



The **Food for Thought Garden** is an 11,000 square foot project graciously provided by the Legacy Foundation. Food for Thought and our dedicated volunteers are building a wheelchair-accessible raised planter garden.

The plan is to grow fresh vegetables to send home with children involved in the Backpack Program.

The flowers we grow, during the summer months, can be cut and sold to buy food for the program. A curriculum is being created for a literacy program to educate children about the importance of gardening and how healthy food is grown. We are also looking at developing a plan for our senior's community and persons with diverse- abilities to have an opportunity to volunteer in the garden. Our wish is to create a beautiful garden that will encourage volunteering, educate children, and enhance our community, along with providing food security for so many of our local children.



Laura and Arjo packing food for the backpacks.  
Danielle and Rose setting up the garden. Laura  
and Arjo getting ready to work in the garden.  
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# Thank You

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♥ Charisse Daley

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♥ Rhonda Campbell

**\$150.00**

♥ Cyndy Omand

♥ Mark Wengrowich



Thank you Columbia Bottle Depot for making another very generous donation to Pathways Abilities Society. Columbia not only assists our not-for-profit organization to employ people with diverse-abilities in our community but also supports the organization financially. We are very grateful for this long standing partnership!

Thank you to the United Way for hosting a PPE Distribution Day of Caring! Pathways received some much needed items!



**United Way**  
Southern Interior BC  
unitedwaysibc.com



Thank you Lawrence Berg for donating the Savaria Multilift to our not-for-profit organization!

**Mark your calendar!!!**

The Summer closure changed back from one (1) week to two (2) weeks!!!

**Monday, August 23, 2021 to Friday, September 3, 2021**  
**Re-opening Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

**Thank You!**



**Forbidden Spirits Distilling** for the donation of 18.9 litres of hand sanitizer.



## IN RECOGNITION OF TWO FAMILIES



New affordable housing is coming to Kelowna's downtown and is expected to open in fall 2022.

Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Ahmed Hussen, and Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, David Eby, announced funding commitments to support the 68-unit building located at 555 Fuller Ave.

The rental building will provide homes for low-to-moderate-income families, singles, seniors and people living with disabilities.

The six-storey wood frame building, in the heart of downtown, will feature above-ground parking and a mix of unit types from studios to two-bedrooms.

The building meets universal design standards. There will be eight units designated to those with disabilities and all units will be rented below market rates.

The City of Kelowna owns the land and is providing it on a long-term lease while Pathways Abilities Society will be managing the site.

The building is called Hadgraft Wilson Place in recognition of two families who are advocates for those with disabilities and who have provided considerable support to Pathways.



### **PATHWAYS ABILITIES SOCIETY IS HIRING!**

We are looking to fill a variety of positions from casual to full-time. We offer great benefits for our permanent employees and a flexible schedule for our casual staff.

If you are interested in applying or have any questions, please e-mail [hr@pathwayskelowna.ca](mailto:hr@pathwayskelowna.ca)

We look forward to hearing from you!

### ***Travel Club Trips***

**Sadly we do not have any travel club trips planned for 2021. We do hope, as time progresses and a vaccine has been distributed, that we will again be able to explore our wonderful world!**



### **Reminder:**

**Pathways will be closed on:**

**Monday, May 24, 2021—Victoria Day**

**Monday, June 14, 2021—In Service Training Day**

**Thursday, July 1, 2021—Canada Day**

# Self - Advocate Schedule

## Upcoming Self-Advocate meetings.

*All videos are from a platform called Open Future Learnings*

**Meetings are at 12:30 pm at 123 Franklyn Road or by Zoom.**

Contact Tiffany for the Zoom link at [selfadvocacy@pathwayskelowna.ca](mailto:selfadvocacy@pathwayskelowna.ca)

### April Meetings:

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Finding and building friendships video and discussion afterwards about the video.

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Circle of friends video and discussion afterwards about the video.

### May Meetings:

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Finding and building community and discussion afterwards about the video.

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Relationships, dating and intimacy Part 1 video, discussion afterwards about the video.

### June Meetings:

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Relationships, dating and intimacy Part 2 video and discussion afterwards about the video.

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Relationships, dating and intimacy Part 3 video, discussion afterwards about the video.

### July Meetings:

July 9<sup>th</sup> - Preventing Abuse & Staying Safe Module with Video and discussion afterwards about the video.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Who am I video and discussion afterwards about the video.



Tiffany Conner, Pathways self-advocate liaison was officially hired on February 20, 2020. During Tiffany's first calendar year of 2020 our world changed due to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Tiffany has not held big group self-advocate meetings at this time, but has gone around to individual rooms within the building every other Friday and various other days throughout the week if possible to meet with smaller groups of people at a time. During Tiffany's meetings she has given information about health and safety and spoken about rights and responsibilities. Some of the questions that are asked as it relates to rights and responsibilities are:

- ♦ Do you feel that you are being treated fairly in your department?
- ♦ Do you feel your rights are being considered in your department?
- ♦ Do you feel that staff tries to get answers for your questions/concerns? Are they dealt with quickly?
- ♦ Does anyone have a health or safety concern in the Service Site?
- ♦ Would you like to see anything done differently at Pathways?

