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Campbell River and District Association for Community Living COVID-19 Update

Adult Services: This past week has been status quo for the most part. Non-essential programs remain closed (providing some support where needed), and the essential programs are all running smoothly. Employment Services doing a bit of shredding and boom boards in order to not lose those contracts, although they have a set strategy as to the amount of people in the building at one time, and ensuring social distancing is being followed.

Ironwood Place celebrated a 101st Birthday last week, with a Piper playing their pipes outside on the patio where the family looked on. Cake was shared within the building. A great way to recognize a special birthday.

Children's Services are up and running teletherapy which is very exciting. Families have been contacted and scheduled. The Supervisors have spent a considerable amount of time developing policies, and consent forms, and instructions for parents on how to use Zoom. The dedication to the families these programs serve is outstanding.

I have sent a Bulletin to all Supervisors regarding CLBC's teleconference for all of the support workers, recognizing their work and dedication through this pandemic. Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and Dr. Daniele Behn-Smith, Deputy Provincial Health Officer will be joining this teleconference. It will be on Friday, May 1, 2020 from 9:35 to 10:30. Call in to 1-877-353-9184 and the code is 37568#. If any support workers have questions they'd like to put forward, please do so by 3 pm on April 30th to CLBCInfo@gov.bc.ca and use the words "Support Worker Questions" in the subject line.

We previously said our buildings would be closed until April 30th and would update that date. We have decided to announce that our buildings will remain closed until May 15th. There seems to be a bit of talk about loosening the restrictions, but we want to be very careful and have a clear plan as to how that would look for us. We are taking the advice of the PHO, CLBC, and the BCCEO Network, and so far we will continue as is. We set May 15th just in case some direction came down in the next two weeks. It's probably more likely May 30th, but we will be sure to update the week of the 11-15th.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to our organization by providing services when able and when necessary, and staying home and safe when not at work.

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