

What Does \$6.25 Buy? The Real Value of Ontario Council Membership

For just \$6.25 per member, per year, your club gains access to financial support, insurance, advocacy tools, networking, and governance guidance — all backed by the Ontario Council.

Here's exactly what that investment gets you.

Financial Support

Ontario Council helps ease the financial load on clubs and rewards participation:

- AGM Reimbursement: Small clubs (60 members or fewer) get a full refund of their annual OC fees if a member attends the in-person AGM
- Insurance, for \$0.75/member: Directors & Officers Liability and Commercial General Liability coverage for your club and its events — far cheaper than buying it independently
- Regional Gathering Grants & Loans: Hosting clubs can access grants and loans to cover upfront costs
- AGM Host Support: \$250 in recognition, plus a loan of \$4,000+ to cover initial expenses
- Project Grants & Loans: \$750 grants for non-revenue projects; \$300 loans for revenue-generating ones
- Carolyn Day Award: A \$500 grant recognizing outstanding environmental projects

Networking & Connection

- Regional Fall Gatherings — meet and learn from members of other clubs
- Standing Committees — join discussions and decisions over Zoom, wherever you are
- The AGM — alternates between in-person and Zoom so every member can take part

Staying Informed

- Executive Visits — Ontario Council executives will visit your club and speak, at no cost
- The OC Newsletter — up to 9 issues a year, covering current issues, the Speakers Series, and club news
- The Website — a hub for policies, updates, and club successes
- A Direct Line to National — the VP Ontario connects your club to CFUW National's broader goals

Advocacy That Amplifies Your Voice

Ontario Council puts real weight behind women's issues in the province:

- Government Engagement — letters, meetings, event attendance, and commentary on provincial budgets
- Coalitions — partnerships with groups like the Equal Pay Coalition and the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care
- Speakers Series — at least 4 Zoom events a year on education, legislation, and women's rights
- Resolutions & Toolkits — support for developing resolutions, plus toolkits to help your club take action

Governance You Can Rely On

Ontario Council shares best practices to help clubs run smoothly and effectively, including:

- Advocacy
- Scholarship management
- Club leadership
- Membership activities
- Respectful Treatment policies

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