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## Social Housing

Dianne Faragher, our new RRDSSAB Housing Manager has begun to establish a system of regular communication with housing tenants, per the original *Joint Local Transfer Plan* which established the RRDSSAB's processes for the devolution of social housing from the province to the municipalities. She is working very closely with her staff and co-workers, and external resources to develop a more 'grass-roots' philosophy for housing in our District.

## Transitional Housing

We have received a great deal of interest and letters of support for the Transitional Housing Study from the following individuals and organizations: Riverside, Atikokan General Hospital, Northwestern Health Unit, District Mental Health Services for Older Adults, and a consumer of service. We are awaiting a municipal representative from the Township of Rainy River Council, as Council has been actively exploring 'assisted living' in that community. All parties have agreed to participate on a Steering Committee to oversee the project, should we be successful with our funding submission.

A draft proposal for accessing Area Services Board funds, presently being held in trust by the Town of Fort Frances, has been completed. Once endorsed by the RRDSSAB, the proposal will be forwarded directly to the Ministry of Northern Development & Mines (MNDM) for funding consideration. The basic premise of the proposal is to hire a professional services consultant to conduct a needs analysis and proposed design for transitional housing in the Rainy River District. "Transitional" housing is defined as the transition between the family home and long term care.

## Child Care

Congratulations to Kim Gardiman, Children's Services Manager, and the Best Start Network for being invited to address the Regional Best Start Meeting in Sault St. Marie on their successful *Summer Celebration* held in August, 2007. Kim and Donna Cutler, Chair of the RR Best Start Network will be able to share many of the District's best practices and opportunities to partner.

## Finance Policies

A Staff Committee has spent several months completing a thorough review and analysis of the Board's finance policies. Given that we have been involved in major renovation/construction projects this past year, we have been able to 'test' many of our existing policies. This has allowed us an opportunity to identify areas requiring change or clarification. It has been a tremendous amount of work but well worth it. We are all more aware of the expectations now and are looking forward to working under the new policies, once approved by the board. Special thanks to Mildred, Dianne, Sandra, Dan, Ross, Michelle S and Joanne!

## Victims Services

We did receive a big thank you from the Ontario Victim Services Secretariat, Ministry of the Attorney General for our successful partnership and collaboration with the Ministry and VS Program. We wish Monika and her staff and board all the best, as they provide this valuable service in our communities.

## Human Resources

Since the last board meeting, we have seen the following HR activity:

NAME	TITLE	STATUS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Melanie Sheppard	Primary Care Paramedic	Internal move from RR base to FF base	23 Oct/07
Maureen Fitzpatrick	Receptionist	8 month interim	05 Nov/07

## New Board Member

Welcome to Sharon Tibbs, our new representative from the Town of Fort Frances. We look forward to working with you, Sharon!

Respectfully Submitted,

/D. Dittaro