

Vision

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



In The Public Eye....

Time to celebrate - Community Living Walkerton and District

Acknowledging this milestone, the Board of Directors of CLWD arranged two special events.

On June 30th, 2016, a celebration barbecue brought many people to a tented area at the side yard of the main office.

Anniversary cake was enjoyed by over 200 people in attendance. Cutting the cake are Doris Weber (board member) and Rick Hill (Executive Director).



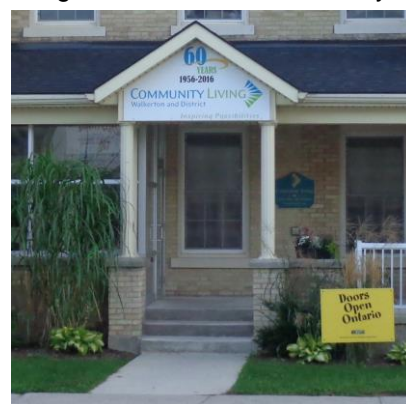
Lisa Thompson (MPP) and Ben Lobb (MP) with Dave Benninger (Action Committee) and Dan Guieruzak (board member) are pictured with the 1956 Monarch, thanks to Andy Schmidt.



Music under the tent by Dave Schmidt, *Take One*, topped off the speeches. The barbecue hosted by Keller Williams Realty was delicious.



The office building at **19 Durham St. E., Walkerton** was entered as part of the tour for **Doors Open Walkerton & Area**. The self-guided tour through historical sites in this area took place on Saturday September 24, 2016. One of 12 locations throughout the municipality that participated in this worthwhile event, we are excited to report 217 visitors by count in the guest book. With visitors travelling to the Brockton area from cities such as Toronto, London and Burlington, there were 4,375 site visits recorded at the 12 sites. Thanks to the volunteers who organized and hosted this day.



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Community Living Ontario to participate in upcoming consultation with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

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With the aim of improving home-care support for people who have an intellectual disability and avoiding institutionalization, **Community Living Ontario** is preparing to actively participate in a public consultation process being coordinated by the **Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care**.

The effort follows a complaint that was launched by **Audrey Cole** and her son, **Ian**, to the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal earlier this year. It related to the provision of home care and the potential risk of institutionalization that Ian and many others face as a result of short comings in current policy and practice.

In August of 2016, Mrs. Cole and the Ontario government agreed that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care would recommend service providers be given the discretion to exceed all caps on nursing services for people who have complex care needs. As part of the agreement, the Ministry issued a memorandum to Ontario service providers that spelled out their responsibility to explore every support possible to prevent a person from being institutionalized in cases where their maximum allowable home support had been reached.

A working group of government and community partners, including Community Living Ontario, was also agreed to. Over the coming year, the group, co-chaired by the Director of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Home and Community Care Branch, **Amy Olmstead** and Community Living Ontario's Director of Policy, **Gordon Kyle**, will provide advice on how best to structure home care to address the needs of people who have an intellectual disability.

Alan McWhorter will be assisting Community Living Ontario on the upcoming consultation process. He will be examining instances where people who have an intellectual disability whose desire to live in the community is threatened by their current access to home care and community services. McWhorter will also undertake research on successful practices in Ontario and other jurisdictions related to the provision of home care and community services.

The working group will submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care in June of 2017.

Ombudsman's report makes 60 recommendations to prevent crisis situations

Posted on August 30, 2016 at 12:02 pm.

After nearly four years since the investigation began, Ontario's Ombudsman released his long-awaited report (click [here](#) to read it) into crisis situations involving adults who have an intellectual disability.

The report called *Nowhere to Turn*, detailed incidents of people being abandoned, or inappropriately placed in hospitals, jails, homeless shelters, long-term care facilities, and sometimes subjected to abuse.

Among Paul Dubé's 60 recommendations announced on Wednesday (August 24th) is for the Ministry to formally recognize its role in directly assisting with crisis cases and to bring in measures to prevent people from being returned to abusive situations or being placed inappropriately, along with greater inter-ministerial cooperation.

"In 2014, as you all know, there was a major budget increase for Developmental Services, bringing annual spending in the sector to \$2 billion this fiscal year. But the fundamental issue here has never been money – after all, it is incredibly costly to house people in hospitals and long-term care homes who don't belong there. That money could be spent far more efficiently," said Dubé in a prepared statement.

"What really made the difference is leadership, and attitudinal changes at the Ministry, from the top down. Officials are no longer aloof and are more willing to engage directly in resolving individual crisis cases. They are no longer on the defensive when dealing with our Office and see the value we can do in helping them maximize service to Ontarians," added Dubé.

