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**DATE: November 4**  
**LOCATION: Administrative Studies  
Building, Room 103**  
**TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

## Constitution petition initiated

Sandy Lum

A petition including women in the BNA Act by the York Women's Centre has resulted from recent meetings of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, (NAC) and the Canadian Advisory Council in Toronto. The Women's Centre backs changes demanded by NAC and the Advisory Council for Human Rights Laws.

"All people need to be treated equally under the law," said Betsy Carr of NAC last Friday. "And the entrenchment of rights in the new constitution is very important to women due to the uncertainty of a BNA drawn up by men for their needs."

Changes recommended by this month's meetings were:

- Equality under the Human Rights Law. The present human rights law gives women protection but not equality in rape cases. Charges can be dismissed if the accused had reason to believe that victim consented despite later protests.

- Keeping divorce law in federal hands. The federal government

presently wants to make divorce law a provincial jurisdiction. If the move is completed difficulties in divorce settlements may arise. Under this change if a former spouse moved to another province that person may choose not to pay maintenance orders and no legal can be taken. Again, if a couple's child is abducted by one spouse no legal action can be taken.

- Minimizing what Carr calls "passing the buck" between

federal and provincial government. At present the funding of social services is shared between the two levels of government. The federal government will pay half of the funding if the province pays the first half. Any delay on the province's part could disrupt services.

- Having women represented as judges in the Supreme Court. This will add a more realistic perspective and interpretation in decisions concerning the welfare of the country.

According to NAC, women did not become persons until 1929 when a legal decision allowed appointments of women into the senate. Before that decision women had neither votes nor equality as members of government.

Prior to 1929, the BNA Act did not refer to women as "persons". It was due to such legal wording that the NAC and the Advisory Council collaborated to avoid repeating the same mistake in the new BNA.

Everyone is welcome to sign the petition in the Women's Centre, Rm. 102 B.S.B.



# Just say OV.

