

Preliminary Agenda
2002 Annual Consultation of Social Services Administrators
Casino Nova Scotia Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia
(September 29 – October 2, 2002)

Theme:

“Building Inclusive Communities”

The theme for this year’s consultation is around building strong, inclusive communities based on solid research as well as strategic social planning.

Moderators:

- **Barbara Burley**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Community Services
- **Marcel Lauzière**, President, Canadian Council on Social Development (CCSD)
- **Lori Harrop**, Vice-President, Public Affairs, CCSD

Sunday, September 29, 2002

7:00 – 9:00pm - Opening Reception, Acadia Room C, Casino Nova Scotia Hotel

Monday, September 30, 2002

8:00 – 8:30am - Registration

8:30 – 8:45am - Opening Remarks by the **Honourable Peter Christie**, Minister, Nova Scotia Department of Community Services

8:45 – 9:30am - Welcome by Moderators

- Remarks by the **Honourable Claudette Bradshaw**, Minister of Labour, Government of Canada

Topic: The National Homelessness Initiative and importance of creating and fostering inclusive communities across Canada.

9:30 – 10:30am - **Christa Freiler**, Director, Children’s Agenda Programme, Laidlaw Foundation

Topic: Presentation on **social inclusion** – What are the critical dimensions of social inclusion? How has the concept evolved? What does it mean for Canadian community development? Where do we go from here?

- **Peter Clutterbuck**, Consultant & Researcher, PC Human Resources Community Researcher, Social Planning Network of Ontario

Topic: Developing a national **social infrastructure strategy** for Canada that includes commitments to create conditions for social inclusion in every community across Canada.

- 10:30 – 10:45am** - Break
- 10:45 – 11:15am** - Discussion Period (questions, comments, debate)
- 11:15 – 11:45am** - **Anne Muecke**, Partner with Griffiths Muecke Associates. Currently on contract with the Halifax Regional Municipality, Regional Planning Project.
- Topic: Community-building at the municipal level – the challenges and opportunities.
- 11:45 – 12:15am** - Discussion Period
- 12:15 – 1:30pm** - Lunch (light lunch will be served)
- 1:30 – 2:30pm** - Roundtable Discussion (regional reports, concerns, best practices)
- 2:30 – 2:50pm** - Break
- 2:50 – 3:25pm** - Crime Prevention Through Social Development: Making Communities Safe – A look at the importance of crime prevention and the personal safety of our citizens in building inclusive communities.
- **Caroline Andrew**, Professor of Political Science, University of Ottawa
- Topic: A national perspective of crime prevention at the community level, with an emphasis on governments working with community groups to help enhance the safety and well-being of our citizens.
- 3:25 – 4:00pm** - **Ross Hastings**, Professor of Criminology, University of Ottawa
- Topic: Crime prevention through social development: the promises and pitfalls. A look at different approaches to early intervention and the implementation of the National Crime Prevention Strategy.
- 4:00 – 4:30pm** - Discussion period
- 5:30** Bus leaves for Dinner at the Shore Club, Chester (Casual Dress)
- Keynote speaker to be announced.

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

- 8:30 – 9:30am** - Strengthening community supports and enhancing civic engagement: The role of the voluntary sector in helping to develop socially inclusive communities:
- **Nancy Wildgoose**, Executive Director, Voluntary Sector Task Force (government representative)
 - **Susan Carter**, Executive Director, VSI Secretariat (Voluntary Sector representative)
- Topic: A look at the Voluntary Sector Initiative (national perspective) – where has it come and what has been its influence on building capacity for voluntary organizations who are feeling the strain of increasing demands and diminishing resources? How can the VSI contribute to the development of public policy born of social inclusion?
- 9:30 – 10:00am** - **Cathy Wright**, Executive Director, Saint John Human Development Council, Saint John, N.B.
- Topic: A close-up view of a community that is engaged in revitalizing and organizing its non-governmental sector to work in cooperation with public and private institutions on issues of critical importance to the community's growth and development.
- 10:00 – 10:30am** - Discussion Period
- 10:30 – 10:45am** - Break
- 10:45 – 11:45am** - Roundtable Discussion II
- 11:45am – 1:00pm** - Lunch (light lunch will be served)
- 1:00 – 2:00pm** - Provincial efforts to build inclusive communities – A focus on human development, material sufficiency and employment opportunities.
- **Jan Sanders on, Director, Healthy Child Manitoba, Government of Manitoba**
- Topic: Manitoba's Healthy Child Initiative: The importance of healthy, early childhood development for community cohesiveness and child well-being.
- **Bernard Desjardins**, Assistant Director, Family Services Support Unit, Family Services Division, Ministry of Family & Childhood, Government of Quebec
- Topic: Review of Quebec's affordable \$5 per day daycare program – what has been the demand? The problems? The impact on communities and families in Quebec?

- 2:00 – 2:30pm** - Discussion Period
- 2:30 – 3:00pm** - Break
- 3:00 – 3:45pm** - **Margaret Dechman**, Coordinator, Family Mosaic Research Project, Nova Scotia Department of Community Services.

Topic: Presentation on the results of the Family Mosaic Project – Longitudinal study of mothers and children in Nova Scotia focusing on education, employment and social assistance as determinants of success.
- 3:45 – 4:30** - Discussion Period

Free Evening

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

- 9:00 – 9:30am** - **Kevin Hall**, Director, Client Services Delivery Initiative, Nova Scotia Department of Community Services

Topic: Revamping social service delivery to better serve the client. A look at Nova Scotia Department of Community Services' efforts to revamp its delivery of social services to residents of Nova Scotia. How are they undertaking this massive venture? What are the goals and lessons learned to date?
- 9:30 – 10:15am** - Discussion Period
- 10:15 – 10:35am** - Break
- 10:35 – 11:45am** - Final Roundtable and Review of Consultation
- 11:45 – 12:00pm** - Closing Remarks