

Statement

Nunavummiut women encouraged to be inspired!

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Monica Ell, Minister responsible for Qulliit Nunavut Status of Women Council, released the following statement:

"January 27 was a landmark in Canadian political history. Eighty-seven per cent of Canadians now have a female Premier leading their province or territory, as a result of the Ontario Liberal convention electing Kathleen Wynne to replace Premier Dalton McGuinty.

Now, six premiers in Canada are women. This is remarkable when you look back at Canadian political history. Let us continue to close the gender gap.

I encourage women in Nunavut to be inspired and to run for elected office more often than is currently the case. Women are already deeply involved in their community but, for many reasons, do not run for elected office which is a great loss to the entire population.

Without true representation of women in the halls of power, – whether on local committees or councils or legislative bodies – we are deprived of the significant wisdom and life experience women bring to the table."

If you are interested in learning more, you may want to check out the following resources:

Equal Voice on Facebook or http://www.equalvoice.ca

Federation of Canadian Municipalities "Women in Local Government" at http://www.fcm.ca/home/programs/women-in-local-government.htm

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