

Vision

Community Living Walkerton and District envisions a community where all people are welcomed, accepted and included.



In The Public Eye....



The Board of Directors, Community Living Walkerton and District welcome all to join our celebration barbecue for the **60TH ANNIVERSARY** of Community Living Walkerton and District on June 30, 2016, side yard at 19 Durham St. E. Walkerton.

11:30am – 1:30pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to follow at 2 pm.



Food and fun are free!

Made possible by the generosity of Keller Williams Realty – The Kirstine Group.



This is a rain or shine event.

The Mission of Community Living Walkerton and District is to nurture inclusion; supporting children, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities and their families, promoting their full participation as valued and contributing citizens."

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Draft Bill on Medical Assistance in Dying Seeks Delicate Balance: Some Progress Being Made April 14, 2016 - - Canadian Association for Community Living

TORONTO -- In the draft bill on medical assistance in dying tabled in Parliament today, the federal government has gone some distance designing a pan-Canadian system that would meet the constitutional obligations the Supreme Court of Canada established in the Carter decision: to ensure right of access to assisted death in exceptional circumstances, and the right of vulnerable persons to be protected in such a system. We are greatly relieved that the drafters of the bill explicitly acknowledged that vulnerable persons must have robust protections from the possible harm of an assisted dying regime. In the preamble to the new bill, we see a clear affirmation of this delicate balance. However, the preamble has little force in law and we remain very concerned that it be matched with mechanisms that will fully deliver on its commitment.

We are also reassured by the government's decision not to over-step the parameters laid out in both the trial decision and the Supreme Court decision, giving a clear legal definition to what is meant by a 'grievous and irremediable medical condition'. By stating that the condition must be a serious one that places the person "in an advanced state of irreversible decline in capability", and that "natural death has become reasonably foreseeable" it establishes that medical assistance in dying is just that: it is assistance for the dying.

This is as it should be. People who may be suffering with cognitive, psychiatric or neurological conditions which are not in themselves natural causes of death will not be eligible. To have done otherwise would have raised alarming prospects of legal authorization for putting people to death because of mental disability.

The Canadian Association for Community Living was one of the main proponents and supporters of the 'Vulnerable Persons Standard' (www.vps-npv.ca), launched to help guide design of the legislation. In the days ahead, we will be studying the bill closely and expect to bring forward amendments to ensure that the bill itself is consistent with the promise of the preamble to protect the vulnerable.

For more information please contact Michael Bach at (416) 209-7942 or email mbach@cacl.ca

Read more on what defines vulnerability –

Who is vulnerable, and why?

The Canadian Association for Community Living seeks to begin a conversation about **who may be vulnerable in this new legal regime, and why.**

The following stories (found on the website listed below) offer interesting perspectives.

- Victor's story
- Maria's story
- Tom's story
- Ronald's story
- Carol's story

<http://www.cacl.ca/node/2517/>

From cacl.ca *Protecting Choice & Safeguarding Inclusion*

The Canadian Association for Community Living has published details about this current campaign: <http://cacl.ca/action/campaigns/protecting-choice-safeguarding-inclusion>

It is time to get past the polarizing views on the morality, ethics and laws around physician-assisted death and work together.

CACL believes we can find common ground and address legitimate concerns that face all Canadians.

We need your support in calling on all levels of government to develop a system that respects the values of dignity, autonomy and inclusion.

Health care in Canada is about to undergo a major transformation with the introduction of a system for physician-assisted death. As we proceed down this path, CACL is profoundly concerned about how to safeguard the rights of persons with intellectual and other disabilities who may request physician-assisted death, but who are in fact vulnerable to committing suicide. CACL shares with all Canadians the value of a health care system that promotes patient autonomy and dignity in end-of-life care. We also share the value of respect for vulnerable persons in the health care system. Balancing these values in a system for physician-assisted death will become more critically important and more challenging than ever before.

Our Community Living Position:

Safeguards are needed in Canada to protect vulnerable persons from potential abuses including unintended consequences, coercion and bias.

A quick information sheet is available on the campaign page (listed above) about the need for these safe guards.

Did you know? *Developmental Services Housing Task Force*

The Developmental Services Housing Task Force of the Ministry of Community and Social Services is a cross-sector Task Force to tackle housing issues specifically for adults with developmental disabilities.

In 2015 the Task Force recommended 12 creative, inclusive and cost-effective housing projects now underway from its first call for proposals. More information is available on-line.

