



Social Planning Network of Ontario

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Note from the Board to SPNO Members
Hello all

The Board had its monthly teleconference today. Minutes will be on the website but here is a brief update.

Work on the Poverty Reduction Strategy is going well. Marvyn, Peter and Janet were in North Bay this week and conducted 2 successful community gatherings that allowed for presentation of the policy framework. This project has been useful in reigniting interest and support for the SPC in North Bay and new members were recruited to the Board. Marvyn and Peter are on to Belleville, Kingston & Cornwall next week so stay tuned for more good news.

Sub committees have been struck to review and update the Provincial strategy document in light of new directions and to review the bylaws for consideration at the spring meeting. All SPNO members are welcome to join sub committees and are encouraged to offer their time and expertise.

We continue to work towards approaching Trillium with a province wide application to stabilize the SPNO and support expanding spo's and would be happy for more input and help with proposal writing.

The Municipal/Provincial Review (more commonly known as the uploading review) has been used by a couple of us in various presentations. A more user friendly version is available on the SPNO website.

Plans are underway for the spring conference in Ottawa May 7,8 & 9 – full days! Please mark your calendars now. We are pursuing some big name attendees so a full house is important.

The Kids and Community Project will be having a wrap up session in Belleville on March 17 & 18. There is funding and room for a few more attendees. This would be an excellent opportunity for professional development for new community development or social planning staff. If you are interested please submit your name by **Wednesday March 5 at 3 p.m.** – if there are more than 5 names we will conduct a random draw.

The next Board meeting is Thursday March 28 with a full network teleconference on April 3.

Thanks
Janet