

**National Capital Region Pride Committee Report
June 2013
Presented by Isabelle Gendron, Co-chair**

As stated in our January 2013 report, Jacques, co-chair of this committee and I continue to desire and work towards support and engagement in this committee. To do so, we had undertaken research, done some brainstorming and have pursued networking.

Speaker's Series and Movie evenings:

Since that report, the committee has had two guest speakers and one movie evening. François-Louis Sallafranque, Université du Québec en Outaouais, presented his research project on homosexual fathers using surrogacy. Ian Capstick, MediaStyle, joined us to discuss community engagement. The movie *How To Survive A Plague* was shown as requested.

Membership Survey

We have conducted a survey of our members to understand their needs, preferences for meeting format and the issues that are of concerns to them. As a result of the data collected, an amended Terms of Reference is being drafted.

May 17th - International Day Against Homophobia

As the theme for this year's May 17th campaign was *Fight the Homophobia Web Virus*, we organized a plant-gate, in front of the Treasury Board Secretariat, and at Place du Portage, where we distributed literature on how to fight homophobia on social media. We participated in the event to celebrate the launch of CFIA's LGBT Network. Event pictures have been posted on the regional website.

Social Media

Our interaction with our *MyPrideMaFierté* Facebook page friends continues to thrive. We invite all our union brothers and sisters to join us there. As previously explained, as it is a grassroots page, all are invited to post in the language of their choice.

Summer 2013

It had been hoped that the speaker's series and movie format would re-engage our membership and revitalize our activities. To date, this has proven to be a challenge. For the summer, we will be focusing on a meet and greet format where members and the community will be invited to monthly gatherings in more informal settings.

For summer 2013, we will be publishing a list of Pride events that are taking place in Ontario and Québec, we encourage you to take part in these and show your union Pride. The Ottawa Pride Parade will take place on August 25th and we hope to see many of you there!__