<http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/developmental/htf/index.aspx>

Partners 4 Planning have created a plain language booklet, an overview of 10 of the new housing projects presently underway with the Housing Task Force and designed specifically for people with disabilities. The title is *P4P Digital Guide: 10 Innovative Housing Proposals*.

<http://www.planningnetwork.ca/Resources/23092/Housing-Task-Force-Booklet>

Call for Nominations - Community Living Ontario, Board of Directors



The Nominations Committee of Community Living Ontario is currently seeking candidates for election to the Board of Directors.

Our submission deadline is **June 30th, 2016**.

This year, we have 7 vacancies to fill.

Our Board is comprised of community members who bring a variety of valuable backgrounds and perspectives. Candidacy of applicants is evaluated on the basis of an understanding and commitment to our mission, vision and values, as well as skills, knowledge, experience and interests.

Everyone has talents, skills, interests, backgrounds and experiences to contribute. Please tell us about yours on the attached application form. For example, are you a family member of someone with an intellectual disability? Are you someone who lives with a disability? Do you have any professional or volunteer skills (legal, communications, medical, board governance, committee work, government, etc.) that would contribute to the perspective of the Board? Perhaps you have an ethno-cultural, linguistic, or geographic perspective that you feel would be valuable.

This is an opportunity for our members to get involved, have a voice, and contribute to the direction and success of Community Living at the provincial level.

The election of the Board will take place at our Annual General Meeting in Richmond Hill, on September 21, 2016. Interested candidates, or if you know of someone that might be interested, are asked to fill out the attached Nominations form and submit it to **Terri Meshwork**: terri@communitylivingontario.ca.

Should you have any questions about the nominations process, please contact **Keith Dee**, Director of Membership:

kdee@communitylivingontario.ca

Congratulations!



Each year at CLWD, with a special luncheon we recognize the years of service of employees. On May 30, 2016 we look forward to celebrating with:

30 years	Karen Clarke Ron Spitzig
20 years	Pat Wood Debra McNeill
15 years	Rosanne Cassidy Tammy Dobson Karen Elliott Tanya Fish Rona Lee Forrest Connie Girodat Sheryl Marshall Karen Polfuss
10 years	Brigitte Grein Kendra Pollard Julie Underwood Cindy Vincent
5 years	Jeff Nelson Ashley Richardson Mary Stortini Georgette Thomas Tiffany Turcotte

The Board of Directors of Community Living Walkerton and District offers sincere thanks to each of these people for their significant contribution and ongoing commitment toward the services provided by our organization.

Watch for it!

CN Tower lights turn blue and green on May 11th for Community Living Month



A collective effort in advocating for the full participation, inclusion and citizenship of all people who have an intellectual disability will go to new heights next month, as the **CN Tower** will be illuminated in blue and green as part of **Community Living Month**. Canadians." The CN Tower illumination will begin at sunset, however the lighting won't become fully visible until the sky darkens sufficiently approximately 30 minutes later. As it does every night, a standard light show will run for eight minutes at the top of every hour. The lighting will conclude at sunrise.

As part of the campaign and Community Living Month, friends of Community Living also are encouraged to share selfies of themselves Inspiring Possibilities and posting their photos to Twitter, Instagram and other social media channels using the hashtag **#inCLusionselfie**.



Plans underway to celebrate Council's

20th anniversary - Ron Laroche, Community Living Ontario
UPDATE Friday April 15, 2016,

The **Council of Community Living Ontario** is preparing to mark a significant milestone. An advisory body to **Community Living Ontario's** Board of Directors, members of Council bring the self-advocates' perspective to issues impacting people who have an intellectual disability in the province.

Lynn Ingram, Council's Vice Chair, has been involved for the past four years and stresses the need to ensure people's concerns are heard.

"It's important for people who have an intellectual disability to have a voice and our work helps other people, self-advocates in different places in Ontario."

The Elliott Lake resident says her involvement with Council in raising awareness around issues such as poverty and physician-assisted suicide has resulted in greater self-confidence, personal growth and self-determination in her own life.

Moving forward, Council will look to be more involved with people who have an intellectual disability at the local level, including connecting with self-advocacy groups associated with member associations.

The role of Council will be prominent at **Community Living Ontario's Conference and Annual General Meeting** taking place from **September 21st to the 23rd** in Richmond Hill.

Stella Curtis, Chair of the 20th Anniversary Planning Committee, says a lot of the preliminary work has already been undertaken, including the development of a logo (pictured above).

