



COMMUNITY LIVING  
Mattawa

*Inspiring Possibilities*

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COMMUNAUTAIRE  
Mattawa

*Inspirant des possibilités*

### *Vision Statement*

That all people are treated with respect, and live and participate as valued members of the community.

### *Mission Statement*

To support people with developmental disabilities in living independently and participating fully in their community.

## Introduction

Welcome to Community Living Mattawa's August 2021 Newsletter. This is our first newsletter since March 2020, just before the World-wide Pandemic COVID-19 was declared active in Canada. It has been 18 months that we have been navigating our way through the unknown of the Pandemic. It has caused us to close some of our programs and provide different or less programming to the people we support. We had to adjust rapidly to how we support people and what procedures we followed in order to keep everyone we work with safe.

First, I want to recognize the resiliency of the people with whom we support. They have faced numerous changes to their routines, an inability to visit or see their families, restrictions on where they can go, and an overall shutdown to their lives. Through all of this they have continued to thrive. This is demonstrated in the picture on the cover of the newsletter.

Second, I want to recognize and thank all of the employees of Community Living Mattawa. Their hard work and dedication to the people with whom we support has been nothing short of amazing throughout the Pandemic. The employees continued to come to work and provide supports every day. They dealt with the uncertainty of the Pandemic and worked hard to ensure everyone remained safe. Through their continued

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hard work, Community Living Mattawa went through the last 18 months healthy and safe. Thank you again for what you do each and every day.

As we prepare to reopen our Community Services again, we do so cautiously. We want to be able to expand and provide community-based services to the people living in our Group Homes and our community, but we want to continue to be safe. We will reopen, but we will do so gradually, so that hopefully by next year we will be running again at full capacity and the Pandemic will be behind us.

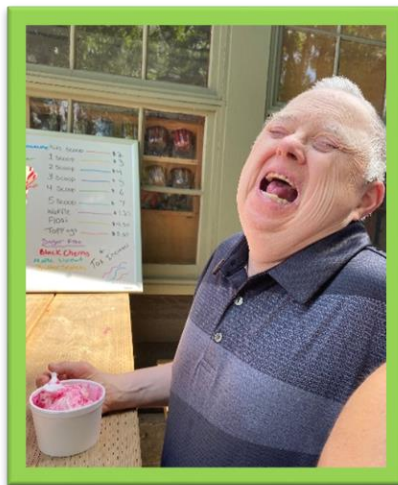
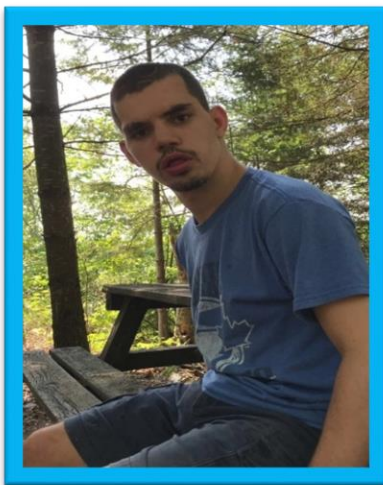
Included in this newsletter is a summary of the events and activities that have shaped the organization over the past several months. I hope you enjoy catching up on what we have been doing.

If you have any comments on the newsletter or on the Association as a whole, please contact me at [david@communitylivingmattawa.org](mailto:david@communitylivingmattawa.org) or (705) 744-3030.

Sincerely,  
David Spencer, Executive Director

### Consumer News

The gradual re-opening of the Province provided the people we support with opportunities to get back out into the community and they took full advantage of their opportunity. Many trips were planned to local parks, lakes and campgrounds. As well, some people even had a chance to enjoy some ice cream on a warm July day. As the pictures show, everyone was happy when the Province's lockdown came to an end.



## Employee News

### 2021 Employee Service Awards

At the Annual General Meeting, Community Living Mattawa recognized three employees for their years of service to the agency. The employees were:



#### Jennifer Wall – 5 years

Currently, Jennifer is a Support Worker in the Residential Services program, specifically the Brydges Street Residence. She supports the people living in the home with developing their skills for independence and assisting them with their every day living. Jennifer brings a positive attitude to work and has a great rapport with the people with whom she works. Community Living Mattawa thanks Jennifer for her dedication and years of service.

