

# THE 1960'S

**1967**

The United Nations adopts the Declaration of Elimination of Discrimination Against Women

**1967**

Dr. Henry Morgentaler urges the repeal of the abortion laws and later opens an abortion clinic in Montreal

**1968**

The new Federal Divorce Act establishes a uniform divorce law, allowing for divorce on the basis of marital breakdown as well as for adultery and mental or physical cruelty.

**1969**

The Criminal Code is amended to permit abortions under certain circumstances. In some hospitals, therapeutic abortion committees are formed.

**1969**

*The Criminal Code and Food and Drug Acts is amended, allowing contraceptive devices and certain drugs to be manufactured, sold, and advertised under supervision*

# EARLY 1970'S

**1971**

**Gwen Landolt**

She formed  
"The Right to Life"  
an anti-abortion  
organization.

**1971**

Amendments to the  
Canadian Labour Code  
include: prohibition of  
discrimination on the  
grounds of sex and marital  
status, strong  
reinforcement of the  
principle of equal pay for  
equal work, and the  
provision of 17 weeks of  
maternity leave.

**1972**

**Rosemary Brown** is  
the first black  
woman elected to a  
provincial legislature  
as a member of the  
NDP in Vancouver.

**1973**

The Ontario  
Advisory Council on  
the Status of  
Women is set up  
with **Laura Sabia** as  
chair.

**1973**

The group Montreal  
Gay Women  
publishes the first  
Canadian lesbian  
journal, *Long Time  
Coming*

# LATE 1970'S

**1978**

In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court of Canada grants half the property acquired in her husband's name to Saskatchewan farm wife Helene Marie Rathwell.

**1978**

The Omnibus Bill is passed, eliminating pregnancy as a basis for layoff or dismissal.

**1978**

Judy Cameron is the first woman pilot hired by Air Canada.

**1979**

The Feminist Party of Canada is launched in Toronto.

# 1980's

