

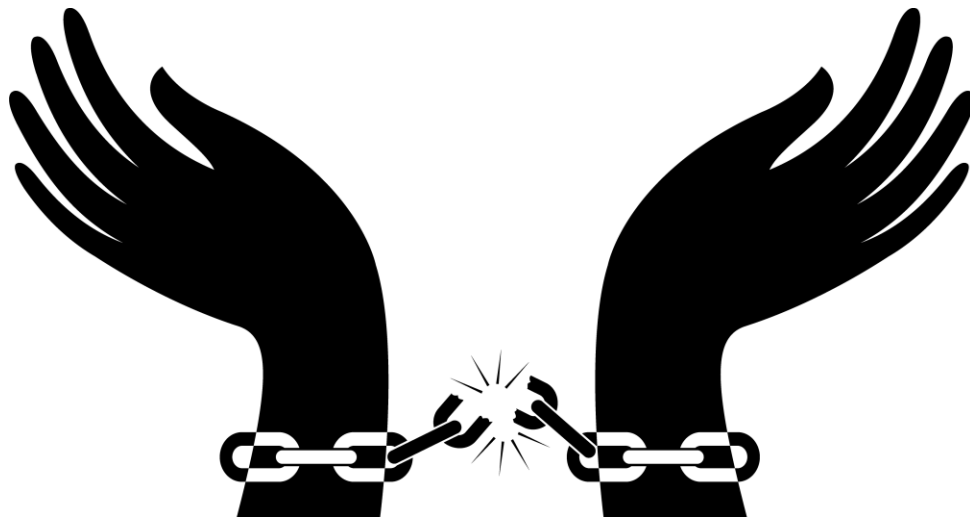
*All-Party Parliamentary  
Group to End Modern  
Slavery and Human  
Trafficking*



*Groupe parlementaire  
multipartite de lutte contre  
l'esclavage moderne et la  
traite des personnes*

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# Annual Review 2019-2020





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## Report from APPG Co-chairs

I am pleased to have been able to join the APPG as Acting Co-Chair in early 2020. The teamwork between the co-chairs gave me significant support when tabling the Modern Slavery Act in the Senate. We were also able to make our critical voice heard on the excesses of pornographic platforms on the Internet, particularly with regard to illegal content involving the sexual exploitation of children.

**JULIE MIVILLE-DECHÊNE** – Independent Senators Group  
Independent Senator for Quebec



Slavery and human trafficking are not partisan issues. Canadians would be shocked to know that these human rights abuses continue to this day, and that Canada is not immune. I am pleased to serve as Co-Chair for the APPG and appreciate my Parliamentary colleagues who are willing to put politics aside to work together to tackle this very serious issue.

**JOHN MCKAY** – Liberal Party  
Member of Parliament for Scarborough-Guildwood



Over the past year, the APPG has worked with colleagues in both Houses to raise awareness about human trafficking and advance solutions. The APPG is making a difference in the fight against human trafficking in Canada and abroad and I look forward to continuing our work in this new Parliament.

**ARNOLD VIERSEN**– Conservative Party  
Member of Parliament for Peace River – Westlock



## **Partnership with the International Justice and Human Rights Clinic**

The activities of the APPG to End Modern Slavery are supported by a partnership with the Allard School of Law's International Justice and Human Rights Clinic at the University of British Columbia.

The Allard International Justice and Human Rights Clinic gives upper-year law students at the Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia, the opportunity to work on pressing human rights and global justice concerns through hands-on work on international cases and projects. Students gain experience applying international human rights law, international criminal law and/or international humanitarian law working on specific cases with a range of international justice organizations, including international criminal courts and tribunals, United Nations human rights bodies and international non-governmental organizations. The clinic also works with Canadian domestic bodies concerned with human rights issues. Students clinicians join the clinic for two consecutive academic terms, receiving credit towards their law degree.

