



***Persons with
Developmental
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Northwest Alberta Community Board

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Susan McKenzie of Grande Prairie has been appointed the new Chief Executive Officer of the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) Northwest Alberta Community Board. She becomes the second Chief Executive Officer of the community board following the recent retirement of L.D. (Laurie) Kennedy in September.

“Susan brings to the position a wealth of experience in the PDD Community and a passion for improving the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities,” said Chair of the PDD Northwest Alberta Community Board, Paul Renfree. “We are most excited as we move forward under her leadership to develop the capacity within each community to become more inclusive to all people.”

Ms. McKenzie has dedicated much of her professional career to delivering supports to individuals with developmental disabilities in Northwest Alberta. Many in the region know her well from her most recent tenure as Community Resource Manager for the PDD Northwest Alberta Community Board.

Ms. McKenzie’s professional experience also includes a term as a Casework Supervisor for Services to Persons with Disabilities for Adult and Children’s Services in Grande Prairie. She began her career providing supports to persons with disabilities in 1986, as a Handicapped Children’s Services caseworker at the Grande Prairie District Office.

“I’m looking forward to working with the various agencies that provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities in our region as we continue to improve services and supports for them and their families. I am also eager to continue encouraging the growing self-advocacy movement taking place among individuals with developmental disabilities,” said McKenzie.

“The Northwest is a region where great things are happening to ensure individuals with developmental disabilities are leaders and partners in the lives of their communities,” she added.

Ms. McKenzie will continue working from her existing office in Grande Prairie. She can be reached at (780) 538-5115 or by e-mail at Susan.McKenzie@gov.ab.ca.

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