



## Highlights from the Board of Directors Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society Board President – Ryan Bell

Hello everyone,

The Board of Directors met on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and I am pleased to share with you the following highlights from the meeting:

- The Board received an orientation on Children's Rights and Children's Participation. Thank you to Directors of Service, Jennifer Thrasher and Andrea Dalziel for the presentation and information. It helped provide context for the conversation that occurred later in the Board meeting.
  - The Board approved the consent agenda which contained minutes from the previous meeting, Executive Director Report, Committee reports, Board Orientation Plan for 18/19 and the confirmation of the statutory remittances for the second quarter of the fiscal year.
  - There was discussion about the Board's role in ensuring that Children's Rights are respected and that they are actively invited to participate at all levels. The Board also considered ways in which Children's Rights and Participation are included at the governance level. A motion was passed to create a Board ad hoc committee that will discuss further, research different options and put together a proposal for increased children/youth participation at the governance level. The proposal will be brought back to the full Board for consideration.
  - Dawn Flegel and Kim Godin will be attending the Provincial Child Welfare Sector Leadership meetings in December 2018. The Board was provided with information and context in terms of the current political environment and the issues that need to be addressed. Various perspectives were shared. A motion was passed giving Kim and Dawn the Board's full support to actively participate in the provincial discussion and consider all possibilities to address the identified issues in addition to exploring local possibilities.
  - The following additional motions were passed:
    - Approval of Work plans for the Governance Committee.
    - Approval of the Second Quarter Financial Reports.
  - An in camera session was held regarding two Human Resources matters.
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