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CLBC OFFERS MORE FLEXIBLE HOURS TO MEET WITH INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Vancouver, February 7, 2007 – Community Living BC (CLBC) has expanded their hours of availability in order to provide increased opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and families.

“CLBC is striving to become a more flexible organization – one that responds to the needs of the families and individuals it supports,” said CEO Rick Mowles.

CLBC facilitators and analysts are now available to meet with individuals and families for an additional 20 hours a week – 50 per cent more than before. CLBC hopes this new arrangement will better meet the needs of the individuals, families and communities it serves.

BC Government and Service Employees Union members are cooperating in providing the expanded hours.

“This agreement further illustrates the joint commitment we have to the individuals and families we support and the positive results these types of collaborative discussions can yield.”

The new, expanded hours are:

Monday to Thursday – 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Friday – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Actual office hours may vary throughout the province. However, CLBC staff will be available to meet with individuals and families on this expanded schedule.

Historically, CLBC staff have been available during and after business hours to address emergent needs. This newly negotiated arrangement formally recognizes the needs of some families and individuals to meet outside the normal Monday to Friday work day schedule and offers CLBC employees flexible work hours to accommodate their own need to balance work and personal commitments.

Community Living BC is the Crown agency responsible for providing support and services to people with developmental disabilities, children with special needs and their families in British Columbia. It has a board of self-advocates, family and community members, as well as staff located throughout the province. It believes that people with developmental disabilities and their families know best when it comes to their needs, goals and planning for the future.

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