

BC INSTITUTIONAL LEGACY TRUST FUND UPDATE – May 4, 2006

BACKGROUND

The BC Institutional Legacy Trust Fund (LTF) was created by the provincial government through a Trust Agreement with the Victoria Foundation to benefit people who lived at Woodlands, Glendale, Tranquille and Endicott Centre. It is not intended to be compensation, but as a goodwill gesture in recognition of the difficulties experienced by many residents of the institutions.

As Co-chairs of the BC Institutional Legacy Trust Fund Advisory Committee, we are pleased to present this update on the work of our committee and current plans for distributing the Legacy Trust Fund.

UPDATE

In our last update, we advised that our committee had reviewed several alternatives for distributing the Legacy Trust Fund. We chose an option which we felt would provide the greatest benefit to former residents and we are very pleased to announce that this proposal has now been accepted.

The Victoria Foundation and the provincial government have agreed with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to have the Legacy Trust Fund distributed equally among all surviving former residents of the 4 institutions. This will enable former residents to use the funds in ways that they choose to meet their own needs. This will not be a large amount of money, but it is intended to give people a chance to enjoy some things that they might not normally be able to afford for themselves.

The next steps are to finalize the lists of surviving former residents. Much of this work has already been done, but we are taking some additional steps during May and June to make sure that the list is as complete as possible. There will also be a process for identifying and adding eligible people to the list who may have been missed during this process.

The Advisory Committee is not able to indicate at this time, how much each former resident will receive or when the checks will be distributed, but we will distribute another update with further information in June.

On behalf of the Advisory Committee, we wish to thank everyone who has worked to ensure that the Legacy Trust Fund is used in a way that respects the rights and self-determination of the former residents.

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