

Board looks to appoint two new interns

The Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Edmonton Region Community Board is currently looking for two new interns to fill vacancies on the board.

“I am looking forward to working with a full compliment of people as the board goes forward in the fall,” said Board Chair Blair Lundy.

Lundy explained that the addition of two new interns, along with three soon to be appointed board members, will see the board operating with all positions filled.

“It was in 2002 that the Edmonton Region Community Board started its intern program by selecting two individuals with developmental disabilities to sit on the board,” noted Lundy.

Although the interns are appointed by the board and don’t have voting privileges, they have always played a key role.

“They have acted as a sounding board for ideas and they always present a unique and insightful view that can only come from someone who knows the system from the inside,” explained Lundy.

The board currently has one intern in place. Marjorie Thompson of Edmonton started her two-year term in August of 2007. She will be leaving the board once new interns are in chosen.

“Having board interns is a great opportunity for everyone involved,” said Lundy. “It affords the other board members a chance to gain insight and act as mentors, and it gives the interns the opportunity to broaden their knowledge base and experience a whole new world.”

Anyone interested in becoming a board intern should submit a letter of interest or an application to the board before June 26, 2009. Information can be sent to:

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Letters of interest or applications can also be e-mailed to: arlene.james@gov.ab.ca or faxed to: (780) 422-2879.

For application forms or additional information about the board intern positions, contact Arlene James at: (780) 422-7511. Application forms are also available on the PDD Edmonton website at: www.pdd.org/edmonton