



May 7, 2002

Josee Corrigan/Anne Russell, Co-chairpersons
West Kootenay Women's Association
420 Mill Street
Nelson, British Columbia V1L 4R9

Dear Josee Corrigan/Anne Russell:

This letter is to let you know that, as of March 31, 2003, regional offices of the Stopping the Violence and Regional Programs Branch will be closed. Responsibilities and files will be transferred to Victoria. Reasons for the closure include operational efficiencies and the government-wide emphasis on centralized contract management.

These efficiencies enable government to maintain its commitments to funding for transition houses (including second stage and safe homes) and for counselling programs for women who have experienced abuse and children who have witnessed abuse. Contract renewal will take place as usual at the end of June, through the regional offices, and you will be contacted soon by your Regional Program Coordinator about the renewal process.

Contract renewal includes the provision by agencies of budget information related to the services funded by this Ministry. For this renewal, I am asking agencies to provide budget information in a standard format, which will support our efforts to review funding inequities. Your Regional Program Coordinator will give you more information during the contract renewal process.

My aim is to minimize disruption to contracts during restructuring. Until further notice, your Regional Program Coordinator remains your contact in the Branch.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Program Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Alixe Knighton
Acting Director

pc: Regional Program Coordinator

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Dear Contractor:

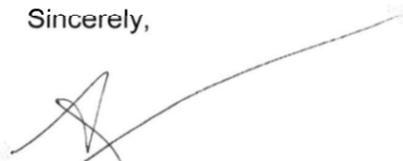
As you know, regional offices of the Stopping the Violence and Regional Programs Branch will be closing March 31, 2003, and responsibility for contract management is being transferred to the Victoria office. The dedication of Janice Logan and Lorie Buss in the Nelson office is very much appreciated.

Your new contract manager in Victoria is Georgie Jackson. You can reach her by phone at 250 387-1259, by fax at 250 356-0542, or by e-mail at: Georgie.Jackson@gems3.gov.bc.ca. All correspondence, annual reports etc., should now be sent to Georgie Jackson at:

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We look forward to continuing a positive working relationship with you.

Sincerely,



Alixe Knighton
Director

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