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OCTEVAW's First Response to Concerns About Disclosures

OCTEVAW has recently been contacted by community members with concerns about how our organization responds when survivors disclose violence and abuse.

We want to be transparent and accountable to all survivors, understanding that accountability is frequently denied to survivors of violence, causing them still more harm.

So, we are listening to the voices of survivors and concerns community members have expressed about OCTEVAW.

Full healing and accountability require transparency and openness. It is frustrating that legal obligations under which we operate can sometimes constrain our responses. We know that as an organization we are not perfect, but we will always strive to do better.

We know we have a lot of work to do. We will work with community members to figure out what to do next, without placing undue burden on survivors for this labour.

We are committed to providing frequent updates about this work and welcome your comments, concerns and feedback by emailing our Chair-Elect Barbara Laskin at feedback@octevaw-cocvff.ca.

We believe survivors.