

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

During 2018-2019, in order to ensure the best possible Board performance and training, the Community Living Parry Sound (CLPS) Board of Directors focused on education with an emphasis on governance. Board members attended two development sessions – one provided by LIFT Philanthropy Partners and the second one held at Canadore College. CLPS co-funded the session at Canadore College as part of our ongoing Board education initiative.

Board governance policies were thoroughly reviewed and updated. In consultation with PooranLaw Professional Association, CLPS' by-laws were reviewed to ensure compliance with the Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) legislation, and the proposed amendments will be brought to our membership for review at our Annual General Meeting.

This year also included welcoming Sarah Cassidy to CLPS. As Corporate Services Coordinator, Sarah provides ongoing support and resources to the Board and, on behalf of the Board, I thank her for her hard work and dedication.

The Town of Parry Sound, once again, demonstrated its commitment to CLPS by declaring May 2019 Community Living Month in Parry Sound. We celebrated our 20th annual golf tournament, held another successful Breakfast with the Mayor and other events during May and were touched and appreciative of the outstanding community support.

The people we support and the staff that help support them continue to be CLPS' primary focus. 'Thank you' does not adequately express the appreciation that each member of the Board extends to every individual that supports CLPS in any capacity. It has been an honour and pleasure to serve such an outstanding organization. The next year will continue to be one of achievement and commitment for CLPS.

Respectfully submitted,



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President*