



# Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health



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Dear CPATH Members;

I am pleased to share with you an update of some of our current activities:

**Strategic Planning Retreat:** Building on the membership consultation and strategic planning process that began with the “Consultations on Success for CPATH” conducted at our 2012 Winnipeg conference by Board Secretary Devon MacFarlane, the Board of Directors, with the participation of our past Presidents, held a two and a half day Strategic Planning Retreat on March 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>. With CPATH in our fifth year since initial founding meetings in 2008, these two and a half days have been very timely and worthwhile, providing direction and scope as we begin our next five years. We are excited with what we hope you will find is a very positive outcome: a strong new Vision, a Mission consisting of 6 Strategies out of which goals and objectives have been prioritized. Thank You so much for supporting CPATH to get to this place in all the various ways you have contributed. We are applying some finishing touches and hope to have the Strategic Planning document available to send out by June, 2013.

An integrated part of CPATH's mission is our commitment to bilingual communication. In that regard, ***We are developing a pool of volunteer translators and calling out for individuals who are willing and able to help us with English to French written translation.*** If that is you, please contact us at [info@cpath.ca](mailto:info@cpath.ca). There is no need for you to be a professional translator, but fluent in written English and French. Thank You.

**Bill C-279:** In advance of the Report Stage of Bill C-279, An Act to Amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code (Gender Identity and Gender Expression) The CPATH board wrote to all Members of Parliament in support of explicit human rights protections for Gender Identity and Gender Expression. We were very pleased to see the positive use of our comments referenced during Parliaments' deliberations, and that CPATH was recognized as having “done excellent work using facts and evidence as the basis of this debate”. You can view a transcript of the debate under Private Member's

Bus(beginning just after 17:30) [here](#):

**Halifax-Advanced Clinical Training:** CPATH along with Pride Health, sponsored a clinical training in Halifax, N. S. Over 35 health and mental health providers present, many of whom affirmed their commitment to increasing access for the trans community. A meeting was also held with trans community members preceding the training. People were invited to come and discuss the needs they felt were most significant to present to providers and to meet Françoise Susset who led the training. Three community members were also invited to come to the training and share whatever they felt was relevant to them to share with the participants. The focus of the training was the implementation of the new SOCV7 which emphasize pathways for maximum accessibility. Cybelle Rieber, Pride Health coordinator addressed the participants regarding the need for an ongoing support and mobilization network of providers in the province. It was exciting to see that 6/8 regions in Nova Scotia were represented in the training!



Advanced Clinical Training Participants, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Warmest Regards;

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