Another key recommendation of the report is the requirement that the Ministry report back to the Office of the Ombudsman every six months on the progress and implementation of the recommendations until adequate steps have been taken to address them.

Following the Ombudsman's report, the Minister of Community and Social Services, Helena Jaczek, offered an apology on behalf of her ministry and accepted all 60 recommendations.

"I heard the individual cases. There's no question, I was appalled. It was an entirely unacceptable situation, so on behalf of the Ministry, it certainly, I think, behooves us to realize that we should have taken a much more active role," said Minister Jaczek, in response to questions from reporters.

"I think the Ombudsman has put it very well, that it was a little bit of relying on our community partners, who are doing a good job, obviously. They were trying their best, but it needed central leadership from the Ministry to ensure that each individual case was appropriately addressed and, the fact that it didn't happen, I can apologize for that."

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Chris Beesley, Chief Executive Ontario of [Community Living Ontario](#), was pleased with the release of the report and Minister Jaczek's commitment to implementing the recommendations.

"I took heart in the fact that the Ministry has accepted and committed to implementing all 60 of [the recommendations] ... and that obviously shows there's a lot of work to be done. There are a lot of people who were in crisis or continue to be in crisis. I also took heart in the Minister's acknowledgement of those crisis situations, her describing them as unacceptable and apologizing for them. Add that to the Ombudsman saying, 'We still want to hear about, going forward, instances where people feel like they are at the edge of a cliff with nowhere to go,'" said Beesley.

"It seems to me there is a huge commitment from both of those parties to deal with crisis situations so that they are immediately resolved, and that's what I would expect going forward."

Linda Murphy travelled from Arnprior to Queen's Park to hear details of the report in person.

In May of 2014, she was prepared to leave her daughter in the government's care, unless Ashley was provided with residential supports. Her daughter now lives in a home of her own and is supported by [Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley](#). "I was very pleased with the Ombudsman's report. The threads in all of his stories of people, some of them sound like my story, and I know there's many thousands of people in Ontario living through the same thing and it touches so many people. I talked to so many people facing the same issues that my family and I have faced."

Representatives from People First also made the trip to Toronto to hear from the Ombudsman and the Minister. Kory Earle, President of [People First of Canada](#), and Richard Ruston, President of [People First of Ontario](#), would like to see people directly affected by the recommendations involved with their implementation.

"People with disabilities must be at the forefront of every process and every recommendation that has to go forward, because it doesn't necessarily affect agencies and families – it affects individuals. We are the ones on the ground. We are the ones that are experiencing the challenges," said Earle.

"We need to ensure that what we bring forward is valued."

Ron Laroche, Community Living Ontario

Featured Weblink!

ARCH Disability Law Centre, Toronto, and the [Respecting Rights Committee](#) have posted another video on Youtube. This one is a plain-language explanation of the Ombudsman's Report, 'Nowhere to Turn'.

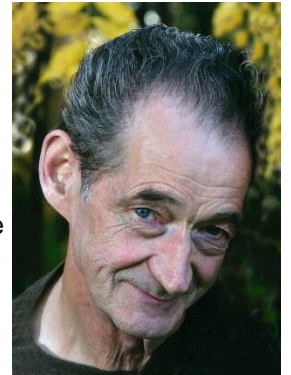
What Does the Ontario Ombudsman Say about Developmental Services?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cakRnBVldUo>



In Memory

Clifford Johnson of Cargill passed away on May 26, 2016 at South Bruce Grey Health Centre. He was 79. Cliff, with his steady presence and wit, is genuinely missed by friends at CLWD.



THE MEASURE OF A MAN

Not "How did he die?"
But "How did he live?"
Not "What did he gain?"
But "What did he give?"
Not "What was his station?" But "Had he a heart?"
and "How did he play his God-given part?"
Not "What was his shrine?" Nor "What was his creed?"
But "Had he befriended those really in need?"
Not "What did the piece in the newspaper say?"
But "How many were sorry when he passed away?"
Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer,
to bring back a smile, to banish a tear?"
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

author unknown.



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 new '**What if**' banner on our website www.clwalkerton.org



Update....



Montoya Family Granted Permanent Residency on Compassionate Grounds

August 15, 2016 - - reprinted from www.cacl.ca

York University professor Felipe Montoya and his family will be returning to Canada after their bid for permanent residency was granted on compassionate grounds.

Felipe and his family moved from Costa Rica to Toronto in 2012. In March 2016, they were denied the opportunity to apply for permanent residency by the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade because son Nico has Down syndrome.

Under Section 38.1 (c) of Canada's 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."

