

BCHPCA Communiqué

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Key Messages following November 2013 Board Meetings

The BC Hospice Palliative Care Association (BCHPCA) Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting on November 24-25, 2013. The following key messages are provided for circulation throughout the Membership:

- BCHPCA is calling for Nominations to the Board of Directors in preparation for the Annual General Meeting to be held in Richmond (at the Forum) on Saturday May 10th, 2014. Please see the attached *Call for Nominations* document.
- Recently, three separate submissions were made at public hearings to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services by: Suzanne Lehbauer, from Castlegar Hospice Society, Wendy Pratt on behalf of the Vancouver Island Federation of Hospices and Lorraine Gerard, on behalf of BCHPCA and its Members. This all-party committee was conducting community consultations resulting in recommendations on the development of the budget for 2014. The Committee made the following recommendation to the Legislative Assembly:

Work with the BC Hospice Palliative Care Association to implement expanded palliative care services throughout the province.

To read the entire report, please go to:

<http://www.leg.bc.ca/CMT/40thParl/session-1/fgs/reports/PDF/Rpt-FGS-40-1-1stRpt-Budget2014Consultations-2013-NOV-14.pdf>

- The BCHPCA Board of Directors spent a considerable amount of time over the summer and early fall developing a new Strategic Plan; the Plan was formally approved at the November Board meeting. A separate communiqué will be circulated shortly with a detailed description of the Plan and its implementation. The Plan is an advocacy agenda which will provide local, regional and provincial opportunities for engaging both communities and decision makers.

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