



Friday, March 20, 2026.

To Whom This May Concern

Several members of CFUW Southport attended Gwen Lamont's book launch at Coffin Ridge Winery in May 2024. After hearing Gwen's presentation, CFUW's Vigil Committee was thrilled to have Gwen accept their invitation to speak the following year at their 35th annual Vigil commemorating **Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**.

On December 6, 2025, Gwen inspired 200+ people by her "call to action" following the reading of a passage from "Survivor's Guilt". Feedback from CFUW members was unanimous - this was the best, and most moving Vigil ever! Many tears flowed that day. Here are a few notes received from CFUW Southport members:

1. "Gwen Lamont spoke eloquently on gender-based violence, detailing her own trauma for all to empathize with."
2. "I have to say I have been doing these (vigils) for 35 years, including with 1000 people at Nathan Phillips Square in the day, and I don't think there was a better December 6th than today." Gwen Lamont was well beyond exceptional. There are no words really. Her "call to action" was just what those of us who are tired, needed."
3. "Yesterday was definitely "THE BEST" Vigil I have ever attended, and I've heard the same sentiment from many others."
4. "All I can say is WOW!"
5. "How brave of Gwen. As she proceeded, you could see and feel her trauma. Her future dream is exactly the kind of world I want all future generations of women and men to live in. Bravo for her courageous and powerful voice."

Yours sincerely,

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