



June 2019 Month End Report

This report covers the month of June.

During the month of June FPSO continues to realize the progress of initiatives we have persistently pursued.

FPSO – No community is ever built with a single pair of hands.

Ongoing Initiatives & Projects

This item has been moved to the end of the Month end report above the list of acronyms.

Letters and proposals

- 👤 All of the documents for the mail out to the private sector have been completed; the mail out will go in July.
- 👤 All of the components for the mail out of the conference HILITES to the CAS ED's are completed; this mail out will go in July.
- 👤 The Conference edition of the HILITES was completed and distributed to Presidents and Directors at the end of May. The HILITES are posted on the FPSO Website. {space in the hotel is limited, we encourage you to get your registrations submitted as soon as possible as the rooms will be first come first served.}

Meetings Attended:

- 👤 June 8 – Advocacy One training, CAST office – presented by Vanessa Milley
- 👤 June 12 – OARTY training – OARTY extended an invitation to FPSO for one of the training events they had scheduled at their annual conference. This was offered as a part of the planning to work collaboratively. Attended by Vanessa Milley

Pending meetings

- 👤 CFSRB – contact has been initiated, dates for this meeting have yet to be confirmed; this is presently on hold as connecting over the spring summer has proven challenging.

- 🦋 Evergreen – contact has been made; we are waiting for meeting confirmation.
- 🦋 Ombudsman’s Office – FPSO has been invited to attend a meeting in July with the Ombudsman’s office – the meeting is to look at ways of working together.
- 🦋 Private sector leadership
 - ORCA – meeting pending.
- 🦋 Officers continue to attend hotel meetings regarding conference.

Connections to our members

- 🦋 June 3 – Ombudsman’s newsletter
- 🦋 June 4 – PAC newsletter
- 🦋 June 6 – FUNDrive results announcement
- 🦋 June 7 – Question to the Field RE: vaccinations – the responses to this inquiry, were fairly consistent. It seems the CAS does and will require all foster children to be vaccinated according to Public health’s recommendations. Foster homes that chose not to vaccinate their legal children have the right to do so; however there will be times that specific foster children may not be placed in homes where the legal children of the foster family have not been vaccinated due to the understanding of specific risks to those children. There is no indication the at CAS will not open foster homes who do not vaccinate, and no indication of the CAS pulling children or closing homes due to a choice not to vaccinate. – This is based on responses of those who replied to the question.
- 🦋 June 11 – CHAMPS article
- 🦋 June 14 – Serious Occurrence Update
- 🦋 June 15 – Call for membership voting RE: The need for FPSO to make changes to the letters of patent due to requirements from the CRA pertaining to the application to have the charitable status reinstated.
- 🦋 June 28 – Article
- 🦋 June 28 – Membership vote completed – THANK YOU to all who participated. – details below

Conference

- 🦋 Conference 2019 HILITES have been distributed to Directors and Presidents, are available on the website.
- 🦋 The Conference HILITES on the website can either be printed as a whole document Or, only the registration form can be printed. The Registration form can also be filled in online then printed.
- 🦋 The HILITES will be distributed to all private sector operators and CAS Executive Directors during the month of July.
- 🦋 We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at conference.
- 🦋 We promoted our conference at the foster and adopt conference where we will be exhibiting.
- 🦋 We will be having a Silent Auction again this year – please plan to bring a donation to this fundraiser.

Charitable status

- ✚ Following the **positive** response from the CRA regarding our charitable status, FPSO this month transacted the process of a membership vote regarding the Letters of Patent.
- ✚ A call for the vote with all accompanying documentation went out on the 15th of June.
- ✚ The numbers of participants in the vote completed the requirement of a special resolution and all were unanimously affirmative to make the prescribed changes to the letters of patent. This was complete by the 28th of June
- ✚ The process of forwarding these documents to the authorized authorities in the province has been completed. We now again wait for further response.

Private membership

- ✚ FPSO continues to pursue members in the private sector.
 - PAC
 - As follow up to the PAC meeting FPSO Officers were invited to participate in the PAC board meeting. The meeting was attended by tele-conference by Vanessa Milley.
 - FPSO is also invited to attend the PAD legislative advocacy day, more details regarding this will be forwarded to all members when it is available (in the fall).
 - FPSO also now has a participant on one of the PAC working committees – looking at the X legislation.
 - Adopt4Life
 - FPSO attended the foster and adopt conference as a vendor –this was a strong opportunity to connect with adopt4life members, and both foster and adoptive parents in the private sector.
 - This also a good opportunity to promote our upcoming conference and the value of FPSO membership.
 - Adopt4life has also volunteered to provide some man power to help us at our conference, and collaborated with us to suggest and offer some of our workshops. The collaboration with Adopt4life should help increase conference attendance as they are promoting our conference to their people.
 - OARTY
 - As follow up to our meeting with OARTY, Cecile Brookes and Vanessa Milley were invited to attend a training at the OARTY conference. FPSO
 - We are have a working commitment with OARTY to continue to develop planning on how we will work together going forward.
 - ORCA
 - So far the work with ORCA has been mainly by telephone, we hope to have a face to face meeting set up in the fall.

Website

- ✚ The Conference edition of the HILITES have been posted.

FPSO Foundation Proposal

- ✚ The members voted to accept the foundation proposal during the 2018 AGM.
- ✚ The officers are looking for volunteers to participate in the preliminary work of developing the foundation.
- ✚ So far no volunteers have come forward.
- ✚ Work on this needs to happen over the summer or there will be nothing to bring forward at conference.
- ✚ **If interested please contact Vanessa Milley at Milley17@sympatico.ca.**

Upcoming Meetings Events

- ✚ Conference September 18-22.

Fundraisers

- ✚ No new fundraisers at this time, the officers of FPSO invite all members to offer suggestions of fundraising opportunities that could help increase funding.

*****Note to members, if you are one of the few whose dues are not in yet, please submit them. Dues confirm your membership and your rights to participate in voting and to have director representation. Reminder – according to the FPSO Bylaws all dues are to be in prior to the AGM in order for each member to confirm voting delegates. *****

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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