

Media Release – Grandma asked me to VOTE.

These women were dressed like suffragettes and handed out cards Saturday in Southamptton, encouraging people to vote in the June 2 provincial election.



The five women are members of the Southport chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women and they were promoting the club’s “Grandma Asked Me to Just Vote” campaign.

As a non-partisan group, the women were not endorsing any one candidate or political party.

Armed with banners, the women handed out cards saying, “the daughters and granddaughters of suffragettes are asking their children and grandchildren to vote.”

(L-R Gabrielle Di Francesco, Frances Barrick, Kathryn Forsyth, Heather Wallace)

“The response was great,” said participant Frances Barrick. “Motorists honked their horns and pedestrians stopped to chat.”

Women fought to get the vote and men and women fought in wars to protect our freedoms, Barrick said. “The least we can do is to vote in honour of the lives lost to keep our democracies, a battle currently going on in Ukraine.”

The suffragettes plan to campaign again in the fall for the municipal election in October.



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For more information on the Grandma asked me to VOTE campaign see <https://cfuwspgrandmaasked.wixsite.com/vote/southport> or contact Frances Barrick (Chair of Advocacy Committee) at barrick.frances@gmail.com