She says they also plan to acknowledge former members of Council and their involvement over the past 20 twenty years.

"We want to recognize those people that were there before us," says the North Bay resident.

"We're proud of what we've accomplished over the past twenty years."

A formal recognition will take place during the Annual General Meeting, and Council will be hosting this year's Welcome Reception on the Wednesday evening.

*Added note: **Craig Harrison** of the Walkerton Action Committee is currently a member of Council, participating in face-to-face meetings in Toronto as well as monthly phone conferences. He has served over several different terms.*



Introducing the new P4P Network

It is never too late to start planning for the future of a child living with a disability. Recognizing this, Community Living Ontario, the Ministry of Community and Social Services and Partners for Planning have collaborated to produce a FREE, dynamic resource hub for parents and caregivers. Check out the new revisions on the site.

Look for the red running shoes on our website!
www.clwalkerton.org

Featured Website!



ARCH Disability Law Centre, Toronto, and the *Respecting Rights committee* have posted two videos to teach people about the legal rights of people labelled with an intellectual disability.

These are useful for:

- developmental services staff and management
- people labelled with an intellectual disability
- family members of someone with an intellectual disability

It's your money: <https://youtu.be/GsfNmXSMzfk>

It's your life: <https://youtu.be/29CoAreZc2A>

Mark Your Calendars



Wednesday evenings: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Series of 4 Sessions – June 8th, 15th, 22nd
and 29th 2016

Introduction to Mental Illness

A Four Part Series in Hanover

If you or someone you know suffers from mental illness, this four part evening series may be of interest to you.

Sessions are free but please pre-register,

Contact: nhall@hopegb.org

Tuesday June 23rd, 9am – 4pm

Making Contact, Making Connections, Making Community.

Speaker: David Hingburger; hosted by the Grey Bruce Training and Development Committee at Stone Tree Golf & Fitness Centre, 318087 Hwy 6 & 10, RR # 4 Owen Sound, ON, N4K 5N6

\$50 per person; families & those being supported \$25 per person. Lunch & refreshments included

Contact: smarshall@clwalkerton.org

Canada's discriminatory immigration policy focus of round-table

Ron Laroche, Community Living Ontario, UPDATE Friday April 8, 2016

A discussion on immigration and disability discrimination brought out a broad cross-section of academics, professionals, disability and social advocates to learn more about Canada's current immigration policy.

The event took place on April 6th in Toronto.

Much of the evening focused on the case involving **Felipe Montoya** and this family. Their story has garnered wide media attention and interest from various groups, including **Community Living Ontario**.

Montoya is a professor of environmental studies at York University, and he and his family moved from Costa Rica to Canada almost four years ago. In March, the Montoyas learned that they had been deemed inadmissible for permanent residency in this country, because 13-year-old **Nico** has Down syndrome.

Under **Section 38.1 (c) of the Refugee and Immigration Protection Act**, a foreign national is inadmissible on health grounds if their health condition "might reasonably be expected to cause excessive demand on health or social services."

Citizenship and Immigration Canada used the statute in the act to deny the Montoyas permanent residency.

For Felipe and many Canadians, Section 38.1 (c) contradicts Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"This is a law that needs to be tweaked so that it corresponds to the greater spirit and the greater values that Canada espouses," says Montoya.

Michael Bach, Executive Vice-President of the **Canadian Association for Community Living** and round-table panelist, believes people who have a disability have been systematically excluded as a result of the provision in the Act.

"It says to people who are trying to immigrate to Canada that 'You're going to be a burden on us, you're going to be a cost to us. Therefore, that's going to be a reason to exclude you.' The fact that it's in a Federal statute in Canada sends a message to people with disabilities and long term chronic care conditions in Canada that you're a burden on society."

Bach adds that the Government of Canada's intention to create a national accessibility act, as outlined in last month's Federal budget, is a good opportunity to raise the immigration policy issue, as discussions around the new act take place.

He also points out that Section 38.1 (c) contravenes **Article 18 (Liberty of movement and nationality) of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**.

While Felipe and his family appreciate the outpouring of support from across the country, Montoya suggests people write to their MPs to express their concern over Section 38.1 (c) and call for it to be reexamined.

The Montoyas have also started an online petition requesting changes to the immigration policy, and it can be accessed [here](#).

