



New Brunswick Human Rights Commission

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The Bryson v. The University of New Brunswick case

Yes, there is a gender discrimination and a gender equality case; it's the Sylvia Bryson case versus University of New Brunswick. The university decided to cut the women's hockey varsity team and that decision was challenged by Mrs. Bryson, who was a student at that time, and playing hockey. She wanted to play competitive hockey and study at the University. The University had made an economic decision, because they didn't have the budgets, to cut the women's team. So she succeeded, because it's the whole trade-off between human rights and economy, or money or budget. It shouldn't be that way. You can't treat human rights as an option; everybody has to be treated equally. We're happy and thankful, and grateful, that she succeeded in her quest to contest that decision.