2017-2018 Communications Committee Report to the Champlain Region Family Council Network 2018 AGM

The Communications Committee benefits from the dedication and hard work of members Grace Welch, Brian Graham, Lynn Smith and Janet Luloff. Thank you to all of them for the continuing support.

The past year has seen a number of initiatives come to fruition.

## Website

We met regularly to plan, design and launch the CRFCN's new website, which replaces the old blog site. We formally launched our site: <u>champlainfamilycouncils.ca</u> at our annual conference last November. We encourage family council members across the region to visit the site often and hope that they find it a dependable one-stop-shop for news, for educational resources and for documents that help them in the complex world of family support and care for their loved ones in long-term care.

## Facebook

We now have a Facebook page for those who want a less formal place to visit for news about events pertaining to family councils. On our page you will find some photos from recent events and announcements of ongoing items of interest to family councils in general.

## Newsletter

The first edition of our newsletter has just been released and is available in both English and French. We hope to publish three times per year. *CRFCN News* will serve as a more tangible way to receive items of interest specific to the Champlain Region Family Council Network.

## Brochure

We have updated our brochure with a new list of our partnerships and the addresses of where to find us online. Our brochure is also available in English and French.

Once again, thank you to the Communications Committee members who have contributed so much time and energy to making our efforts a success this year.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Schryer Chair, Communications Committee April 7, 2018