
From: Kimberly Smith [REDACTED] a>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 9:44 AM
To: Office of the Legislative Counsel
Subject: Fwd: Budget Cuts to People First

FYI Concerning investment in People First Nova Scotia.

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From: Kimberly Smith <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, Apr 30, 2015 at 9:41 AM
Subject: Re: Budget Cuts to People First
To: John Lohr <johnlohrmla@gmail.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]

Thanks, John, for your reminder to make a presentation at the Law Amendments Committee. I hope the committee and the house realizes how challenging it is for us to mobilize quickly. We don't have the same quick, intellectual resources as the film industry does. That's why we need a good MLA like you and other citizens who share our values of neighbourliness and diversity to defend us. We will try to be there, but if we can't, please share the following words with legislature and the committee.

The members of all seven chapters of People First Nova Scotia are a vital part of the public education process as Nova Scotia moves toward a community based support system for people who require special care. The Kings County chapter has been a great example of community leadership by participating as partners in important community initiatives. Members are living proof that supported community living benefits the whole community. The whole principal behind People First is to respect every human being as a person and to support each person to be part of society - not isolated from it at home or in a large or small institution. The key is public education. That is what People First Kings County does through their regular monthly meetings, presentations to service clubs and schools and through their web site, radio PSAs and videos. It's all about teaching the public that inclusive culture works to help all of Nova Scotia rise to a higher social standard of hospitality, neighbourliness, diversity, creativity, joyfulness and prosperity. Cutting the public investment in this important educational work is unwise in a time when all Nova Scotians need to learn how to think and act differently. I urge the committee to recommend reinstating the budget to People First Nova Scotia with the caveat that they continue to be active partners in building communities across Nova Scotia that will be a magnet for attracting the best people in the world to settle here and make Nova Scotia their home. A home where every person is supported to be the best they can be.

Please share this with the committee in case we can't get there. Urge them to look at the People First Kings County web site: <http://www.kcpf.ca>

And particularly show them this video: <https://youtu.be/rSrOgOfGznc>

As Always,

Kimberly Smith, Volunteer,
People First Kings County

On Thu, Apr 30, 2015 at 5:40 AM, John Lohr <johnlohrmla@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Kim

The legislature will soon send the budget bill to Law Amendments Committee. Any Nova Scotian who wishes can speak to the budget bill, which includes the cuts you are facing at People First. Having as many groups and individuals as possible speak to these cuts and put a human face to them will increase the chance the cuts may be averted. Amendments can be made in Law Amendments but to succeed need considerable public pressure. Please come out and speak to the budget. Email the office of the Legislative Council and request an opportunity to speak. You will get five minutes. Please forward this to your contacts in People First
John

Law Amendments

The Law Amendments Committee gives clause by clause consideration and hears representations from any interested persons or organizations about the contents of Public Bills referred to the Committee after the Bills have received second reading in the House.

Presenting to Law Amendments Committee

If they wish to present they have to contact the Office of the Legislative Counsel

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