#### David Spencer – 10 years

David came to Community Living Mattawa in the position of Executive Director. David works with the Management Team and the Employees of CLM to ensure that the people the agency supports are receiving the best services possible. David believes in the mission of the organization and encourages the employees to assist people to achieve their goals for independence and inclusion into the community. Community Living Mattawa thanks David for his continued dedication and years of service.



#### Cheryl Whalley – 20 years

Currently, Cheryl is a Case Manager in both the Supported Independent Living (SIL) and Community Services programs. Cheryl supports people who live in their own homes to maintain or increase their independence and to integrate into their community. In the Community Services, Cheryl provides workshops and 1:1 to people on various areas for life skills and personal development. Cheryl has dedicated herself to Community Living Mattawa's mission and is a strong advocate for the people she supports. Cheryl also brings a positive attitude and a smile to work everyday and has a great rapport with the people with whom she works. Community Living Mattawa thanks Cheryl for her dedication and years of service.

## Board News

### **Community Living Mattawa's Annual General Meeting**

Community Living Mattawa held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Due to the Pandemic the meeting was held by videoconference again this year. The Annual General Meeting is an open meeting for the members of the Association and the public to hear an update on the operations of the agency throughout the past year. Monique Antoine, the Board Chair, led everyone in attendance through the agenda of the meeting. At the meeting, the annual reports from the Board Chair, the Executive Director, and the three Managers were read to the members. Each annual report provided insight into a different aspect of the organization. In addition to the annual reports, the Executive Director, David Spencer, reviewed the agency's financials from the previous fiscal year.

The Annual General Meeting is also the time when employees who have reached five-year employment milestones are recognized. There were three recipients in 2021 and they are highlighted in the Employee News section of the newsletter.

Finally, the membership elected the Board of Directors for 2021-2022.

If you would like a copy of the 2020-2021 Annual Report, please contact Janet Glabb-Petrant in the Administration Office at [jglabbpetrant@communitylivingmattawa.org](mailto:jglabbpetrant@communitylivingmattawa.org).

### **2021-2022 Board of Directors**

At the Annual General Meeting the Board of Directors for 2021-2022 were elected by the membership. Community Living Mattawa's Board of Directors for 2021-2022 are as follows:

Monique Antoine  
Wayne Cotgreave  
Crystal Backer  
Chantale Michaud  
Lyndee Cicalo  
Amy Leclerc  
Sabrina Poullas

The members, the employees, and the people supported by Community Living Mattawa thank these dedicated people for volunteering their time to lead the agency toward achieving its Mission and Vision.

### **Board Member Recognitions**

The Annual General Meeting also saw the departure of two dedicated and caring Board members.



Tanya Bélanger left the Board of Directors after nine (9) years, holding numerous positions including Board Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Tanya helped Community Living Mattawa develop a strong connection to our local hospital and brought her expertise in managing people to the Board. She was a strong advocate for the agency and especially for the people Community Living Mattawa supports. Everyone at Community Living Mattawa thanks Tanya for her years of service.

Amy Morrison left the Board of Directors after seven (7) years, holding numerous positions including Treasurer and Secretary. Amy brought a wealth of financial knowledge to the Board and ensured that the agency remained financially responsible and strong. In addition, Amy was a strong advocate for the people Community Living Mattawa supports. Everyone at Community Living Mattawa thanks Amy for her years of service.



### **2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements**

The 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements were presented at the Annual General Meeting. The accounting firm of Kendall, Sinclair, Cowper, and Daigle LLP conducted Community Living Mattawa's audit and determined that agency's finances were presented fairly in all material respects and are in accordance with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services requirements. If you would like a copy of the 2020-2021 audited financial statements, please email David Spencer at [david@communitylivingmattawa.org](mailto:david@communitylivingmattawa.org).



### Membership/Donations

#### **Membership**

Community Living Mattawa held its annual membership drive leading up to its Annual General Meeting. In this year's membership drive the Association generated 40 personal memberships and 20 Corporate memberships.

Community Living Mattawa thanks all of its members. Membership shows a commitment to the Association and affirms a belief in the Vision of the organization that “all people are treated with respect, and live and participate, as valued members of the community”.