Anti-human trafficking work has been a central focus of the IJHR Clinic's work since its inception in 2014. The Clinic Director has researched and written on human trafficking laws and policies since 2009.

**NICOLE A. BARRETT – Director**

International Justice and Human Rights Clinic



## Appreciation of Former Co-chairs

The All-Party Parliamentary Group to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking would not have been possible without the support and leadership of co-chairs MP Robert-Falcon Ouellette, MP Christine Moore, and Senator Dan Christmas, who along with MP Arnold Viersen, were the founding co-chairs of the APPG.

The APPG extends its deep gratitude for their work and dedication over the past two years to end modern slavery and human trafficking. They were always available to listen to survivors, raise this issue in both chambers, and increase awareness in their communities.

Thank you!



**ROBERT-FALCON OUELLETTE**

*Liberal Party*

*Former Member of Parliament for Winnipeg Centre*



**CHRISTINE MOORE**

*NDP Party*

*Former Member of Parliament for Abitibi—Témiscamingue*



**DAN CHRISTMAS**

*Independent Senators Group*

*Senator for Nova Scotia*

## **Purpose of the APPG to End Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking**

The End Modern Slavery Group shall:

1. Ensure that the Government of Canada does all that it can to prevent and protect civilian populations from modern slavery, increase prosecution of traffickers, and build partnerships with various organizations;
2. Increase the flow of information and analysis to Parliamentarians about modern slavery;
3. Promote understanding of the importance of long-term approaches to prevention of slavery; and
4. Engage in communication and collaboration with like-minded bodies in civil society and other Parliaments in order to:
  - a. Exchange information about strategies for the prevention of modern slavery;
  - b. Work in conjunction with the United Nations Special Advisor to Fight Human Trafficking, the International Criminal Court, and other organizations working in the field of slavery prevention.

## 2019-2020 Membership

First Name	Last Name	Parliamentarian	Party
Ziad	Aboultaif	MP	CPC
Harold	Albrecht	MP	CPC
Sheri	Benson	MP	NDP
Steven	Blaney	MP	CPC
Richard	Bragdon	MP	CPC
Ruth Ellen	Brosseau	MP	NDP
Colin	Carrie	MP	CPC
Daniel	Christmas	Senator	ISG
René	Cormier	Senator	ISG
Marty	Deacon	Senator	ISG
Rosemarie	Falk	MP	CPC
Linda	Frum	Senator	CPC
Raymonde	Gagne	Senator	ISG
Rosa	Galvez	Senator	ISG
Rachael	Harder	MP	CPC
Nancy	Hartling	Senator	ISG
Carol	Hughes	MP	NDP
Yonah	Martin	Senator	CPC
John	McKay	MP	Liberal
Marilou	McPhedran	Senator	ISG
Terry M.	Mercer	Senator	Liberal
Julie	Miville-Dechêne	Senator	ISG
Christine	Moore	MP	NDP
Robert-Falcon	Ouellette	MP	Liberal
Kim	Pate	Senator	ISG
Julian	Peter	MP	NDP
Tracey	Ramsey	MP	NDP
Murray	Rankin	MP	NDP
Scott	Reid	MP	CPC
Bev	Shipley	MP	CPC
Wanda	Thomas Bernard	Senator	ISG
Arnold	Viersen	MP	CPC
Cathay	Wagantall	MP	CPC



## 2019-2020 Activities

### AGM – April 4, 2019

On April 4, 2019, the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking held its second AGM and highlighted the accomplishments of its inaugural year.

Nicole Barrett, director of the Allard School of Law’s International Justice and Human Rights Clinic, and the Clinic’s legal students gave presentations on legislation to prevent forced labour in supply chains and sex trafficking in indigenous communities.

A press conference on supply chains legislation followed the AGM.



## Monthly News Updates

The APPG to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, sends monthly updates to its members on human trafficking including a Monthly Media Scan and the latest data and reports on human trafficking.

