



# *Apropos...*

## *Batshaw Youth and Family Centres*

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*News from Michael Udy, Executive Director*

### **BUILDING TIES WITH THE CLSCS**

You have probably read here and elsewhere that we are on a steady long term path to build stronger relationships with the CLSCs, particularly the 15 located on the western half of the island. Some 90% of our clients live in the territories covered by these 15 CLSCs. One of the steps along the way is being carried out by Howard Nadler. Howard is just back from a leave of absence and has accepted a special mandate, financed by the Regional Board, to work exclusively on representing Batshaw to the CLSCs as they develop their youth service plans, and as Batshaw and the CLSCs implement their joint practitioners collaboration guide. This guide should be ready for distribution in October.

### **FIRST ANNUAL STAFF BBQ**

On Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> Batshaw held its first annual staff BBQ at Camp Weredale, located on the shores of Lac L'Achigan in the Laurentians. The weather was sunny and warm, and the 80 or so adults and children present spent a very relaxing lunch time and afternoon swimming, using the watercraft, walking in the woods and touring the camp facilities. The relaxation and enjoyment the camp brings was obvious on everyone's faces. This first event was definitely a success. Thanks go to Kim Kurtz and his helpers and to Camp Director Hans Bongers and his staff for foregoing a day off and hosting us so hospitably.

### **GUY STREET IS NO MORE**

The head office at Guy Street closed its doors on July 23<sup>rd</sup> as all staff and furniture moved to the newly renovated building at 5 Weredale Park. Many employees at Batshaw have experienced the disruptions that office moves bring. A number of individuals at Guy street and in Technical Services worked for weeks in preparing for the move and reducing much of the stress. Within a week of the move the new offices were almost fully functional. Many thanks to those whose preparations and helping hands made things go smoothly.

### **PROJECT 10**

Project 10 coordinators Daniel Lanouette and Pierrette La Roche would like to remind Batshaw staff that all the Projects' services are available to Batshaw clients between the ages of 14 to 17, and to all youth in the community between the ages of 14 to 25. Project 10 also offers special workshops for clients on site for youth workers on the psychosocial issues of gay, lesbian and bisexual youth. For further information you can contact Pierrette or Daniel at Project 10, telephone 989-4585 or 932-7161 ext. 373 & 308.

### **SNACK BAR AT 6 WEREDALE PARK**

Negotiations are going on to create a snack bar concession in the 6 Weredale Park building that will be available to all staff, clients and volunteers. More news in October.

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT AHEAD!**

As you may have seen from a poster circulated earlier this summer, the annual golf tournament will take place Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Bonniebrook golf course which is a few miles west of St. Jerome. This event is great fun for both experienced and novice golfers. The golf tournament is followed by an excellent supper in charming surroundings. Prizes are awarded. To register please contact David Ney at 932-7722.

### **HOLIDAY PARTY PLANNING**

I know it's early to bring this up, but this event requires alot of planning, so the sooner it starts the better. Henri Derome is coordinating the planning again this year. If you would like to help out or have some party suggestions please call Henri at 989-1885.