All funds received from our members go towards providing activities and opportunities for the people we support.

We encourage our members to get involved with the Association through volunteering. If you are interested in learning about volunteer opportunities, please contact the Executive Director, David Spencer at [david@communitylivingmattawa.org](mailto:david@communitylivingmattawa.org) or at (705) 744-3030.

We also welcome new members at any time throughout the year, if you know a person or a business that supports the vision of the agency, please encourage them to become a member. Personal membership is \$10.00 for the year and Corporate membership is \$50.00 for the year. All membership funds received are eligible for a Charitable Income Tax Receipt through Revenue Canada. For more information on membership, please contact Janet Glabb-Petrant in the Administration Office at [jglabb-petrant@communitylivingmattawa.org](mailto:jglabb-petrant@communitylivingmattawa.org) or at (705) 744-2979 ext. 200.

#### **Donations**

Community Living Mattawa has received several donations throughout the past year and we thank those organizations that have so graciously supported our agency.

#### **Youth and Philanthropy Initiative Canada (Y.P.I.)**

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative Canada (Y.P.I.) is an inclusive, multi-award-winning approach to grant-making that grows compassionate communities by connecting high school students to social issues, local charities, and philanthropy at a pivotal stage in their adolescence. It is a program where youth, schools, charities, and funders work together to support social services through grants and public awareness.

YPI is offered to secondary schools, with one major enrolment requirement: it must be provided inclusively to all students across a grade level, as a marked project within any mandatory course. In teams, students learn about social issues impacting their community, choose a charity that addresses one issue to research and visit, and then share what they learned with their peers through a classroom presentation. The top presentations from the year advance to the school's YPI Final, where a youth-led panel of judges selects one team to win up to a \$5,000 grant for the charity they represented. The students are given authentic responsibility and decision-making power throughout the entire YPI process.

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Community Living Mattawa received \$2,500.00 from the YPI program based on a presentation done by F.J. McElligott Secondary School student Shannon Wall. She presented information about Community Living Mattawa and designed a picture that represented her vision of community inclusion.



### **Caisse populaire Alliance, centre de services de Mattawa Branch**

Community Living Mattawa received a \$500.00 donation from the Caisse populaire Alliance in Mattawa. The donation was dedicated to supporting community activities for the people supported by the agency.

The Caisse populaire Alliance has been a long-time supporter of Community Living Mattawa and we thank them for their continued support.



### **United Steelworkers Local 2020**

Community Living Mattawa received a donation of \$1,000.00 from its' Union, the United Steelworkers, Local 2020. The funds were dedicated to the purchase of a new vehicle for the agency. The new vehicle provides the means for transporting the people the agency supports to various community activities. Community Living Mattawa thanks the United Steelworkers, Local 2020 for their generous donation.



### **New Van**

Through the generosity of donations from the United Steelworkers, Local 2020 and various fundraising activities, such as the agency's past 50/50 draws and money raised at the agency's Gala event in 2019, and through funds earned through the Passport program, Community Living Mattawa was able to purchase a new 7-passenger Grand Caravan mini-van from Farquhar Chrysler in North Bay. The new van provides reliable transportation for the people supported by the agency and helps promote social and community inclusion.

Community Living Mattawa thanks everyone who contributed to the purchase of our new vehicle.





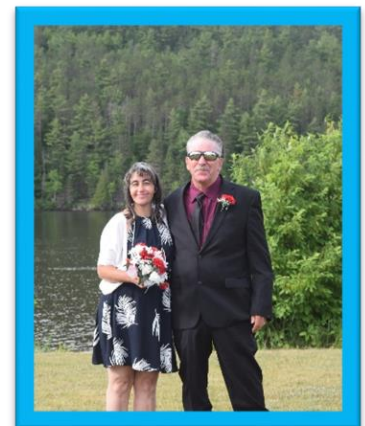
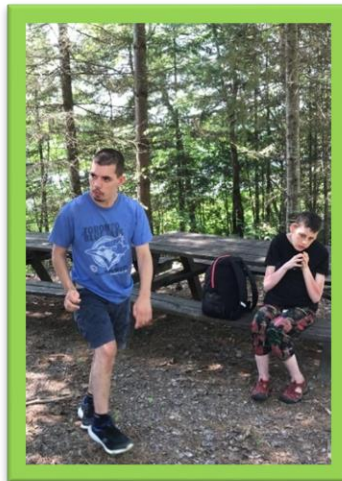
## Reopening