To watch interviews with Felipe Montoya, Michael Bach and **Ines Escallon** from Wednesday's event, click <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8hrliGMkGU&feature=youtu.be>

Bits and Pieces

Reel Abilities Film Festival



Community Living Ontario

is excited to be a sponsor and partner of **the Reel Abilities Film Festival!** 10 feature films and 5 shorts by filmmakers who have a disability, actors who have a disability and stories about the lives of people who have a disability. The festival takes place in Toronto from May 12th to the 19th across 8 venues in the GTA: <http://mnjcc.org/reelabilities>

The ReelAbilities Film Festival is the largest film festival in North America, dedicated to promoting the awareness and appreciation of the lives, stories, and art of people with disabilities and Deaf people. Stay tuned for more updates! [#ReelAbilitiesTO](#)

Important Information about the Schedule 1 Lawsuit, Clegg v. Ontario



This lawsuit is about twelve places where people with disabilities lived. The government of Ontario was in charge of these places. The lawsuit says the government did not protect people who lived at these places.

The Schedule 1 Facilities Class Action was certified as a class action on August 20, 2015 by Justice Belobaba of the Ontario Supreme Court of Justice. Before going to trial the parties involved reached a proposed settlement on November 4, 2015.

A hearing will be held on **April 25, 2016** at the Superior Court of Justice in Toronto to decide whether the settlement should be approved. If the settlement is approved there will not be a trial.

You can find a list of the twelve places and more information about the lawsuit at: <http://goo.gl/YBosX5>

Announcements ...Announcements



Anne Stafford "Light Up the Future" Bursary

CLO Awards

The Anne Stafford "Light Up the Future" Bursary is awarded to support individuals who have an intellectual disability to pursue a personal development opportunity through either an education program or personal interest course.

Deadline for the application is May 31, 2016

A sample form can be found on-line:

www.communitylivingontario.ca

James Montgomerie Honour Award

CLO Awards

This award is given to a person who has an intellectual disability who promotes equality of all citizens.

Deadline for the application is May 31, 2016

A sample form can be found on-line:

www.communitylivingontario.ca

Kim Sparling New Vision Advocate of the Year Memorial Award

The Kim Sparling New Vision Advocate of the year award is presented annually to a person who has an intellectual disability who demonstrates hard work and dedication in advocating to improve the lives of people with intellectual disabilities.

Deadline for the application is September 16, 2016.

A sample form can be found on-line:

www.speakingoutconference.com

Applications due May 31st CLWD Educational Bursary



The bursary forms are available at www.clwalkerton.org. Please share this information with students you may know.

Community Living Walkerton and District is an organization which endeavours to promote effective practices of inclusion for all individuals. An educational bursary of \$1,000.00 will be made available to a full-time post-secondary student who demonstrates commitment toward stronger and inclusive communities.

Eligible applicants will:

- Reside in Bruce County or Grey County in Ontario, Canada; it is understood that they may live elsewhere to attend school.
- Be accepted to study full-time at a recognized Canadian institution in a post-secondary program.
- Submit to the selection committee a 500 word essay to demonstrate their personal and/or professional experiences and challenges in promoting inclusion for persons with disabilities.
- Include in the essay an indication of their commitment to being a builder of stronger communities and good citizenship.

Contact 519 881 3713 ext. 118

Walkerton Special Olympic Athletes



Congratulations Team Ontario!

Speed Skater Ben Caldecott (pictured right), competed in the 2016 National Winter Games which took place in Corner Brook Nfld from Feb. 29 to Mar. 6. Congratulations are in order! Ben returned with 4 medals and Team Ontario had an overall medal count of 72 Gold, 60 Silver and 79 Bronze!

Cathy Cormack, Walkerton and Brian Carr, Ayton coached the Speed Skating team.

Other members from South Saugeen Special Olympics competed in Curling, Figure Skating, and Nordic Skiing.

The National Games in Corner Brook will act as a qualifier for the 2017 World Winter Games in Austria.



New Ontario Autism Program draws anger, questions - Ron Laroche, Community Living Ontario

UPDATE Friday April 15, 2016

Changes in how autism services for children are delivered in the province is not sitting well with some parents, opposition parties and the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth.

Hundreds of parents from across Ontario protested at Queen's Park on Tuesday, denouncing a plan to no longer make intensive behavioural treatment (IBI) available to children who are five years of age or older.

The move is part of the **Ontario Autism Program** announced last month that will see \$333 million invested over five years.

