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Community Social Services Awareness Month continues to gain momentum!

Along with the [Province of British Columbia](#) [1], [close to 50 municipal councils](#) [2] from every area of BC have proclaimed March Community Social Services Awareness Month, or publicly recognized the vital contributions made by workers in the sector.

Community social service sector union members play a critical role in publicizing and promoting Community Social Services Awareness month.

Lynn Kelsey, Keremeos Safe Home Coordinator for South Okanagan Women in Need Society along with Keremeos resident Zola Goebel, Home Support Worker, made presentations to Keremeos municipal council.

BCGEU activist [Dorothy Bartsoff](#) [3], a community support worker in Terrace, BC, made a presentation to her municipal council; and while Terrace has a policy not to issue proclamations, council formally acknowledged Community Social Services Awareness month in their [minutes](#) [4]. Dorothy also staffed an [information booth](#) [5] at the Skeena Mall in Terrace, to share her knowledge about the sector and its workers.

Another activist and community social services worker, Andrea Duncan, addressed municipal council in Squamish. Not only was Community Social Services Month [proclaimed](#) [6] at that meeting, but her presentation attracted the interest and attention of local [media](#) [7]; *Squamish Chief* the also published her [letter to the editor](#) [8].

And if you're in Burnaby this weekend, you'll find activist [Pamela Pye](#) [9] staffing an information kiosk at Metrotown Mall on March 19th and 20th

Coming soon: [community social services walk and rally in Victoria on March 26](#) [10].

Don't miss this great event!

Get involved:

- Visit our campaign website at <http://www.communitysocialservicesmatter.ca> [11] for event ideas, speaking notes, and campaign information and resources.
- Contact your steward or area office to see how you can participate in the campaign.

If you have scheduled a council presentation or other activity, or for further information,

please contact Melissa Davis at 604-291-9611, or toll free at 1-800-663-1674, or via email at melissa.davis@bcgeu.ca ^[12].

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Links:

[1] <http://www.communitysocialservicesmatter.ca/sites/default/files/Proclamation-Province-of-BC.pdf>

[2] <http://www.communitysocialservicesmatter.ca/css-month/proclamations>

[3] <http://www.cssmatter.ca/sites/default/files/CSSprofiles2010bartsoff.pdf>

[4] <http://www.terrace.ca/documents/council-minutes/2011-02-28-Minutes.pdf>

[5] http://www.bcgeu.ca/CSS_Month_info_booth_Skeena_Mall_March_2011

[6] http://cssmatter.ca/sites/default/files/Proclamation-District_Squamish.pdf

[7] <http://www.squamishchief.com/article/20110311/SQUAMISH0101/303119935/-1/squamish0101/help-when-you-need-it-most>

[8] <http://www.squamishchief.com/article/20110311/SQUAMISH0303/303119955/-1/squamish0303/community-social-services-matter>

[9] <http://www.cssmatter.ca/sites/default/files/CSSprofiles2010pyenew.pdf>

[10] <http://www.cssmatter.ca/css-month/css-walk>

[11] <http://www.communitysocialservicesmatter.ca/>

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