As the Province reopens so does Community Living Mattawa. The people living in the agency's Group Homes are able to get out and access parts of the community that have been closed for the past year. The Supported Independent Living program is able to support everyone registered in the program, rather than just those requiring essential supports. Finally, the Community Outreach program, that has been closed since March 2020 is scheduled to reopen in September. All of these steps mean that the agency is gradually returning to providing its full community-based supports and working towards our mission of full community participation for everyone we support.

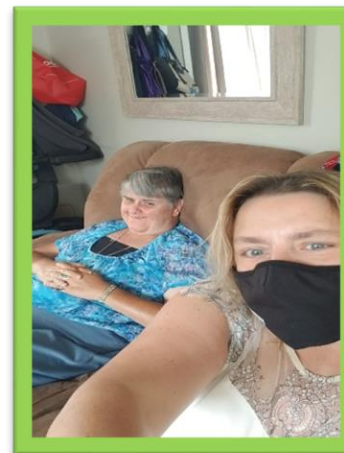
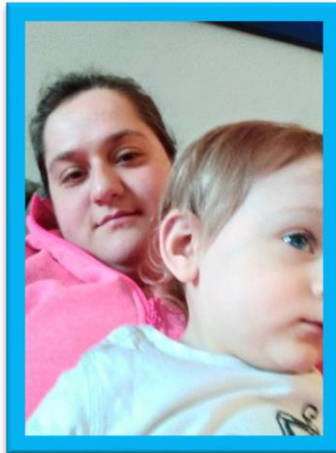
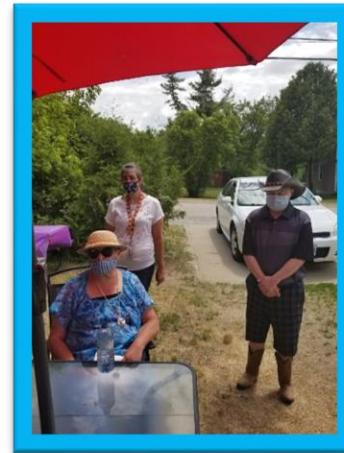
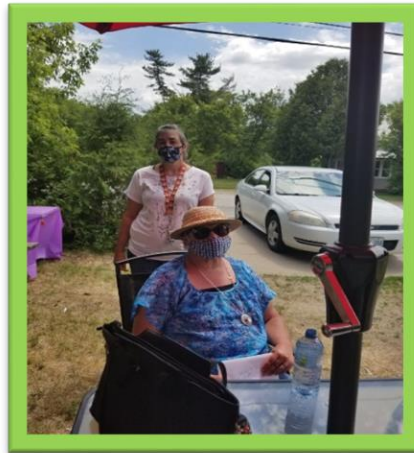
It is a relief to be moving in this forward direction after so many months of being shut-in. We continue to follow all of the Ministry's safety measures, but we are optimistic that by next summer we will be able to run our community events again and the people we support will be participating in a variety of community activities.

Thank you again to the employees of Community Living Mattawa for their hard work in bringing us through the pandemic safely thus far. And, thank you to the people we support who have shown resilience and patience as the agency has navigated its way through the Pandemic.

## Pictures



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*Thank you front line workers*

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## CLM Items for Sale

The following items are for sale at Community Living Mattawa:



← CLM Fleece Jacket. Features CLM logo, draw stings at the sides with zipper. **\$30.00/each**



→ CLM Hoodie. Soft fleece on the inside. **\$22.00/each**



← CLM Blue Long Sleeve Shirt. Features tapered sleeves. **\$22.00/each**

CLM 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary → grey t-shirt. **\$10.00/each**



←50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary stemless wine glass. **\$5.00/each**. Buy a set and dress up your table for special occasion.

If you are interested in purchasing any (or all) of these items, please contact the Administrative Assistant, Janet Glabb-Petrant, at [jglabb-petrant@communitylivingmattawa.org](mailto:jglabb-petrant@communitylivingmattawa.org) or (705) 744-2979 ext. 200, for further details (including sizes).