

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council

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With “One Heart, One Voice, One Mission”

Alberta

NDP wins. The newspapers were stating that unofficially 59% of voters voted, which is highest turnout in last 6 elections. However, the website for Elections Alberta stated the “Official” voter turnout on May 5, 2015 was 53.7%. Not exactly a stellar turnout but congratulations to those Albertans who actually did cast their ballot.

- NDP – 53 seats
- Wildrose Party – 21 seats (Official opposition)
- PC – 10 seats
- Liberal – 1 seat
- Alberta Party – 1 seat

The newly elected Alberta Provincial Government has made several announcements. One of those announcements was the ban on Menthol flavoured tobacco, which will go into effect September 30, 2015. This is most welcome news for many of our members, and follows nicely on Resolution 2014.03.

Also teachers, parents and students will be pleased with the \$103 million returned to the education system.

Members are urged to write to their MLAs with regards to seniors' issues and the need for an advocate to protect all seniors. See the Provincial Initiative postings from Judy L. on the <cwl.ab.ca> website for additional information on this.

The Northwest Territories

<http://www.assembly.gov.nt.ca/documents-proceedings/bills>

The fifth session began on *Wednesday, May 27, 2015*. Voting day is November 23, 2015.

Federal government

The federal government has agreed to remove the GST on feminine hygiene menstrual products effective July 1, 2015. Thank you to all League members who signed the petition. This also goes to show that petitions can and do work.

We have a long continuous battle ahead of us if we want to block all attempts at the government passing any euthanasia Bill now or in the future. We will need to be like the bridesmaids waiting with lanterns for the groom to arrive if we want to defend the right of life to its natural end. The oil in the lanterns will be in our teaching the future generations about respect for life.

Members are encouraged to write their MPs, and to copy in the leader of the opposition parties, with regards to the killing of the unborn, and to block any Bills or Legislation to allow euthanasia.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break.

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