is now the designated contact person for chapters wanting to contact other members, and work is ongoing to ensure interested members are connected with chapters within a week of their expression of interest. You no longer need to look for a bulk list sent periodically but will receive emails from interested individuals as they come in. Some of this outreach work will also be incorporated into the revised Chapter Handbook.

As you know, we implemented a new resolutions process. We have a standing Resolutions Committee and the new policy has been put into place for our June 2021 AMM. Work on chapter representation and engagement at the board level and board outreach to chapters is ongoing, with some points being reserved for the orientation of new board members following the AMM.

Our new online community is still on target to be ready to launch at the end of 2021. A working group that includes two Chapter Task Force members has been struck and has met a number of times. Two platforms are being considered and the working group has met with a team whose platform is being developed specifically to meet the needs of social movement organizations.

We remain incredibly grateful to all the chapter members who helped create these dynamic changes through their thoughtful input. You are part of an ongoing process that will strengthen the role of chapters in the Council of Canadians and make the organization, as a whole, a thoroughly effective 21st century instrument of social and political change.

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