Under the new program, more than 2,200 children will be transitioned out of treatment and another 2,200 kids will be removed from the waitlist over the next two years. Children taken off the waitlist will receive \$8,000 and can apply for applied behaviour analysis therapy next year.

The NDP is calling for children on waitlists to be grandfathered in.

In the Legislature on Tuesday, **Tracy MacCharles**, Minister of Children and Youth Services, was brought to tears when questioned by the opposition.

In writing the Special Needs Report, she said it was an honour and a privilege to speak with families with children who have a disability, helping them to navigate a complicated system and to access the information and services they need.

"This is the most important piece of work I've done," she said of the new Ontario Autism Program.

In a release, **Irwin Elman**, the **Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth**, states he would like to see children who were on the IBI waitlist grandfathered in. He also wants clarification on what the Ministry intends to offer children who will no longer be on the IBI waitlist, how it plans to augment and support agencies that offer applied behaviour analysis, how additional clinicians tied to the assessment and program will be recruited and trained, and how the school system will fit into the overall plan.

Elman would like to see the plan's May 1st implementation delayed so that "children and their parents can be assured that they will have what they need, when they need it."

He has also requested a briefing with the Ministry to further understand its rationale behind the Ontario Autism Program.

Community Living Ontario does not take a position on the therapeutic value of autism-related therapies. However, when those services are provided, they must be offered to students in their regular classroom setting, to the greatest extent possible. Community Living Ontario will continue to support and advocate for children and their families to receive the support they require, so long as it is anchored in an inclusive education experience.

The **Ministry of Children and Youth Services** and **Autism Ontario** hosted three online webinars (earlier this week) to address the changes to autism services.

CLWD Continuing Education Committee

Thanks all who supported in raising funds to support students who are enrolled in post-secondary studies, by selling/ordering frozen food products from MacMillan's in February with delivery in March 2016.

Are you a Fan?

The A&E Network series "Born This Way" is one of six shows named to the Television Academy Honors.

A documentary series following the lives of young people with Down syndrome is getting a special honor from the people behind the Emmy Awards. "Born This Way," which debuted last year, focuses on seven young adults with Down syndrome in Southern California and their families as they take on jobs, dating and independence. After an initial six-episode run, A&E has renewed "Born This Way" for a second season, but has not yet announced when it will air.

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Speaking Out



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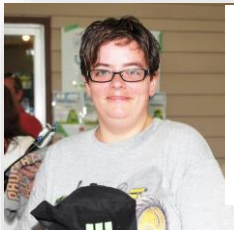
Registration open soon...

Speaking Out Conference 2016:

at the CAW Family Education Centre in Port Elgin...October 14, 15, 16, 2016.

Watch the website for more details. AND, enjoy the pictures from 2015 mini-golf event on the photo page at www.speakingoutconference.com

Friday August 12, 2016 is the date set for the Mini Golf Tournament in support of the Speaking Out Conference. This will take place at East Park Golf Gardens in London. Stay tuned for more information soon regarding registration for this fun event!




Crystal Wales of the Walkerton Action Committee is pictured with her prize from the Mini Golf Tournament in 2015.

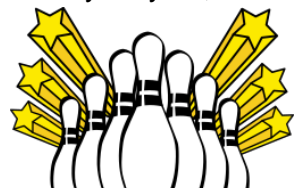
Chocolates for Sale



As a fundraiser for the Speaking Out Conference in 2016, mint smoothies from Rheo Thompson Candies are being sold by some members of the Action Committee. These are delicious, and very nice as gifts2 for \$5.00 or \$3.00 each. Call 519 881 3713 ext. 118

Great for Mothers Day! 

Come on down to **Wii Bowlerama for Heart and Stroke** at the Walkerton Library. Or you might wish to sponsor a bowler! Hosted by the Action Committee from 10:30 – 12:30 pm on Saturday May 28, 2016.



Summer is Soon!

Action Committee members plan to host **BBQ's for lunch** once each summer month...always a priority. In 2016 additional plans include tending their rented garden plot at the Walkerton Community Garden, and volunteering in pairs on the clean-up crew for the meals at the Homecoming event on Civic Holiday weekend.

Advocates in Action

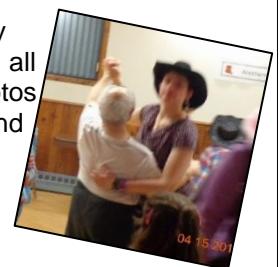
Serving Hot Drinks on Family Day

On February 15th an enthused crew from the Action Committee braved the very cold weather and served hot drinks at the Walkerton Community Centre. This was a great contribution to the community events, and was appreciated by the Brockton Recreation staff as well as the children and adults who came to the booth. Pictured below are some of the crew.



