



September 2019 Month End Report

This report covers the month of September.

During the month of September FPSO prepared and ran the 2019 annual educational conference.

*“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.” —
Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa*

Ongoing Initiatives & Projects

This item has been moved to the end of the report.

Letters and proposals

- 👤 No new projects proposed in September
- 👤 Letter drafter to members regarding financial motions and agreements

Meetings Attended:

- 👤 FPSO Annual Educational conference provided opportunity for the annual AGM, a PAD Meeting, and three Directors meetings, plus Executive and committee chairpersons meetings, as well as all of the workshops, and networking the =dinner provide.

Pending meetings

- 👤 November 26, PAC Reception at the Legislature

Connections to our members

- 👤 September 6 Survey RE: seeking input on improving the child welfare system
- 👤 September 9 PAD Meeting Notice
- 👤 September 16 – Rooming flexibility request
- 👤 September 24 – Invitation to the November PAC reception
- 👤 September 30 The Ombudsman’s newsletter

Conference

- ✿ FPSO held the 2019 annual Educational Conference September 19-22. We have had many positive responses to the training offered this year with the workshop regarding Gangs and Violence and True Colors having very strong attendance.
- ✿ The facility did have some challenges but the hotel staff did their best to manage our group – which was the largest group they ever had.
- ✿ Early numbers are showing that this year for the first time in many years the FPSO conference finished with a positive financial outcome. Numbers regarding this will be available and included in the quarterly financial update for our members.
- ✿ The board is committed to continue to seek to plan future conferences with a goal of being fiscally neutral or beneficial to the organization while maintaining high calibre training ideally in an ideal facility.
- ✿ The board is preparing a conference criteria worksheet for members to help gather input from the field regarding future conference locations.

Charitable status

- ✿ Following the members acceptance of the 2018 financials (with an adjustment) The financials were submitted to the CRA along with the other items they required.
- ✿ This package was sent to the Guardian and Trustees office as well as the CRA, as the Guardian and Trustees office is the department that must approve the Letters of Patent Changes FPSO was required by the CRA to complete.
- ✿ Once the Guardian & Trustees office signs off on the Letters of Patent changes they will forward out package to the Ministry of Finance division of Service Ontario, who will then make all applicable changes to our Corporation profile.
- ✿ Once the Ministry of Finance is finished with their work the package will be returned to us to forward to the CRA so they can do a final approval.
- ✿ We were to have the work with the Guardian and Trustees office plus the Ministry of Finance completed and back to the CRA by A late September deadline, we have sent a written request to the CRA for a deadline extension to give the time to have all of the work with the Guardian & Trustees office plus the Ministry of Finance completed; as this will take longer than we have left before our deadline expires.

Private membership

- ✿ A mail out was distributed to all private operators in early summer, we hope to see some of the private membership dues begin to arrive in the next few months.
- ✿ We will do a follow up mail out in February 2020.

Website

- ✿ With the arrival of fall we have seen a rise in the numbers of people taking the FPSO online courses (Safeguarding & Lifebooks).

FPSO Foundation Proposal

- ✿ During meetings in September it was decided to put this project on hold until after a final decision of the CRA regarding FPSO's charitable status.

Upcoming Meetings Events

- ✿ November 26 – PAC reception

Fundraisers

- ✿ FPSO has confirmed a new Operations and Services Chairperson (Norm Lalonde – FPSO Director from Windsor & FPSO Second Vice-President).
- ✿ Norm oversaw the conference fundraisers and helped FPSO bring in \$2748.00.
- ✿ We look forward to the new fundraising opportunities Norm will be promoting and we hope everyone will pitch in and help make each fundraiser successful.

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Ongoing Initiatives & Projects

These items remain a constant focus of the FPSO, and will be forwarded at every opportunity.

- ✿ Provincial Advocacy in the areas of;
 - Raising the Image of foster parents.
 - Standardizing the foster care per diem rates for foster parents and reimbursable amounts for the children in care across the Province based on the Toronto CAST model.
 - Advocating for a child welfare system that is centered on The Best Interest of the Child.
 - The Rights of the child as designated by the United Nations.
 - The rights of the caregivers
 - The Benefits and Strength of one voice.
 - Collaboration with other partners in the Child Welfare field.
 - Recognition of the Skill level into Regular, Specialized and Treatment Levels of the foster parents ability to parent different children recognizing the different needs and challenges of the children coming into care.
 - Protection to the foster parent specific to CPIN including:
 - Information written about foster parents and how it is stored.

- Securing our financial and medical information on CPIN.
- SAFE, financial, medical
- Foster parent privacy
- Legislation;
- Supports for Children and youth with Special Needs.
- Gathering of adoption disruption and breakdown statics – to better inform adoption practises.

Acronyms:

FPSO – Foster Parents Society of Ontario

AGM – Annual General Meeting

PACY – Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth

PAD – Presidents’ Advocates’ & Directors

OARTY – Ontario Association of Residential Treatment for Youth

ORCA – Ontario Residential Care Association

CAST – Children’s Aid Society of Toronto

CPIN – Child Protection Information Network

SAFE – Structured Analysis Family Evaluation