

## **Non Profit Update- A Year in Review**

Banff Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) – Community Development, offers organizational support to over eighty Banff non-profits. This support includes: board development, program evaluation, strategic planning, conflict resolution, facilitation and fund development.

In August 2007, FCSS- Community Development (CD) surveyed and interviewed non-profit organizations to identify more efficient and effective ways to provide this support. The report developed in October 2007 from the surveys and interviews offered CD an opportunity to focus their activities in new directions and enhance existing services.

It has now been one year since the survey and thanks to the valuable input from many of the non-profits the following activities and events have occurred:

- ❖ The Banff Rotary Community Non-Profit Hub has been developed and currently houses: 5 non-profit agencies on a regular basis and provides meeting space to 3 additional non-profits.
- ❖ 9 non-profits accessed the Grants Database to identify funding possibilities.
- ❖ 12 non-profits have been provided with strategic planning assistance.
- ❖ Sessions were offered on: Board Governance, Effective Meetings, Marketing , Volunteer Recruitment and Retention, Safe and Sound (workplace safety), Sports Funding.
- ❖ Information for non profit organizations shared via the Community Connections newsletter.
- ❖ Organization development support offered to 20 non-profits. Topics included: grant writing, society applications, by-law development, etc.

These are a few of the key highlights as a result of the information we received. We appreciate hearing your feedback on how we can better assist you in your work as part of a non-profit organization in Banff. If you have suggestions for future activities or would like support for your organization, please call the FCSS Community Development team at 762-1254.