Date	Location	Prov	Article
1-Jan		QB	<a href="#">UNE PERSONNE À LA FOIS</a>
1-Jan	Calgary	AB	<a href="#">Dozens take frosty dip to support fight against human trafficking</a>
2-Jan	Quebec City	QB	<a href="#">Libérée de ses présumés proxénètes par la police</a>
2-Jan	Quebec City	QB	<a href="#">Man, woman may face human-trafficking charges in Quebec City</a>
2-Jan	Quebec City	QB	<a href="#">2 arrested for human trafficking, procurement after 911 call made from Sainte-Foy hotel</a>
4-Jan	Quebec City	QB	<a href="#">Deux présumés proxénètes formellement accusés</a>
4-Jan	Toronto	ON	<a href="#">Toronto police say sex trafficking suspect likely also had victims in Montreal</a>
4-Jan	Toronto	ON	<a href="#">Three people face 21 charges in human trafficking probe</a>
4-Jan	Toronto	ON	<a href="#">Three arrests made in sex trafficking Tinder case</a>
4-Jan	Toronto	ON	<a href="#">Trio recruited sex-trafficking victim over Tinder: Toronto cops</a>
4-Jan	Cape Breton	NS	<a href="#">Fines issued to two Cape Breton men in prostitution case</a>
4-Jan	Toronto	ON	<a href="#">Potential Quebec victims of man accused of sex trafficking sought by Toronto police</a>
5-Jan	Toronto	ON	<a href="#">Two charged, one wanted in human trafficking investigation</a>
5-Jan	Brampton	ON	<a href="#">Brampton man charged in human trafficking investigation</a>
5-Jan	Toronto	ON	<a href="#">Two people charged, one person wanted in human trafficking investigation</a>
8-Jan	Waterloo	ON	<a href="#">Sexual Assault Support Centre fields 78 calls for anti-human trafficking program in first year</a>
8-Jan	Matane	QB	<a href="#">Un ex-journaliste de Matane arrêté dans les Caraïbes pour de présumés pestes de pédophilie</a>
10-Jan	Sherbrooke	QB	<a href="#">Une escorte dénonce son ex qui la menaçait</a>
11-Jan	Kingsville	ON	<a href="#">Sex trial hears of alleged massages, sleepovers with ex-fire chief</a>
11-Jan	Halifax	NS	<a href="#">Halifax man facing child porn charges</a>
14-Jan	Kingsville	ON	<a href="#">'I felt alone' — original complainant testifies at fire chief sex trial</a>
15-Jan	Halifax	NS	<a href="#">'You ruined my life,' human trafficking victim says ahead of sentencing for woman convicted of pimping</a>

## Presentation on Bill C-75 – May 5, 2019

Concerned about the changes to human trafficking offences in Bill C-75 that would disproportionately affect victims of sex trafficking, particularly indigenous women and girls, the APPG submitted a brief to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs.

On May 5, co-chairs Senator Dan Christmas and MP Arnold Viersen presented to the Senate Committee regarding Bill C-75.



## National Human Trafficking Hotline Launch – May 29, 2019

When the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking launched Canada’s first ever National Human Trafficking Hotline, the APPG highlighted this milestone through a press release, a congratulatory letter and a statement in the House of Commons.

*Mr. Arnold Viersen (Peace River—Westlock):*

*Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a historic day in the fight against human trafficking in Canada. I am pleased to announce that the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking launched Canada's first-ever national human trafficking hotline. It is a confidential, multilingual service, operating 24-7, 365 days a year.*

*The national human trafficking hotline equips Canadians with the ability to report cases of human trafficking in their communities. Most importantly, victims and survivors of human trafficking seeking assistance can contact social services or law enforcement, regardless of where they are located in Canada.*

*On behalf of the All-Party Parliamentary Group to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, I want to thank the centre and all of its partners for its incredible work on this initiative. Congratulations.*

*If Canadians are being trafficked or suspect human trafficking in their community, they can call 1-833-9001010. Let us end human trafficking in this country.*

## Survivor Panel: Timea Nagy – June 3, 2019

The APPG hosted two presentations on human trafficking by Timea Nagy, a human trafficking survivor, author, speaker and social advocate.

