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**EQUAL VOICE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
RENEWS LEADERSHIP**
Chapter elects a dynamic group of women for 2009 – 2010

OTTAWA - On Tuesday, May 12, members of the National Capital Region chapter of Equal Voice participated in a general meeting to renew the chapter which included an election of a new leadership team for the 2009-2010 year.

Sherri Moore-Arbour, Vice Chair of the Upper Canada District School Board and a school board trustee, was elected as chapter Chair.

"It's exciting to see women from across the political spectrum united by a common passion to get more women nominated and elected, in every party and at every level," said Ms. Moore-Arbour.

Acclaimed were Jen Hunter as Vice Chair, Heather-Jane Robertson as Treasurer, Kathleen Monk as Secretary, Anu Bose as Membership Chair, and Dr. Melissa Hausman and Carrolyn Johnston as Members at Large. This leadership team will be supported by a volunteer steering committee that are charged with creating activities and events that support the core work of the organization which is making sure more women are elected to all levels of government from all parties across the country.

"Equal Voice has an important role to play in the National Capital Region. Our new dynamic leadership has plans to host a variety of events offering networking and learning opportunities. The focus of this new team remains unchanged," continued Ms. Moore-Arbour.

The chapter is grateful to outgoing Vice Chair, Nancy Peckford, for the leadership and vision she brought to this role and additionally wishes Ms Peckford well in her new role as Executive Director of Equal Voice National effective May 15, 2009.

Equal Voice is a national multi-partisan organization committed to promote the election of more women to all levels of Government and, ultimately, change the face of Canadian politics. We are a group of women and men who are deeply concerned about Canadian politics and have formed a multi-partisan, non-profit organization devoted to the still-bold idea that more women must be elected to every level of government in Canada.

To learn more about Equal Voice join us online at www.equalvoice.ca and to get involved locally with the National Capital Chapter please contact us at equalvoiceottawa@gmail.com.

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