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#### Winner Announced: Survey Still Open

Deborah Bromley of ETHOS Career Management in Nanaimo won the \$25 VISA gift card because she filled out the ASPECT members' survey by July 15th. If you are an ASPECT member and haven't taken our members' survey, please do so before July 28th.

Not a member? Click here to join.

At right, Jennifer Nichol, ASPECT BC bookkeeper draws the winner.



# **CEO Report**

Ministries Announced: What this means for our sector.



For political watchers like me, it's been an exciting week! In addition to what you have read in the newspapers, I have an update for you:

- Former Assistant Deputy Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training (JTST), Scott McDonald, has been promoted to Deputy Minister of Education. Congratulations, Scott!
- The former JTST is now the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. The new acting Assistant Deputy Minister is Suzanne Ferguson. We are delighted to have such an experienced person in this position.
- The Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation (SDSI) is now called the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. I understand that although the focus of the Ministry may shift, the Employment Program of BC will continue to be administered by this Ministry. Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Sergei Bouslov, will continue in his position.
- In case you haven't heard, former ADM, Nichola Manning, has left the public service. We wish her well.
- Deputy Ministers are: Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training Shannon Baskerville, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction - Sheila Taylor; Ministry of Jobs, Trade & Technology - Fazil Mihlar; Ministry of Labour -Trevor Hughes.

It will likely be a few weeks before mandate letters for each Ministry are released so that we can drill down who is responsible for what functions. The BC Government website is currently being updated and announcements are being made as I write this, but rest

assured we will be following the details on your behalf. We are also reaching out to Ministry staff to ensure that the lines of communication remain open.

#### Janet Morris-Reade

# Summer Clean Up

ASPECT BC Office Moving this Fall

In the coming months, ASPECT BC will be moving to a new co-share office space downtown and this summer we are preparing for the move by selling our office furniture.

We have desks, filing cabinets, chairs, bookshelves, and a fabulous 13' boardroom table for sale. If you are interested in acquiring anything for your organization, please contact Meizahn Habib for a listing with the prices and photos to be sent to you. We will also be advertising on Used Victoria, Craigslist, and Kijiji.



Paintings by Vancouver Artist Sharon Clarke Haugli are also for sale. 48"x36" Acrylic on canvas

#### In the News

Mom who couldn't find daycare now B.C.'s minister of state for child care Burnaby Now, July 20, 2017

BC's ex-MLAs get aid in transition to new jobs

Times Colonist, July 16, 2017

<u>Program offers heads up on getting a job: Special assistance available for immigrants and newcomers</u>

Sooke News Mirror, July 17, 2017

Castlegar pitched as 'ideal' candidate for basic income experiment

The Castlegar Source, July 20, 2017

Two Site C temporary workers employed training Canadians

EnergeticCity.ca, July 14, 2017

Career opens up new opportunities

The Morning Star, July 17, 2017

Valemount daycare desperate for workers

Rocky Mountain Goat, July 20, 2017

#### Canada-BC Job Grant

Priority Sector Stream Closed Until Next Intake

The next priority sector stream intake opens September 1 for training between January 1 and March 31, 2018.

All other streams remain open:

## **Unemployed Stream**

The Unemployed Stream is open to applications from employers and organizations who are hiring unemployed British Columbians, covering up to 100% of the costs of training where there is permanent employment at the end of training.

# **Underrepresented Groups in the Workforce**

The CJG is open to applications from employers or organizations wishing to provide skills training and jobs to individuals in one of the eligible underrepresented groups.

#### **Rural Stream**

The Rural Stream is now open for applications from eligible employers in all sectors or organizations, where the jobs are located in rural communities.

# Refugee Fund

The CJG is open to applications from industry/sector associations, employer associations, and union and non-profit organizations working with refugees, who are working with employers to help refugees gain skills and employment in B.C. Employers must contribute one-third of the cost of job-specific skills training and have a job at the end of the training for the participant.

For Canada-BC Job Grant details and eligibility go to aspectcanadabcjobgrant.ca

# ASPECT Member Agency Job Postings

Those trying to use our <u>online form</u> to submit your job posting last week might have had a problem. It's fixed now! This service is available to ASPECT members only. Not a member? <u>Join us!</u>

#### Associate Director, North Shore Employment Service Centre

YWCA Metro Vancouver, North Vancouver, BC

Closes: August 31, 2017

Click for details.

Multiple Postings - More new job postings this week!
Pacific Community Resources Society, multiple locations
Closes: See details.
Click for details.

Multiple Postings - More new job postings this week! DIVERSEcity, Surrey, BC Closes: See details. Click for details.

To have your job opportunity included in the newsletter, click here.

# Professional Development Events

## Volunteer Futures Symposium 2017 October 4 & 5, 2017

Richmond, BC

Click for details.

2017 ASPECT BC Conference November 2 & 3, 2017 Sheraton Vancouver Airport, Richmond Registration Opening in August



# ASPECT BC Health Benefits Plan

Partial proceeds support ASPECT BC and the work we do -- Enrol now!

The ASPECT Health Benefits program is available to <u>ASPECT members</u> and is delivered by our partner, Delta Pacific Benefits Brokers. For more information please contact <u>Christopher Block</u> directly:

Delta Pacific Benefit Brokers Ltd. 300-6935 120th St. Delta BC, V4E2A8 604-590-0680 ext. 103 1-877-231-4899 ext. 103



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