At noon, Senators, Members of Parliament and staff heard from Ms. Nagy.

In the evening, over 100 community members and organizations attended a panel discussion with Ms. Nagy, survivors and frontline workers.



## Grand Prix & Sex Trafficking – June 6, 2019

Over the years, the Grand Prix has led to cases of sexual exploitation and pimps take advantage of the event to recruit young women for sex trafficking. During the weeks leading up to the competition, job postings had proliferated on the Internet and on social media; young women looking for summer jobs could be particularly vulnerable to some dubious postings promising high wages.

The Concertation des luttes contre l'exploitation sexuelle (CLES), Youth Prevention Laval, Youth Prevention Longueuil, and the YWCA Montreal organized a campaign "Un Trop Grand Prix" and a website to raise awareness and support for victims of sexual exploitation during the Grand Prix.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking sent out a news release highlighting this campaign and encouraging all those participating in the Grand Prix to remain vigilant and to report all forms of human exploitation to the newly launched National Human Trafficking Hotline.

## APPG Visit to Edmonton – August 1, 2019

On August 1, 2019, APPG Co-chair MPs Christine Moore and Arnold Viersen spent the day meeting with a variety of anti-trafficking organizations based in Alberta. Through these meetings, we gained valuable insights into the human trafficking situation in Edmonton and throughout Alberta.

Meetings included :

- ACT Alberta
- Sexual Exploitation Working Group (SEWG), [a collaborative of community partners including: ACT Alberta, Alberta Health Services, Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society, CEASE, Edmonton Region Children Services, Edmonton Fetal Alcohol Network, City of Edmonton, Edmonton Police Service – Human Trafficking and Exploitation, Unit, REACH Edmonton Council for Safe Communities, The Family Centre, Elder liaison and the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton].
- City of Edmonton officials
- Lunch Info Session & Stakeholder Discussion
- Edmonton Police Service – Human Trafficking and Exploitation Unit
- Not In My City (NIMC)



## **The Mekong Club Briefing – September 19, 2019**

The APPG co-chair Senator Christmas hosted a presentation on modern day slavery and supply chains by Matt Friedman for Senators, Members of Parliament and staff.

Matt Friedman is an international human trafficking expert with more than 30 years' experience. He is CEO of The Mekong Club, an organization of Hong Kong's leading businesses which have joined forces to help end all forms of modern slavery. Mr. Friedman offers technical advice to numerous governments and corporations working to eliminate all forms of modern slavery.



## **IJM Trip to Bolivia – October 26 to November 2, 2019**

The International Justice Mission (IJM) Canada invited APPG members to join a delegation of Canadian judges, lawyers, court administrator and law enforcement to Bolivia to share best practices in cases of child sexual abuse and violence against women.

Four members of the APPG joined the delegation. Unfortunately, political unrest due to the presidential elections disrupted much of the itinerary of the trip.

## **Tabling of Bill S-211, The Modern Slavery Act – February 5, 2020**

On February 5, APPG co-chairs MP John McKay, MP Arnold Viersen, and Senator Julie Miville-Dechêne held a news conference to announce the tabling of Bill S-211, the Modern Slavery Act, by Senator Miville-Dechêne in the Senate. The co-chairs will continue to advocate for adoption of Bill S-211.



## National Human Trafficking Awareness Day – February 22, 2020

For the second year in a row, the APPG tried to have motions adopted in the Senate and the House of Commons to establish February 22 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. For the past two years, the APPG has been working with anti-human trafficking NGOs across Canada. Based on our consultations, these organizations would like February 22 to be federally recognized as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Many of them already use this day to raise awareness in their communities.