CACL Executive Vice-President Michael Bach spoke on a panel with Felipe and others earlier this year in order to bring attention to the exclusive legislation which makes persons with disabilities inadmissible to Canada.

Although Felipe and Nico's case garnered significant media attention, the Montoyas moved back to Costa Rica in June following a long appeals process with no decision forthcoming.

Their case took a positive turn on August 5th, when they received a letter indicating they had been granted "relief from inadmissibility" under Section 25.1 (1) of the Refugee and Immigration Protection Act, which allows the Minister to grant permanent resident status or exemption "if it is justified by humanitarian and compassionate considerations, taking into account the best interests of a child directly affected."

Felipe intends to continue to pursue changes to the Refugee and Immigration Protection Act, so that the legislation better reflects Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Canadian values.

Mark Your Calendars



Nov. 1, 14, 29 2016 and Jan. 10 and 24th 2017

Impact-Ability

A Webinar Series from PLAN Institute

Hosted by Al Etmanski and Vickie Cammack, based on his best selling book *Impact: Six Patterns to Spread your Social Innovation*. It will focus on the ingenuity and creativity of people with disabilities and their families as a force that continues to change the world: Register for each session separately http://events.tamarackcommunity.org/impact-ability-home?mc_cid=f94feedd84&mc_eid=dc7cc52273

Friday December 2, 2016

CLWD Christmas Party.

All welcome, Knights of Columbus Hall between Walkerton and Mildmay; 6 pm Social time, 6:30 turkey dinner and dancing to the Leask Brothers' Band. Tickets go on sale in November from the office at 19 Durham St., Walkerton. Hosted by the Action Committee, early bird tickets \$22 (until Nov. 18 at 4:30 pm) and \$25 until Nov.21.

Thanks for your support!



Alzheimer Coffee Break...

held in the lunch room at the office of Community Living Walkerton and District on Wednesday September 28, 2016, raised \$290.50 for the Alzheimer Society Grey-Bruce.



Door prizes went to.....

Kelly Tolton, for the Coffee lover; Margaret Elliott-Niesen, for the Tea lover: Flowers. Karen Elliott.

CLWD Continuing Education Committee

...is again raising funds to support students who are enrolled in post-secondary studies, selling frozen food products from MacMillan's in October and early November 2015....featuring meats and baked products, as well as some new items featured on the attached flyer. Orders and payment may be returned by Nov. 15th and no later than Nov. 21st. Delivery will be on Nov. 29, 2016.

Would you like to help in the future? Please call if you feel you can help...typically a day in March and another day in October or November. 519-881-3713 ext.118

Advocates in Action

We enjoyed guest chefs each month for our summer bbqs...thanks to the Lamonts, Brodie Hart, Bill Carroll and Dave Inglis, Tim Mancell and Rick Hill.



Potatoes for the foodbank, sunflowers for fun... summer gardening 2016 with the Action Committee.



Of special note: The Action Committee gave best wishes to **Harv Potts** at his final meeting in August, before moving to attend Lambton College in Sarnia, to study office administration with CICE.

Best Wishes ...

to students pursuing Post-Secondary Education



Chris Edgar is attending his second year at Fanshawe College, London. Chris is a student in the Pre-Technology Program.

Glenn Cooke is attending his first year at Fanshawe College, Simcoe/Norfolk Campus. Glenn is studying Welding Techniques.

Ben Caldecott is a second year student at Lambton College, Sarnia. Ben is studying Protection, Security, Investigation in the CICE program. *

Mitchell Helm is a fourth year student at Conestoga College. Mitchell is in the Mechanical Engineering Technician program.

The idea of attending college can be intimidating when you have a developmental disability, intellectual disability or other learning challenges. Inclusive Education Programs (also known as *CICE – Community Integration through Co-operative Education programs) at Ontario colleges give you the opportunity to experience college life and pursue postsecondary education, with courses tailored to meet your individual needs. You will learn the skills you need to be independent in your community and find employment in your chosen field.

Students and families are encouraged to connect with their Family Support Worker to learn more about the post secondary college opportunities available.

Special Olympic Athletes

Fourteen-year-old Kerstin von Richter of Chesley won a gold medal during the Special Olympics Ontario Spring Games, held May 26 to May 28 held in Guelph. Kerstin swims locally with South Saugeen Special Olympics at the P & H Centre in Hanover. She qualified for the Spring Games last year and will head to Halifax next year for the national championships. Her mom, Nancy, said Kerstin has "climbed a lot of hurdles" to get where she is and she is very proud of her daughter's accomplishments. "Proud isn't even the right word. I'm over the moon." (as reported to the Post, Hanover)

Speed Skaters practice again!

