

She continued in her talk about the challenges of rural areas now compared to the earlier days ---people with large families compared to these days where families are small. Towns get smaller. People have to commute etc. She doesn't know what the future of Round Hill holds, but many things can happen, especially when we have immigrants moving in to various places. Her thought was that a lot of small communities in Canada may have a reincarnation if they were able to welcome more new comers from other countries.

Senator Paula continued about the magnitude of mileage she traveled as the Senate committee visited many small towns and indigenous areas in order to make a decision regarding Bills C-69 and C-48. Following hours of travel, deliberation, and reworking amendments, Senator Paula voted IN FAVOUR of all the amendments (about 99), which the Trudeau government accepted. Evidently she was given a lot of flak anyway, even though she voted in favor of Alberta's wishes. She went on to explain how she travels across the country as a regular traveler in an airplane rather than flying business class. It's too boring. During the time the Senate has been in recess, she has been a guest at several schools. The students have delighted her with their astute questions, good listening skills and pride. Following the elections Senator Paula will again wing off to Ottawa leaving her dog behind to keep her husband company.

At the end of her inspiring informative chat, Helen presented Senator Paula with a WI Cup and Saucer, a Round Hill pin, and a printed copy of some WI resolutions.