The motions followed a month of advocacy to all parties to support February 22 as the National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Unfortunately, neither of the motions were successful. The APPG will continue to advocate for the designation of a National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

## Demonstration at MindGeek’s Canadian HQ – March 8, 2020

On March 8, International Women’s Day, APPG co-chair Senator Julie Miville-Dechêne spoke at a demonstration in front of MindGeek’s Canadian headquarters in Montreal, where women groups, sexual exploitation survivors and anti-human trafficking organizations gathered to protest the availability of videos of child sexual exploitation and sex trafficking victims on MindGeek websites, like Pornhub—the world’s most popular porn website.

The following day, a letter was sent to the Prime Minister to draw his attention to the activities of MindGeek by a group of Senators and MPs including the APPG co-chairs.



## Panel on Ending Sex Trafficking & Sexual Exploitation – March 10, 2020

On March 10, the APPG hosted a panel of survivors and experts for an event entitled “Sex Trafficking & Sexual Exploitation in Canada: Roots, Realities & Solutions.” It was a packed room for these powerful panellists, with over 30 MPs and Senators and over 100 participants in total.

Panelists included

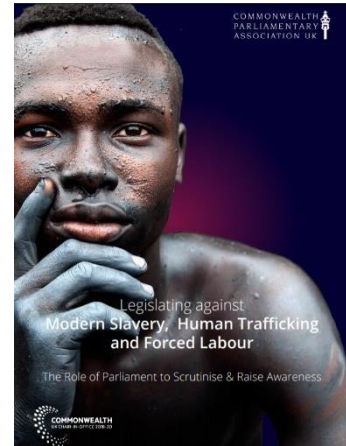
- Diane Redsky: A First Nations Leader in Winnipeg, with over 20-years dedicated to addressing the sexual exploitation/trafficking of women and girls.
- Valérie Pelletier: A survivor of prostitution, radical feminist and public speaker from Montréal, Québec.
- Cherry Smiley: Feminist from the Nlaka’pamux and Diné Nations. A former front-line anti-violence worker and currently a PhD Candidate at Concordia University.
- Hennes Doltze: A program manager with the Salvation Army Correctional and Justice Services – Winnipeg and works with men who have exploited vulnerable people for sex.
- Trisha Baptie: Fifteen years in the sex industry, citizen journalist covering the Robert Pickton trial, founder of EVE formerly Exploited Voices now Educating.



## APPG featured in new CPA anti-slavery handbook - March 31, 2020

On March 31, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK (CPA UK) launched the second volume of the e-Handbook on *Legislating against Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking & Forced Labour*, which is a comprehensive resource for parliamentarians and parliamentary officials on legislating effectively against modern slavery-related crimes.

Due to the cross-party efforts of the APPG, we were invited to submit a case study featuring our work and activities to combat modern slavery and human trafficking.



### CASE STUDY

#### THE POWER OF CROSS-PARTY EFFORTS TO COMBAT MODERN SLAVERY: SETTING UP A MODERN SLAVERY ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP IN CANADA



Arnold Viersen MP  
Member of Parliament, Canada  


In Canada, the overwhelming majority of human trafficking victims are female and young. While those who are most at-risk include Indigenous women and youth, we know that anyone can become a victim of human trafficking. It is an issue that affects every corner of our vast country.

As a Canadian Member of Parliament working to combat human trafficking, I began to notice the success of the UK's All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in combating human trafficking and changing laws. After meeting with members of the UK's APPG in 2017, it was clear that Canada would benefit from a similar cross-party association.

I started by identifying and building relationships with politicians in other political parties who shared a desire to combat human trafficking. Then in April of 2018, I led the launch of Canada's APPG to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking with thirty-four Senators and Members of Parliament from across five political parties.

Our APPG is led by an executive committee comprised of four co-chairs, one from each official party in Parliament. Instead of the usual chair and vice-chairs, our goal is to lead the APPG by unified consensus.