Helen Clancy reports that members from South Saugeen Special Olympics are once again on the ice in Walkerton every Monday. We look forward to hearing more about all of the winter sports as Special Olympians work toward successful competitions in 2017!



Announcements ...Announcements



Local advocate at Inclusion International

This year, self-advocate leaders from around the world are coming together for an historic event. Along with others from ReAction4

Inclusion/Community Living Ontario, **Ben Caldecott** travelled to Orlando, Florida at the end of October to participate in the Global Self-Advocacy Leadership Summit, *Together we are stronger.*



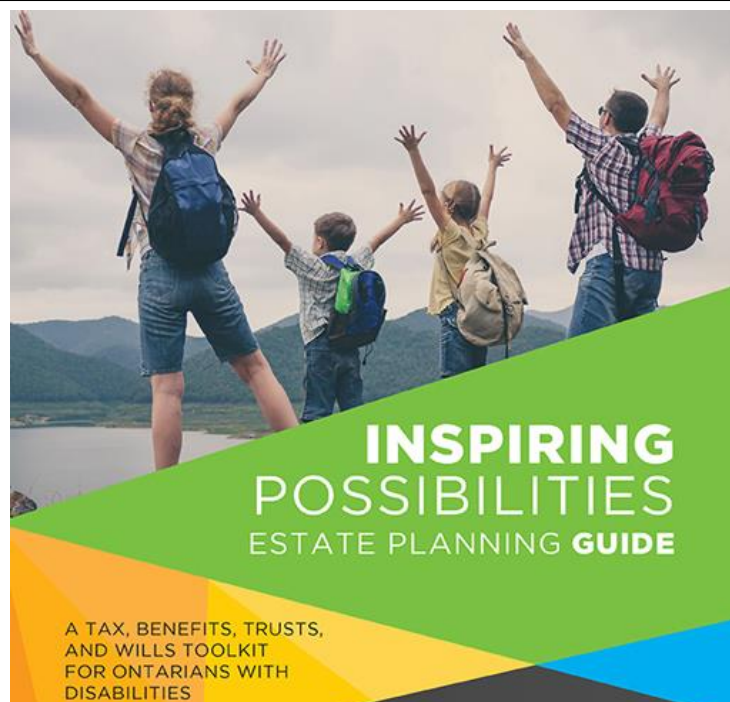
This leadership summit is an opportunity to connect to people with disabilities who are making an impact around the globe. Together, they will launch a global strategy to connect, support, and strengthen their platform as self-advocates.

What an awesome opportunity. We look forward to hearing from Ben about his experiences at this event – shaping the future of self-advocacy!

Inspiring Possibilities Estate Planning Guide,

developed by Community Living Ontario and Pooran Law Professional Corporation, is intended for families and their loved ones who have a disability to ensure that their financial arrangements and current considerations are respected.

Download this free comprehensive online resource today by visiting www.PlanInspiringPossibilities.ca.



Catch the Spirit ~

Walkerton Homecoming 2016 needed volunteers to make it a success!

Volunteers from Walkerton Action Committee helped in many ways, including manning the history display, serving on the crew for several community meals, and offering a water station at the parade during the weekend of July 29 – Aug. 1.



Doris Weber



Helen Clancy



Heather Munro
Mike Weiler



Dave Benninger



Linda Batte, Ashly Lamont



Pictured at the
Water Station are:

(above) Heather
Munro and Linda
Batte;

(upper right) Mike
Weiler and Harry
Woodward;

(lower right) Crystal,
Ben and Murray
Wales.



Speaking Out Conference 2016

Speaking Out 2016



A Conference for Self Advocates

www.speakingoutconference.com

This was the best year! Our conference was held in Port Elgin at the Unifor Centre on Oct. 14 -16, and the place was filled...160 people came from all over (as far away as North Bay and Welland). It took lots of work to plan. We were happy to have Dave Hingsburger as the keynote speaker, and presentations by self advocates, including help from some Action Committee members. Next year is the 10th anniversary of these conferences and retreats, so it will be a big one, Oct. 13 -15, 2017!



Speaking Out Mini Golf Tournament,

East Park Golf Gardens, London August 12, 2016



Thirteen people from Walkerton enjoyed golfing, lunch, fun with friends. Everyone returned with prizes and great memories!



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 Christmas!



2016/2017 Community Living Walkerton and District Educational Bursary Recipient



James Rice of Tiverton is the recipient of the 2016/2017 Community Living Walkerton and District Educational Bursary.

Pictured with James is Margaret Elliott-Niesen (from the CLWD Board of Directors) and Doris Weber (representing the Action Committee). Absent from the photo is selection committee member Karen Elliott (from the Continuing Education Committee).

