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Subject: FW: Violence in Politics

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Dear Colleagues,

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has been working with Sue Bookchin and Stacey Godsoe from Be the Peace Institute, a group dedicated to reducing gender-based violence. Two women in our community died as a result of intimate partner violence within the last year and our Council is working to address this serious issue in our community.

We also recognize that the majority of the last two Councils were made up of women and there have been fears raised associated with campaigning and in dealing with residents. Some are concerned for their personal safety as well as the emotional impact of social media connected to their role as an elected official.

Ending gendered and racialized violence and harassment in Canadian politics is essential to achieving equal representation and something that will take a collective effort to achieve.

The Violence & Harassment in Politics Working Group is an interprovincial, cross-sector group established by Be the Peace. The group is working to raise awareness and find ways to address sexual harassment, misogyny, and racism in politics—during elections and while in office.

I are reaching out to invite you to take part in an important survey about safety in politics.

- Have you experienced or witnessed harassment, hate, or violence during an election in Atlantic Canada?
- Have you experienced or witnessed harassment, hate, or violence in a political or elected office in Atlantic Canada?
- Have you been discouraged from being involved in politics in Atlantic Canada due to harassment, hate, or violence that you have experienced or witnessed?

This information will help inform how best to respond to growing concerns about safety in politics.

👉 The survey takes about 5 minutes and is completely anonymous and confidential. The survey is open until November 30th.

👉 Use this link :

<https://thans.limesurvey.net/731845?lang=en>

Please also consider sharing this survey with your networks: friends, colleagues, and community members who may have relevant experiences in this region.

Thank you for helping us shine a light on this issue.

Regards,

Elspeth

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