



Easter Closures

Due to the Easter Statutory holidays, the Mermaid Centre will be closed on the following dates: Good Friday April 10th and Easter Monday April 13th. A very happy Easter to all.

April 2009 Program Schedules

Please visit www.scacl.ca to view our online activity schedules for the Supported Employment Program and Day Program.

- **Supper Club** will be held April 9th and 23rd 3:00pm - 5:00pm \$5.00 fee
- **Video Night** will be held on April 17th and 24th 4:00pm \$4.00 fee
- **Job Club** will be held on April 9th and 23rd 10:30am

Upcoming Staff Training

WHMIS – Our new online WHMIS Training will begin this month – Staff that have registered please watch for an email with instructions for logging on and completing the course. You will be paid one hour upon completion of the course.

CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORTING *and a review of Provincial Guidelines on Death and Dying*

This training will review all of SCACL's procedures for responding to critical incidents, expected and unexpected deaths, reporting requirements, investigations, debriefing and much more.

This is paid training. Please RSVP

For all staff. April 22nd 9:30 – 11:30

HEALTH CERTIFICATION with CLHN Brenda Wilkes

April 28th 9:30 – Mermaid Centre

Staff will receive an email if they are due for this training

ROSECLIFFE CERTIFICATION with CLHN Brenda Wilkes

April 30th 9:30 am –Rosecliffe

Staff will receive an email if they are due for this training

Midtown is Complete!

After many deadlines and eleventh hour panic, SCACL is now the proud owner of four suites in the Midtown development. We are currently processing applications and anticipate that our tenants will be moving in as soon as June 2009. Thanks are due to many but a special tip of the hat to Carmen Sombrowski who assisted in so many ways to make this project a reality. The following is the press release from Minister Rich Coleman regarding the forgivable mortgage supplied through BC Housing:

“SECHELT – The Province is providing a \$302,800-grant from the Housing Endowment Fund (HEF) for an innovative project in Sechelt, Minister of Housing and Social Development Rich Coleman announced today.

“The endowment fund provides an opportunity to give support to proposals that do not fall within the guidelines of any existing housing programs,” said Coleman. “This proposal is a unique opportunity for a local group in Sechelt to purchase some housing units for people who have particular needs.” The Sunshine Coast Association

for Community Living is receiving \$302,800 to assist with the purchase of four strata units in a 24-unit strata complex to provide affordable housing for people with developmental and other disabilities who are able to live independently. The site, located in the heart of the downtown/village neighbourhood, was acquired by the society and is being developed in partnership with the Sunshine Coast Property Development Corporation. The \$250-million Housing Endowment Fund was established in the 2007 Provincial Budget. The fund generates investment revenue, which is used to fund new ideas and support innovative housing solutions that meet the diverse housing needs of British Columbians. To date, more than \$12 million has been awarded to 25 projects.”

GET THE VOTE OUT

SCACL is hosting a series of workshops on voting.

The workshops are to help prepare individuals for the May 12th provincial election.

Meet & Greet with Nicholas Simons (NDP Candidate)



Tuesday, April 7th 1:00pm at the Mermaid Office
Nicholas will be joining us for lunch and a
Question and Answer session.

Meet & Greet with Dawn Miller (Liberal Candidate)



Date & Time TBA at the Mermaid Office
Dawn will be joining us for lunch and a
Question and Answer session.

Get the Vote Out - Workshop



Thursday, April 23rd 1:00 Mermaid Office
Questions and Answers about voting and your rights

Provincial Election Day



Tuesday, May 12th
Exercise your right to vote!



Respite Room Now Available

SCACL has developed a respite room at one of its staffed facilities. Families in need of short term relief from the responsibilities of caring for their adult son or daughter can pick up a brochure and application at the SCACL office. The emphasis of the respite room is overnight support, and individuals should have plans for daytime activities. Eligible individuals will receive meals and support from SCACL staff. There is a fee for this service. Please contact Randy at the office for more information and to book the room.



BCACL Conference and AGM

The BCACL conference will be held in Victoria June 4th – 6th 2009. SCACL may be able to offer support to self advocates who are interested in attending. Please contact Christie or Xerez for more information on the conference or visit www.bcaccl.org