

Since 1986 the government has been setting up local Community Futures Committees. These Committees have been empowered to oversee the economic development of disadvantaged communities such as the West Kootenays.

The appointing of Community Future Committee members has been a mandate of the local Member of Parliament. Typically these committees are made up of local members of the party which won the last election. Of course that means that most of these committees are made up of P.C.'s.

These committees oversee the distribution of 5 - 7 million dollars. As well, many of the committees are being asked to take on the functions of the Local Advisory Committee to the Canada Employment Centre. The L.A.C.'s oversee the distribution of another 3 - 4 million dollars.

The L.A.C. mandate stated that a woman from a representative women's organization be appointed to sit on the committee. The Community Futures Committees do not have this provision.

"Resolved that the West Kootenay Women's Association request that ~~a~~ woman from ~~a~~ representative feminist organization be appointed to all Community Futures Committees across Canada."