Western Dance and Card Party

With music by the South Carrick Rhythm Wreckers an enthusiastic crowd filled the Walkerton Royal Canadian Legion on Friday evening April 15, 2016. Friends arrived from all over the area. As you can see from the photos everyone enjoyed an evening of fun, food and dancing.



Some follow-up.... *Improving the ODSP Medical Review Process*

By introducing a new, simpler form that eliminates the requirement to duplicate information, the government of Ontario plans to reduce the burden on recipients, health care professionals, stakeholders and staff. In March 2016, the Ministry of Community and Social Services began working with stakeholders and advocates to design a new, simpler medical review process and form.

In the first part of the form, if the person's health care professional can indicate that the medical condition, impairments and restrictions have not improved, the second part of the form, which requires additional medical information to be provided, would not need to be completed. There will also be an opportunity for the health care professional to advise of relevant new conditions.

The Income Security Advocacy Centre had been advocating with our partners in community legal clinics for many years for changes to a profoundly flawed medical review process, and expressed thanks to Minister Jaczek in early February 2016.



Community Living Walkerton and District is celebrating!

As part of the acknowledgement of this milestone, the Board of Directors of CLWD has arranged that the office building at **19 Durham St. E., Walkerton** will be part of the tour for **Doors Open Walkerton & Area**. The self-guided tour through historical sites in this area takes place on Saturday September 24, 2016.

This is part of the Doors Open Ontario program, when from April to October annually residents and visitors are invited to discover some of Ontario's hidden treasures. Hundreds of communities across the province are expected to take part.



Issues #52 of **Spotlight on Transformation-** A developmental Services Bulletin from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, can be found on the internet www.clwalkerton.org

Employment Strategy, Autism Services, Special Needs Strategy and Social Assistance efforts are featured, as well as questions and answers about sheltered workshops. Facts are offered regarding ODSP and working, and information about Independent Facilitation.

Please note:

Along with the CLWD Accessible Customer Service Policy and Accessible Customer Service Feedback Form, now available on the website of Community Living Walkerton and District is the CLWD Service and Support Feedback Form.

Reference:

Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008

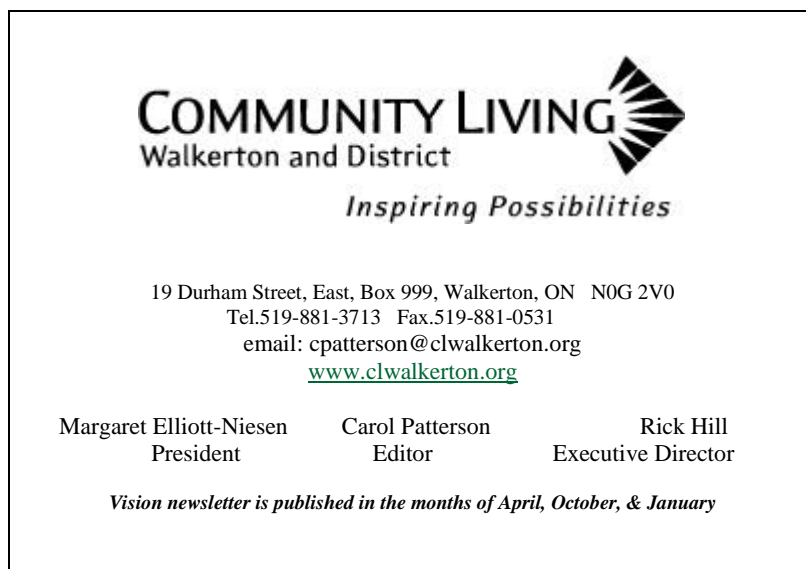
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Effective date: June 1, 2012

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and inspiring!

www.facebook.com/clwalkerton





APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: April 1/16 – March 31/2017

It is time for the annual renewal of your Association membership. Your renewal assists with the costs of the production of this newsletter as well as the work of our organization. The membership is \$5.00 per person. Thank you for your support.

Enclosed please find \$_____ for membership fees to Community Living Walkerton and District.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please return this information to:

Community Living Walkerton and District, P.O. Box 999, 19 Durham St. E., Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0