



LIFE AFTER SCHOOL TRANSITION COMMITTEE (L.A.S.T.)

is comprised of service providers in Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows, that empower youth as they transition from high school to the next phase of their life (work and/or post secondary training, etc.)



Key Stakeholders are:



Community Living BC

Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Community Services

Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Parks & Leisure Services

Ministry of Children & Family Development

Ministry of Social Development & Social Innovation

Pivot Point

posAbilities Association of BC



Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living

Ridge Meadows Recycling

School District 42

Work BC



2014 Employer Appreciation Event



it was a GREAT evening

★ Employers that were recognized in 2014

- A&W, Coquitlam Centre
- Anoteck Anodizing, Pitt Meadows
- Art Knapp Plantland, Port Coquitlam
- Blenz Coffee, Maple Ridge
- Chameleon Restaurant, Maple Ridge
- Community Living BC, Port Moody
- Compro Commercial Contractors, Mission
- Corporate Cleaning Services, Maple Ridge
- Fields, Mission ★
- Fraser Valley Truck Parts, Maple Ridge
- Fraser Valley Women's Resource Centre, Mission
- Hopcott Premium Meats, Pitt Meadows
- Jiffy Lube, Maple Ridge
- Kingfishers Waterfront Bar & Grill, Maple Ridge
- Koko's Activity Centre, Port Moody
- Liberty Tax, Maple Ridge ★
- Liberty Tax, Mission
- Macs Convenience Store (226th), Maple Ridge
- Maple Ridge Liquor Store, Maple Ridge
- Marv Jones Honda, Maple Ridge
- Mission Association for Community Living, Mission
- Mission Chamber of Commerce, Mission
- Mission City Record, Mission ★
- Objects Inc., Pitt Meadows
- Pacific Bolt Manufacturing, New Westminster
- Pro Oil Change, Mission
- R.A. Malatest & Associates, Victoria
- Ridge Meadows Community Living, Maple Ridge ★
- Rona, Maple Ridge
- Safeway, Mission
- Sand Castle Preschool, Mission
- Southcoast Millwork, Maple Ridge
- Stepping Blocks Children Centre, Maple Ridge ★
- Target, Maple Ridge
- The ACT, Maple Ridge
- The Great Canadian Superstore, Mission
- The Redesignist
- Tim Hortons (230th), Maple Ridge
- Tri-Tech Communications, Abbotsford
- Universal Mouldings, Port Coquitlam
- Value Village, Maple Ridge
- Walmart, Port Coquitlam ★
- Wal-Mart, Mission
- Wentings Cycle Shop, Mission
- Wesgar Industries, Port Coquitlam
- West Coast Auto Group, Maple Ridge
- What's On Magazine, Mission
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The Committee plans & hosts 3 events each year:

TRANSITION FAIR: an evening where families can access **information & resources** to assist them during transition and with day-to-day needs.

2015: Tuesday April 14th

Rotunda @ Thomas Haney Secondary School



EMPLOYER APPRECIATION: in partnership with Rotary (Rotary @ Work) we will host a **celebration/recognition of employers** that have hired people with disabilities; perspectives are shared on the business benefits hiring persons with disabilities.

2015: Wednesday October 7th

The ACT Arts Centre & Theatre



COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH CELEBRATION: a **free BBQ** where the whole community can join in the celebration of what persons with disabilities bring to our community.

2015: Wednesday October 21st

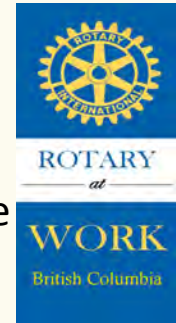
The Greg Moore Youth Centre



L.A.S.T. also produces (and updates yearly) a **comprehensive resource guide** for persons with developmental disabilities; contact us for copies.



ROTARY AT WORK BC



ROTARY AT WORK is an initiative where Rotarians create employment opportunities for individuals who have a disability, while realizing the added advantages that people with disabilities bring to their workforce, notably:

- a more diverse, inclusive and accommodating workplace
- employees who have a disability rate average or above average in terms of safety on the job
- increased productivity and morale within your workplace
- agencies can provide free on-the-job training and job coaching for new employees
- fill labour shortages (with prescreened applicants)

ROTARY AT WORK started in Ontario about 7 years ago through the efforts of Joe Dale and Mark Wafer. Work has been going on 'behind the scenes' for 2 year to bring this initiative to BC, and has now launched in Rotary District 5050.

The collective goal across Canada is to address the staggering unemployment rate for people who have a disability. At the same time, educate business owners about the benefits of becoming an inclusive employer and tapping into this demographic. The *Rotary at Work* Project Coordinator is available to assist Rotary Clubs and potential employers to partner in meeting this goal.

As participating Rotary Clubs educate their members and local businesses about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities; communities will then reflect a more inclusive a workforce. Including people with disabilities on your staff, creates a more sustainable economy for your business and your community.

To learn more about Rotary at Work BC, contact **Dave Stark, Project Coordinator** at: dstark@rotaryatworkbc.com or **604-619-3233**



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