



Spring 2023

Community Link




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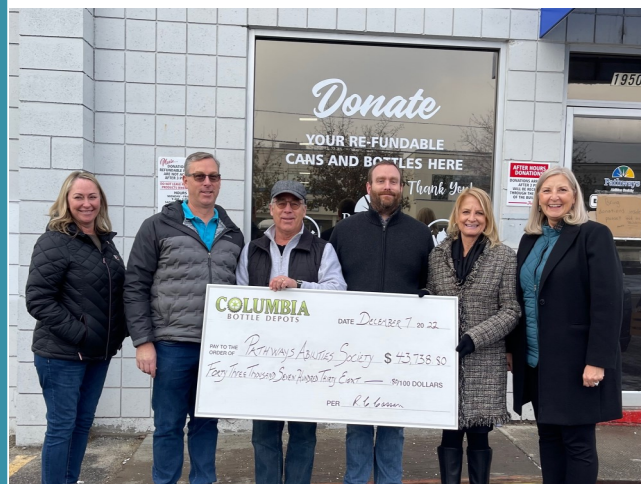
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KELOWNA VACUUMS

Thank you, Gord from **Kelowna Vacuums** who was kind enough to replace the belt on our upright vacuum, give it a once over, and provided us with vacuum bags at NO cost! We appreciate his generosity!

Hadgraft-Wilson Update, Closure Dates

CONSTRUCTION IS ALMOST COMPLETE!

Construction is almost complete for our new affordable 68 unit apartment complex!



The rental building provides homes for people with limited incomes and units for families, singles, seniors and people living with diverse-abilities.

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



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

Upcoming 2023 Closure Dates

Friday, April 7, 2023 - Good Friday

Monday, April 10, 2023 - Easter Monday

Monday, May 22, 2023 - Victoria Day

Monday, June 19, 2023 - In-Service

Monday, July 3, 2023 - Observing Canada Day



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.

Travel Club

Camp Owaissi -
August 2023

Approximately \$350.00

*For more information and
to register email
travelclub@pathwayskelowna.ca*



Okanagan Self - Advocate Group



**For people eligible for CLBC services,
self-advocates and their allies**

EIGHT MONTHLY ZOOM Programs in 2023

All Programs on Saturdays from 1 PM – 2:30 PM.

Free

February 25

Assertiveness Training

Emily Inston and Nadia Galvan Hernandez,
posAbilities

March 25

Assistive Technologies

Mindy Rollins and Nate Toevs,
Neil Squire Society

April 29

Safety in your Community

Rachel Zubick,
Community Safety Officer

May 27

How to Be a Great Self-Advocate!

Jessica Humphrey and Shelley DeCoste,
CLBC

June 24

Survive Outdoors

Sandra Riches,
BC Adventure Smart

September 30

Finding the Perfect Job!

Jacob Moriarty,
Thompson Community Services

October 28

Self-Defence & Safety Awareness

Andy Fanslau,
Pure Self-Defence

November 25

Identity Theft and Fraud Prevention

Holly Davis,
Interior Savings Credit Union

To Register for ZOOM Presentations Contact:

Linda Youmans,

Okanagan Self-Advocate Group Advisor

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In Memory of Adam

Adam O'Brien December 28, 1978 - November 27, 2022

Submitted by Pathways Staff



Adam would greet his peers and other support workers when he came to activity services. He would ask how our days were and how we were doing with a smile on his face. It brightened the mood and vibe for most of us, and it gave us more energy to push through our day. A group would usually form to chat, and it was nice to see everyone just bring a smile on each one's face. We would have banters in terms of food. Adam and some of the other peers would play this game where they would hide and try to surprise one another and other support workers or

people in the building. It was a lot of fun and made the day feel shorter than it was. There was another thing that we would do. When we were feeling like our energy was down, we would hype or give the group a boost of energy by saying stuff like, "We got this! Woo! Just a little more until the day is done! We're doing great!"

Let's keep going!"



Volunteers, Around Pathways

Featured Volunteer: Noah Fancy



"I am a graduate student currently studying gastrointestinal disease at UBC-Okanagan in Kelowna. I began volunteering Pathways in January of 2022, and have thoroughly enjoyed my experiences with the organization thus far. I volunteer with Pathways two hours weekly visiting an amazing individual named Geoff. Geoff and I can often be found playing old Nintendo games, watching movies, or generally hanging out and having a good time. Pathways is a phenomenal organization that has provided me with many rewarding experiences and has introduced me to so many inspiring people. My volunteer work with Pathways has been incredibly fulfilling and has helped me to develop a greater appreciation for the unique strengths and abilities of every individual. I look forward to continuing on in the future!"
- Noah Fancy

AROUND PATHWAYS



Peggy and Leanne
getting creative in
Zoom Art!



Dale getting his
goo on!



Pathways is always excited about introducing new volunteers to our many services areas. If you want to make a positive difference and are available to volunteer please email: Bonnie Fraser em@pathwayskelowna.ca

Contact Information

Phone Directory!



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
Staff Directory	5	NA
Staff Extensions		
Activity Supervisor: Ryan	100	fs@pathwayskelowna.ca
Activity Supervisor: Joanna	100	ws@pathwayskelowna.ca
Employment Manager: Bonnie	125	em@pathwayskelowna.ca
Employment Developer: Shane	223	employment2@pathwayskelowna.ca
Employment Developer: Megan	224	employment1@pathwayskelowna.ca
Community Placement Developer: Lena	128	cpdintake@pathwayskelowna.ca
Social Recreation: Martin	226	socialrec@pathwayskelowna.ca
Bottle Crew	135	bc@pathwayskelowna.ca
Community Recycling: Scott	134	ico@pathwayskelowna.ca
LPN/ AQAM: Helen	126	lpn@pathwayskelowna.ca
Home Share Coordinator: Laryssa	129	hscm1@pathwayskelowna.ca
Home Share Coordinator: Michelle	230	hscm3@pathwayskelowna.ca
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People and Culture Manager: Whitney	102	hr@pathwayskelowna.ca
Building Manager: Terry	231	hwp@pathwayskelowna.ca
Executive Director: Charisse	130	ed@pathwayskelowna.ca

Disability Tax Credit



GUIDE TO THE DTC & RDSP

For Newcomers With Disabilities

The Disability Tax Credit (DTC) &
Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)

<https://disabilityalliancebc.org/dtc-and-rdsp-guide-for-newcomers/>

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