Congratulations James!

CLWD Family Scholarship Recipients for 2016/2017



Taya Schipprack is entering her first year at Western University, in Kinesiology. Taya is the daughter of Tammy Schipprack, Family Support Services Worker.



Leah Marshall is beginning second year at Fanshawe College looking toward a future in the health care field, Nursing. Leah is the daughter of Sheryl Marshall, Family Support Services Manager.



Nicole Kreager is entering Wilfred Laurier University, pursuing a future career in a helping profession. Nicole is the daughter of Crystal Kreager, Support Worker at the Hub.

Congratulations Taya, Leah and Nicole!



Community Living Ontario, Awareness Campaign

from a Press Release,
Oct. 27, 2016

Spark Change in Your Community

Just launched, this campaign is celebrating inclusion champions that are making a difference in the lives of people who have an intellectual disability. The campaign includes **Luke Anderson** and **Danny Steeves** from **StopGap**, former Minister of Community and Social Services **John Baird**, London law firm **Cohen Highley**, **Community Living Toronto's Spinclusion** initiative and community activists **Gurvur**, **Nav** and **Sara Singh**. Submissions from the community are also being received on a daily basis.

A campaign video has been produced, along with video profiles of some of the participants. People can learn more about the Community Living movement, the inclusion champions featured in the campaign or nominate someone who is sparking change in their community by visiting the website – SparkChangeToday.com.

*"People who have an intellectual disability want the same opportunities to participate in the community as everyone else," said **Ron Laroche**, Director of Communications, Marketing and Fund Development. "This campaign features inspiring people and initiatives that are making that happen, much like the parents, friends and neighbours that started the Community Living movement more than 60 years ago, and it also encourages others to nominate people who are sparking change in their respective communities."*

Issues # 54 and 55 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

In the special edition, #54, the Ministry addresses the report of Ontario Ombudsman Paul Dubé, which was released on August 24; the Ombudsman reported on the four-year investigation into the ministry's response to situations of crisis involving adults with developmental disabilities. Issue #55 continues Ministry updates and includes the message reprinted on the right.

Shifting Away From Sheltered Workshops

(excerpts from MCSS – Spotlight on Transformation, Issue 55, October 2016)

The Ministry of Community and Social Services continues to work towards a more inclusive Ontario – one where people with developmental disabilities can live as independently as possible in their community.

A key part of this vision is having a person-directed approach, which means shifting away from sheltered workshops and toward more individualized and inclusive options. It includes employment for those that are able and want to work, or meaningful community participation for others not able to be engaged in paid employment.

The ministry recognizes that a complete shift away from programs such as sheltered workshops can take several years and careful planning is vital to the success of any transition. The process needs to be gradual and person-directed, so that there is a smooth transition for people who are participating in these programs as well as the agencies providing them.

This is not about taking away supports, and no program will be closed without the appropriate alternatives in place for people who are currently participating in sheltered workshops. We expect that agencies work closely with people and their families to provide inclusive supports and options that will best meet their needs and preferences. It will be an example of true community integration and achieving services and supports tailored to the needs and goals of individuals.

On our website...CLWD Accessible Customer Service Policy and Feedback Form, and CLWD Service and Support Feedback Form

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Sponsored by the **Continuing Education Committee**, all funds raised help with the financial support given to students.

Fall 2016



Dear Friends of C.L.W.D.:

We are pleased to have available for sale frozen food products from MacMillan's, featuring some peanut free products. With MacMillan Cookie Dough and Muffin Batter, you can have fresh baked goods in only 20 minutes...no mixing, no mess. The batter comes to you frozen in convenient tubs. Unused portions can be refrozen. MacMillan's also offers an array of many other delicious products including Gourmet Desserts, Pizza, and delicious Soup mixes.

We know these products to be tried and true! A complete ingredient listing and nutritional guide is available from the MacMillan's Web Site.

Please consider supporting CLWD by **requesting an order form** and by offering this opportunity to family and friends. Call **519 881 3713 ext. 102**. Our fundraising campaign will generate funds to support students enrolled in post-secondary education.

ORDERS and payment should be returned by **Tuesday November 15, 2016 and no later than Nov. 21st** to Sharon Teeple at Reception, 19 Durham Street East, Walkerton, phone 519-881-3713 ext. 102. **PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO CLWD.**

PICKUP of orders will be on **Tuesday November 29, 2016** at Community Living Walkerton and District, 5 Peter Street, Walkerton. Time to be announced! Please notify us if a delivery is desired.

Thank you, in advance, for your support!

***NEW ready to bake Portuguese
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