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LifeCanada's monthly news bulletin offers quick news reports on the latest developments in life issues throughout Canada and around the world. We provide information on current research developments, pro-life events and activities, news reports and much more. Please consider forwarding this monthly E-Newsflash to family members, friends, and others who would like to be kept up-to-date and informed on life issues. Sign up for E-Newsflash [here](#).

Join in January 2008 Pro-Life Media Campaign!

You can participate in a national media campaign to mark the January 2008 twentieth anniversary of the Morgentaler Supreme Court decision removing all restrictions on abortion in Canada. Pro-life groups across Canada are sponsoring billboards and other media with the message Abortion: Have we gone too far? The ads encourage Canadians to question the current state of abortion in Canada. LifeCanada has produced postcards with the same message for individuals to pass around, to join in reaching as many people as possible. The postcards show the image of a pregnant woman on the front, with information on late term abortions in Canada on the back, obtained from Statistics Canada. The cards are available for a small fee through the LifeCanada office, at 1-866-780-5433. Mail them to your MP, leave them in your Church, pass them out to family and friends...engage in "creative littering" to help spread the message of respect for life!

Hamilton Shuts Down Pro-Life Ads after 3 Complaints

Pro-Life ads in the city of Hamilton were ordered to be taken down yesterday by city council after a few complaints and one instance of graffiti. The transit shelter ads were sponsored by Hamilton Right to Life as part of a national campaign coordinated by LifeCanada to mark two decades of unrestricted abortion in Canada. January 28 marks 20 years since the Supreme Court *Morgentaler* decision in 1988 that removed all legal restrictions on abortion in Canada. Hamilton councillor Brian McHattie told the *Hamilton Spectator* he asked for the ads to come down after hearing complaints, saying "For me personally, it definitely was offensive."

Hamilton has recently been embroiled in controversy over Worker's Compensation ads that were deemed too graphic for public display. The city initially refused to run the ads but later agreed after objections from the WSIB.

The pro-life ads show an image of a pregnant woman accompanied by a factual statement—that abortion is legal in Canada during all nine months of pregnancy—and asks the question "abortion: have we gone too far?" The ads link to a website with current information on abortion in Canada.

9 months.
The length of time an
abortion is allowed in Canada.

abortion.
Have we gone too far?

www.AbortionInCanada.ca



"This ad should not be pulled, as it is a simple statement of fact, and the public has a right to be informed," wrote one blogger on *Spectator* journalist Nicole McIntyre's blogsite Hall Marks. "I am not offended by the ad. I am offended by the intolerance displayed by certain political factions who supposedly promote political correctness."

The ads are running in more than 23 towns and cities across Canada. Only one other city council, in Fredericton, New Brunswick, refused to run the ads, citing guidelines banning controversial subjects.

New Pro-Woman Group Aims to Eradicate Abortion

The first pro-woman pro-life group in Canada was launched this week to mark the Morgentaler decision of January 28, 1988, which removed all restrictions on abortion in Canada at any stage of pregnancy.

ProWomanProLife.org celebrates women, life and freedom and promotes a non-partisan, non-religious stand against the idea that abortion is good for woman and a woman's "right".

"We have no hidden agenda here but a very open one: To eradicate abortion in Canada, not by legislation or force, but because that is what women choose," founding director Andrea Mrozek said in a press release Jan. 14. "Women should band together to remove abortion from our cultural landscape."

A board of young, professional women includes Brigitte Pellerin in Ottawa, Raji Shankar in Toronto, Rebecca Walberg in Winnipeg and Dr. Sheryl Alger and psychologist Teresa Fraser in Calgary. The group has launched a website www.prowomanprolife.org, with blogs on a variety of related topics including feminism, health, discrimination, women's rights and freedom of speech.

Mrozek notes that abortion has become a pressing issue of freedom of speech. "Pro-lifers are told what they can and can't say in politics, and pro-life clubs are currently being banned on our university campuses. No Canadian should be comfortable with this suppression of dialogue, irrespective of how they feel about abortion," Mrozek said.



Documentary Tells Woman's Abortion Story with Morgentaler

A short documentary recounting one woman's experience of undergoing an abortion by Dr. Morgentaler, this excellent little film is well worth checking out. It can be viewed online at: http://shortfilm.projectbreakout.com/media_page/entry_id/219

Lakehead U. Pro-Life Group Denied Club Status

Another pro-life Campus group has been denied club status, this time in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Lakehead University Life Support was refused club status last week after being hit with onerous restrictions from the Lakehead University Student Union early in December. On January 10 the board of directors for LUSU voted 20-3 to deny Life Support club status.

According to the LUSU website, LUSU "has decided not to grant status due to a poster campaign deemed to be inappropriate." When asked about this, Cathy Simons, Life Support's President, said that "it was a single poster campaign that merely stated the pro-life view. They had been actually stamped with approval by LUSU before being put up," in a press release issued by the group January 17. She added that "The university campus is supposed to be a haven for discussion, debate and diversity. However, anyone who holds an unpopular view portrayed in their speech or their posters, according to LUSU, shouldn't be part of a discussion and debate on campus."

The recent shut-out of pro-life campus groups has included clubs on Kelowna BC's UBC campus, North Vancouver's Capilano College, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Ottawa's Carleton University.

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan

LifeCanada is now able to accept pre-authorized monthly donations. This is a tremendous option for LifeCanada because it allows us to schedule our educational pro-life activities since we know in advance how much support is coming in each month. It is also easy for our supporters since they just complete a form, send in one cheque and then the pre-authorized amount is automatically deducted from their bank account. Donors maintain control of their donations by simply contacting us by phone, email or letter to let us know if they wish to make changes or cancel the plan.

If you would like to donate ten, twenty, fifty dollars or any other amount to LifeCanada each month, please contact us and we will send you the necessary form to complete.

Become a Partner for Life

We are actively seeking sponsors/advertisers for our newly-designed website (www.lifecanada.org) and for our bi-monthly newsletter. We do not have a charitable tax number but these ads can certainly be a business expense as you promote your business to our supporters.

Our rates for this project are reasonable. A business card ad in LifeCanada News will cost \$125 per issue or \$600 for the full year. Your sponsorship ad on our website will be posted for a year for a cost of \$500. We see this as a great opportunity to build a pro-life network across the country and help to secure LifeCanada's financial base.

For more information, please call LifeCanada's toll free number 1-866-780-5433 or email us at info@lifecanada.org