ST. JOHN'S STATUS OF WOMEN COUNCIL

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St. John's Status of Women Council Appoints Jennifer Bessell as Interim Executive Director

The St. John's Status of Women Council (SJSWC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Bessell as Interim Executive Director. Jennifer will lead the SJSWC/Women's Centre team effective May 20, 2025, offering continuity of services until such time a new Executive Director will be hired.

The SJSWC would like to acknowledge and thank Lisa Faye for her service as Executive Director. Under her leadership, the SJSWC progressed its mission in many areas, including adapting and inventing programming to meet the needs of our community, speaking up and speaking out against inequality, and creating a community of care and accountability.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I express our deep appreciation for Lisa's significant contributions as Executive Director. It has been a joy to witness the immense knowledge and care she brings to our community each and every day," said Amanda Eid, Board Chair. "We look forward to supporting Jennifer as she takes on the interim leadership role and continuing to work together towards equality and justice for all."

Jennifer Bessell has held leadership positions with many non-profit industry associations and charities including the Canadian Bar Association, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada, the Association for New Canadians, and most recently the Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs. In September 2024, she founded Fractional Executive Services, a consultancy specializing in executive coaching, business strategy consulting, and fractional executive work to assist organizations through periods of transition and growth.

"I look forward to supporting the vital work of the St. John's Status of Women Council during this transition as they seek a new Executive Director," Jennifer Bessell, Founder and Principal, Fractional Executive Services. "Working closely with the board and staff of SJSWC, we will maintain their exceptional advocacy and services for women and gender diverse individuals."

About SJSWC:

The St. John's Status of Women Council/Women's Centre is a feminist organization that since 1972 is continually working to achieve equality and justice through political activism, community collaboration and the creation of a safe and inclusive space for all women and gender-diverse people in the St. John's area. To learn more, visit sjwomenscentre.ca.

About Fractional Executive Services:

Fractional Executive Services is a dynamic consulting firm specializing in providing fractional executives, business and strategic planning, executive and organizational coaching, communications and government relations, governance consulting, and professional speaking engagements. Their mission is to empower businesses through strategic guidance and tailored solutions. To learn more, visit fesconsult.ca.

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