**If you have a question to ask Tiffany or an idea for discussion, please email Tiffany at [selfadvocacy@pathwayskelowna.ca](mailto:selfadvocacy@pathwayskelowna.ca).**



## COVID-19 Update

**Individuals receiving services, staff and volunteers that choose to travel defying provincial and/or federal orders or recommendations are required to notify Pathways and must self-isolate for a 14-day period upon returning to the Okanagan.**

We hope you are continuing to stay healthy and safe! We continue to provide services and have been preparing for the unpredictable colder weather while ensuring we are providing the safest service environment possible. Services have changed, will continue to change and will be very different. There are new requirements when attending. If you are not currently attending, please prepare now. Please go to our website and **ensure** you read and review our COVID-19 in the Service Site policy and procedure. If you cannot access the internet, please contact a supervisor or a manager and they will print and mail you a copy.

- \*Wearing a mask is a requirement, understanding that for some this may not be possible. Please contact the area supervisor directly if you or the person you are supporting is unable to wear a mask, to plan how they will be safe and how we can make sure other people stay safe as well.
- \* Temperatures will be checked when entering our buildings. If an above normal temperature is detected (above 38°C or 100.4°F), the person will have to go home.
  - \* Social distancing will be practiced and “imposed.” There is no hugging, handshakes, fist pumps, etc. Physical contact of any kind will be limited to what is necessary however completed with the **utmost** respect.
- \* If we identify or are concerned that a person attending is not well, they will be required to go home and may not be able to return until the pandemic is over.
- \* If you are attending services at 123 Franklyn Road, in addition to the requirements outlined in the COVID 19 in the Service Site policy and procedure and in order to enable people to enter the building safely, individuals attending who travel independently or with a caregiver cannot attend or be dropped off before 9:00 am.
- \*We have identified the maximum amount (capacity) of people that can be in the building at one time. If we reach that capacity and more people want to attend, we will be implementing an attendance schedule which may reduce a person’s ability to receive services on certain days. We are committed to trying to accommodate all!

**Just a reminder, if you fit into one of the following, until the COVID-19 crisis is over, you still cannot attend our services. We are sorry however we are trying to protect you and the other people we serve.**

- You are sick, especially if you have a fever. - You are medically fragile.
- You have a compromised (bad) immune system.
- You have respiratory disorders or problems with your lungs.

**We miss those not attending and cannot wait to get back to the new normal. Take care and be safe and please contact us if you have any questions! Thank you.**



# New Meadows Home



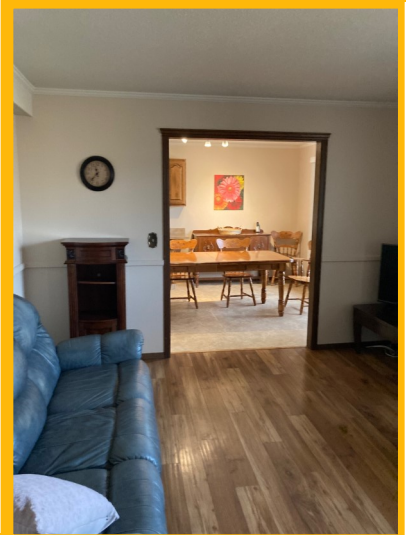
New Meadows formerly Old Meadows has been renovated and prepared for new tenants who will be enjoying a fresh new look. The on-going dedication of **Nick Pisio** and many Pathways employees who have worked diligently to prepare New Meadows for new tenants, has made this project come to fruition.

New Meadows required home accents, kitchen supplies and furniture to make it a newly refreshed warm and welcoming home.

Thanks to many home owners in the Sonoma Pines community, located in West Kelowna, New Meadows is well stocked with a beautiful array of wall décor, furniture, home accents, a TV and kitchen supplies and appliances.

Pathways truly appreciates the generosity of so many home owners who also continue to support the monthly community recycle bottles drives which also take place in Sonoma Pines.

Sonoma Pines generosity and support does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.  
**THANK YOU!!!**



Do you have any cultural traditions, stories, knowledge or legends that you would be willing to share? Please contact Maureen at [ws@pathwayskelonwa.ca](mailto:ws@pathwayskelonwa.ca)



Eric volunteering with Rhonda and Mike at **Rescue Ranch Society** located in Black Mountain. The ranch provides a forever home to the animals they rescue.  
<https://rescueranch.ca/>



# Contact Information

## OUR Phone System HAS CHANGED!

To reach any of our service areas, except the homes, call **250-763-4837.**

The message tree will give you options of what area and who to speak to;  
however the extensions are listed below.



Pathways Service Area	Extension	Email
Activity Service	1	See Activity Supervisors
West Kelowna Activity Service	2	aswestkelowna@pathwayskelowna.ca
Bikeways	3	bikeways@pathwayskelowna.ca
Emergency On-Call	4	NA
Staff Directory	5	NA
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Employment Developer: Valerie	225	employment3@pathwayskelowna.ca
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Community Recycling: Scott	134	ico@pathwayskelowna.ca
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# Community Resources

## Things to know about the COVID Vaccine



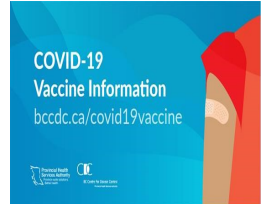
A guide to learn why vaccines matter

camh COVID-19  
Mental Health and Substance Use Services

## Health Care Access Research and Developmental Disabilities

How to stay safe, well and connected web site has easy to read information about COVID vaccine, managing Stress and Mental Health, Health care and Self-Advocates asking questions about COVID videos. Check out <https://www.hcarddcovid.com/> for more information

Keep checking out BC's response to COVID vaccine website <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine> for upcoming vaccine schedule. Also <http://www.bccdc.ca/>



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