The primary functions of the APPG are to:

- Ensure that the Government of Canada does all that it can to prevent and protect civilian populations from modern slavery, increase prosecution of traffickers, and build partnerships with various organisations;
- Increase the flow of information and analysis to parliamentarians about modern slavery;
- Promote understanding of the importance of long-term approaches to prevent slavery; and
- Engage in communication and collaboration with like-minded bodies in civil society and other parliaments in order to:
  1. Exchange information about strategies for the prevention of modern slavery;
  2. Work in conjunction with the United Nations, the International Criminal Court, and other organisations working in the field of slavery prevention.

During our first year, the APPG to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking has been quite active, including:

- Holding regular briefings for parliamentarians on modern slavery;
- Meeting with regional and national anti-human trafficking organizations;
- Providing monthly human trafficking news reports to our members; and
- Encouraging the federal government to take additional steps to combat human trafficking.

The activities of the APPG are supported by a partnership with the Allard School of Law's International Justice and Human Rights Clinic at the University of British Columbia which has been developing legislation to prevent forced labour in supply chains and researching sex trafficking in indigenous communities. The APPG plans to introduce this supply chain legislation in the upcoming parliamentary session.

Modern day slavery and human trafficking is extremely profitable, and it's growing in Canada and around the world. We believe that by working across party lines on such a critical issue, we can foster significant advances to end this horrific form of injustice across our country and abroad. In Canada, it's making an impact.





## **Ongoing Activities with the International Justice and Human Rights Clinic**

### **Transparent Supply Chains Legislation:**

The IJHR Clinic continues to collaborate with Members of Parliament and Senators of all affiliations to arrive at an effective Modern Slavery Act that reflects the best of Canadians values. This past year, the IJHR Clinic proposed amendments to strengthen the proposed Modern Slavery Act, Bill S-211. The amendments are informed by the clinic's model *Transparency in Supply Chains Act* (TSCA), which is based on extensive comparative legal research and incorporates the input of various legal experts.

In 2020, the IJHR Clinic presented to the Independent Senators Group commons session on the Modern Slavery Act, conducted constitutional analysis of the proposed Act and amendments, discussed important aspects of the Act with MPs and Senators and drafted legal memos for Parliamentarians working on the Modern Slavery Act. The Clinic was hoping to present at a Senate committee on the Modern Slavery Act in the Spring, but this has been postponed due to the COVID pandemic. The Clinic also consulted several times with the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE) and will publish a report on the CORE and its mandate in the coming months. Additionally, the Clinic participated in the Global Affairs Canada consultation on Responsible Business Conduct, both presenting (remotely) to Global Affairs and providing written submissions on responsible business conduct in March 2020. Finally, the clinic developed fact sheets for civil society on supply chain laws and the CORE.

### **Research on Sex Trafficking of Indigenous Women:**

The lack of information and data is one of the greatest challenges to tackling sex-trafficking. Acquiring further information is necessary to accurately understand the problem and inform policy decisions. In 2018-19, the IJHR Clinic began a research initiative to synthesize existing knowledge and learn more about the over-representation of First Nations, Inuit, Métis and nonstatus women, girls and LGBTQ2+ youth among trafficking survivors in many Canadian jurisdictions. In addition to a literature review, the clinic contacted over eighty organizations in remote and rural areas with questions about sex-trafficking in their communities. While this consultation is ongoing, the clinic has used its preliminary findings to develop key legislative and social policy recommendations, which were presented to the APPG in Ottawa in April 2019. These recommendations seek to ensure that the upcoming renewal of the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking is responsive to the factors driving the over-representation of Indigenous women and youth in sex trafficking situations.

### **APPG Website Development:**

In 2019 the IJHR Clinic began developing a website for the APPG on Modern Slavery. The website will feature information about the APPG, including members, mandates, reports and activity updates. The website will also serve to raise awareness about the realities of modern slavery and be a repository for research, news, policy, legislative developments, and other relevant information on human trafficking.