

Introduction

thank you for participating in the testing of a new annual reporting system. As parish legislation standing committee chairpersons, your report adds value to our diocesan, provincial and national perspective.

The form is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading. Please do not feel daunted by the length of the report. There are many options, but we understand that councils will focus on just a few of the priorities listed. It is perfectly okay to leave questions unanswered if your council has not pursued a certain topic.

Thank you for completing this annual report. It will help us to know better what your council is doing and what your members interests are.

* 1. Name of Chairperson:

* 2. Name of Parish Council:

* 3. Parish Town:

* 4. Diocese:

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| <input type="radio"/> Antigonish | <input type="radio"/> Mackenzie | <input type="radio"/> Saint John |
| <input type="radio"/> Alexandria-Cornwall | <input type="radio"/> Military Ordinariate | <input type="radio"/> St. John's |
| <input type="radio"/> Bathurst | <input type="radio"/> Moncton | <input type="radio"/> St. Paul |
| <input type="radio"/> Calgary | <input type="radio"/> Montreal | <input type="radio"/> Saskatoon |
| <input type="radio"/> Charlottetown | <input type="radio"/> Nelson | <input type="radio"/> Sault Ste. Marie |
| <input type="radio"/> Corner Brook and Labrador | <input type="radio"/> Ottawa | <input type="radio"/> Sherbrooke |
| <input type="radio"/> Edmonton | <input type="radio"/> Pembroke | <input type="radio"/> Thunder Bay |
| <input type="radio"/> Edmundston | <input type="radio"/> Peterborough | <input type="radio"/> Timmins |
| <input type="radio"/> Grand Falls | <input type="radio"/> Prince Albert | <input type="radio"/> Toronto |
| <input type="radio"/> Grouard-McLennan | <input type="radio"/> Prince George | <input type="radio"/> Valleyfield |
| <input type="radio"/> Halifax-Yarmouth | <input type="radio"/> Quebec | <input type="radio"/> Vancouver |
| <input type="radio"/> Hamilton | <input type="radio"/> Regina | <input type="radio"/> Victoria |
| <input type="radio"/> Hearst | <input type="radio"/> St. Boniface | <input type="radio"/> Whitehorse |
| <input type="radio"/> Kamloops | <input type="radio"/> St. Catharines | <input type="radio"/> Winnipeg |
| <input type="radio"/> Keewatin-The Pas | <input type="radio"/> St. Hyacinthe | <input type="radio"/> Not applicable |
| <input type="radio"/> Kingston | <input type="radio"/> St. Jean-Longueuil | |
| <input type="radio"/> London | <input type="radio"/> St. Jerome | |

* 5. Province:

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| <input type="radio"/> Alberta Mackenzie | <input type="radio"/> New Brunswick | <input type="radio"/> Quebec |
| <input type="radio"/> B.C. & Yukon | <input type="radio"/> Newfoundland and Labrador | <input type="radio"/> Prince Edward Island |
| <input type="radio"/> Manitoba | <input type="radio"/> Nova Scotia | <input type="radio"/> Saskatchewan |
| <input type="radio"/> Military Ordinariate | <input type="radio"/> Ontario | |

Monitor and Study Legislation at All Levels of Government

Legislation affects everyone and everything we have and do.

* 6. Do you know the names of your local, provincial and federal government representatives?

	Yes	No
Municipal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Federal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 7. Do you receive mailings from these representatives?

	Yes	No
Municipal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Federal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 8. Have you attended public forums sponsored by governments at any level and brought information back to your council?

Yes No

If yes, please explain.

* 9. How would you rate your knowledge of the issues being discussed by government at all levels?

	Extremely well informed	Well informed	Somewhat informed	Not informed
Municipal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Federal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 10. Please describe your level of awareness of the following federal bills that were monitored nationally up until the federal election.

	Shared issue with council	Read up on it	Not aware of it
Bill C-30 Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill C-52 Fair Rail Freight Service Act	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill C-273 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (cyberbullying)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill C-279 An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code (gender identity)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill C-299 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (kidnapping of young persons)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill C-304 An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act (protecting freedom)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill C-400 Secure, Adequate, Accessible and Affordable Housing Act	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill C-425 An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (honouring the Canadian Armed Forces)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill C-428 Indian Act Amendment and Replacement Act	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill C-442 National Lyme Disease Strategy Act	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Has your council acted on any of the following legislation resolution and, if so, in what way? [Please refer to cwl.ca for the resolved clauses.]

	Attended workshops and seminars	Arranged for a guest speaker	Wrote letters to government
1997.10 Amendment to the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Interpretations Act to Recognize the Child as a Human Being from Inception	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2004.04 Child Care Tax Deduction for Families with a Stay-at-Home Parent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2004.06 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2006.05 GST Exemption of Funeral Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2008.05 Transportation Tax Credit for Rural Post-Secondary Students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2009.03 Hate Messages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2014.05 Old Age Security Allowance for Individuals 60 to 64 Years of Age Regardless of Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2015.04 Invoke Section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in the Case of Carter v. Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2015.05 Reinstatement of the Mandatory Long Form Census	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Is there provincial legislation that you have been monitoring closely? If so, please list the title[s] of the bill.

* 13. Have you accessed Hansard, the printed record of the proceedings of the federal government?

Yes

No

Preparation of Briefs and Position Papers on Proposed Legislation

* 14. On October 3, 2014, the national executive reaffirmed its position paper on euthanasia and assisted suicide. Has your council reviewed the position paper or acted upon its recommendations by calling "upon the federal government to demonstrate that compassion compels the human community not to abandon the sick and dying but to respect the dignity of every human life"?

Yes

No

Summary and Final Thoughts

15. Is there anything else you would like to share about your council's legislation activities?