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Responding to RFPs and Tenders: Social Services Sector Competitive Edge starts Tuesday, September 12th. Go to our [website](#) for more information.

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CEO Report

Meeting Updates



From L-R: Deputy Minister Sheila Taylor, Christine Willows, Debbie Samsom, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Shane Simpson, John Dawson, Robert Bryce, Minakshi Bagai, Janet Morris-Reade

As noted in my last CEO report, this has been a truly busy week. Last Tuesday we met in Vancouver with Hon. Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty

Reduction and his Deputy Minister, Shelia Rogers. Those board members who couldn't be there in person joined us by video conference; Doug Preston from Miracle Beach and Annette Borrows all the way from the [Disability Employment Australia's Conference](#) in Brisbane, Australia.

The Minister is very well informed, as are his staff. Through our conversations, we identified several ways that ASPECT and our members can further support the new Minister and his staff's understanding of the sector.

1. Create a one-page reference with the definition of outcomes in existing programs as well as adding outcomes that are currently not being recognized under employment contracts such as seasonal employment, community attachment, etc. This information will be helpful in the Labour Market Transfer Agreement negotiations happening this fall.
2. Support the Minister by providing information regarding poverty reduction initiatives and innovation that our members are undertaking at the client-service level. He told us that his hope is to have a poverty reduction strategy go before the legislature in the spring. Over the coming months, we will be reaching out to our members for their input.
3. Although we were not able to receive a firm date for the next Employment Program of BC (EPBC) Request for Proposal release, we did learn that nothing will be released before the end of the Forum of Labour Market Ministers negotiations, which are underway now and will likely be wrapped up in November. We did mention to the Minister that service providers are holding leased space and resources; therefore, there is some urgency in finding out this when the RFP is coming.

Thank you to the Minister and his staff for taking the time to meet with our board of directors.

Today, I had the opportunity to meet with the new Assistant Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training (AEST), Bindi Sawchuck. She is new-ish to the sector, but was already well briefed on what ASPECT does and how our members contribute. She has agreed to speak at the [ASPECT Conference](#) in November, so if you haven't had a chance to meet her before, you'll see her then. There will likely be a contingent of AEST staff at the conference as well. A good time for all to build those important relationships.

[Janet Morris-Reade](#)

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Webinar Starts Tuesday!

Responding to RFPs and Tenders: Social Services Sector Competitive Edge

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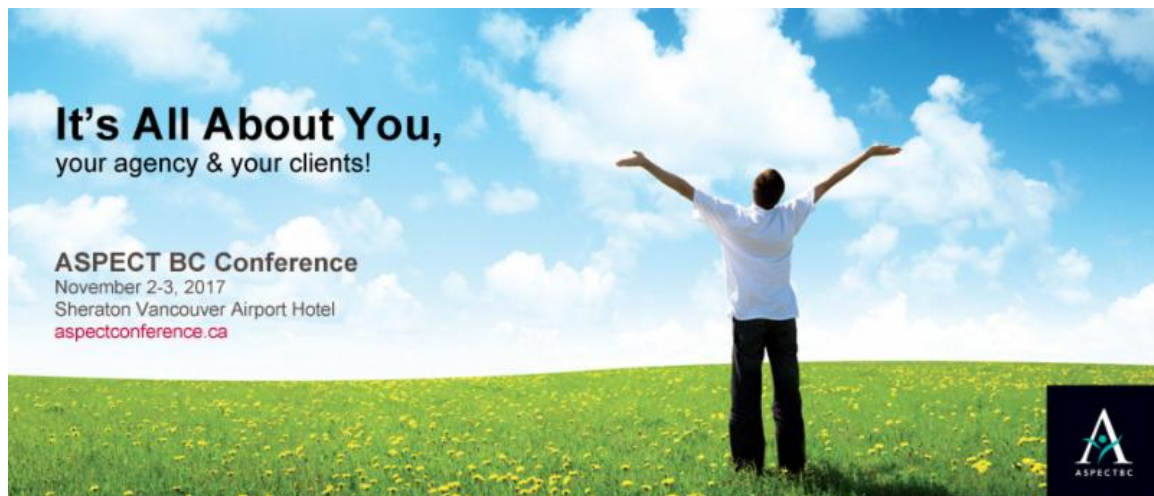
Sector News

[More people than ever living paycheque to paycheque in BC](#)
News1130, September 6, 2017

[New Executive Director Coming to the Skills Centre](#)
Skills Centre Media Release, September 6, 2017

[Report Released: The Welfare State Matters](#)
Dr. Donna Wood, September 6, 2017

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YWCA Metro Vancouver

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Work BC Case Manager

Agora Employment Essentials (Avia Employment Services), Richmond

Closes: September 18, 2017

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Job Developer - WorkBC Employment Service Centre - Vancouver Midtown

Pacific Community Resources Society, Vancouver

Closes: September 22, 2017

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Professional Development Events

Volunteer Futures Symposium 2017

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Richmond, BC

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November 2 & 3, 2017

Sheraton Vancouver Airport, Richmond

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