



Summer Street Society
Annual Report of the Executive Director June 2014

The only reason Summer Street exists is to create and facilitate opportunities for people with intellectual disability in Pictou County. Our spectrum of services is individualized as much as possible to accommodate individual preferences. Our services encompass vocational training, personal development, literacy, wellness and employment. Involving people with intellectual disability in setting goals and making decisions that affect their lives is key to our success.

In 2013-14 we provided services to 162 clients. The decrease of 21 from the year before occurred through regular attrition. Two years ago a plan was implemented to ratify service delivery with funding allocation. By doing so we have positioned the organization to continue to provide the quality and menu of services for which we are well known. Over the last two years our service delivery has decreased by 44 people and we are at an appropriate number for our funding level. We currently have 39 waiting for services and have plans in place to accommodate the majority over the upcoming year.

Our philosophy of community enrichment has guided us well in developing strong and lasting partnerships. Pictou County residents and businesses continue to help us open doors and create opportunities for the clients of Summer Street, and for that, we are very grateful.

In the last quarter of this year board and management reviewed our strategic plan and developed components for implementation in the new year.

We are very fortunate to have a Society and Foundation partnership so committed to helping the organization move forward. Without question we would not be able to do many of the wonderful things we do without this partnership. In 2013-14 our Foundation provided over \$224,000 to the Society for capital and operational projects. The Foundation continues to raise significant funds for the organization in support of the Society's strategic objectives.

We successfully negotiated our second labour agreement and I am pleased with the overall efficiency of the organization.

We are well known for our work with people who have intellectual disability. We are successful because everyone is working toward a common goal of creating opportunities and a better life for people with intellectual disability.

Many thanks to the board of directors for exercising good governance practices.

Bob Bennett
Executive Director