

## February 2020 Month End Report

This report covers the month of February.

*“You can learn many things from children.  
How much patience you have, for instance.”*  
*Franklin P. Jones, American humorist*

### Ongoing Initiatives & Projects

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

### Letters and proposals

- 👤 Newsletter was prepared and distributed to all members
- 👤 Letters and greetings are being gathered and prepared for the Conference HILITES.
- 👤 FPSO document of introduction was prepared for distribution among Child Welfare Provincial Leaders in support of gathering Sponsorships for the upcoming Annual Conference.

### Meetings Attended:

- 👤 Officers/Conference Committee members attended two of the three facilities FPSO was evaluating regarding conference 2020 planning.
- 👤 Central and South West Zone Meetings were attended.

### Pending meetings

- 👤 Eastern Zone Meeting.

### Connections to our members

- 👤 February 3 – Announcement of TVO Television show with a feature interview with the PAC, including information for those interested in watching.
- 👤 February 13 – Email Announcement to all members that FPSO has completed all work and is now once again a Charity.
- 👤 February 18 – South West Zone meeting reminder
- 👤 February 20 – Question to the Field regarding Kinship care, how it is perceived and supported in each local area.
- 👤 February 29 – Shared the Ombudsman’s Newsletter.

## Conference

- 👤 FPSO has finalized the location of Conference – Durham College in Oshawa. The facility is clean, bright, and spacious. The staff is proficient helpful and very organized. They are keen to welcome out group and are exceedingly accommodating. The price points are agreeable and the location in the province is very good (just a few minutes off of the 406, and about 20 minutes off of the 401).
- 👤 Out workshop presenters are in place with a few exceptions and our package is in its final stages of preparation.
- 👤 We are presently looking forward to seeing everyone in May – but are looking at some “Plan B” timing options in case it will be needed.
- 👤 This year for the first time FPSO has been approached by a potential conference sponsor. We are pleased to have Durham CAS and Toronto Public CAS as this year’s conference sponsors, with additional CAS and members stepping up to sponsor the workshop rooms we are renting to hold our workshops, or a part for the presenters costs. We are excited with this offer of support, and the commitment of the various CAS in reaching out to support their foster parents with the support to the FPSO.
- 👤 Thank you to Max from Durham CAS for leading this new and exciting opportunity to come together for the benefit of foster parents and children all across the province.

## Charitable status

- 👤 **FPSO has received notice of the re-registration of our Charitable Status.** After three years and one month’s of consistent work the FPSO is once again a Charity.
- 👤 FPSO can once again receive charitable donations.
- 👤 FPSO will have some financial updating to take care of regarding how the financials of the past number of years have been documented with the CRA as a not-for-profit public benefit corporation; these now have to be adjusted to be documented as a not-for-profit Charitable Corporation. Once this is completed the FPSO will be able to apply for the retroactive HST rebates for the years of 2016, 2017 & 2018.
- 👤 When the 2019 financial year end is completed and filed with the CRA, the HST rebate will be immediately applied for.

## Private membership

- 👤 A follow up package will be send once the full Conference package is completed.

## Website

- 👤 The website has been updated to include the re-registration of the charitable status.
- 👤 The FPSO is evaluating adding a mechanism to the website to enable payments and donations to come in to the board through the website.

## Fundraisers

- 👤 FPSO Scratchers Fundraiser has wrapped up. The board is waiting on all of the funds raised to be returned to the board along with the scratchers cards – if yours are not on their way back to the board please forward as soon as you can.

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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

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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

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