

ECEBC Bulletin

ECEBC wishes to acknowledge the Ministry for Children and Family Development and its financial support of our professional organization through the endowment of \$2 million in our name. We will be able to access about 5% of the capital each year, netting approximately \$87,000.

In order to access the funds ECEBC must have charitable tax status. We have submitted our application for this but it takes several months for applications to be processed. Meanwhile, we are currently working with another childcare organization with charitable tax status on a sponsorship agreement so that ECEBC can access the funds while we are awaiting our own charitable tax number. We hope to receive our first allocation of funds in December of this year.

The ECEBC Board met in July to consider the organization's goals and purposes and how to use the first endowment disbursement to provide ongoing support for the association, to enhance professional development opportunities and to enhance professionalism in the Early Childhood field. The following decisions were made:

- Together with local associations, the ECEBC Board and provincial association will participate in a conference held outside the lower mainland. Endowment funds will be used to provide support for workshops, and participation of ECEBC board members and others at this conference. (e.g. ethical journey training)
- ECEBC branches in good standing will have the opportunity to apply for a \$1,000 bursary to cover fees and travel costs so that Branch members or local ECE professionals can attend the ECEBC provincial conference in May, 2007. Guidelines for proposals outlining how the money is to be used and requirement for submission of receipts will follow.
- Initial steps will be taken to develop a job description for an Executive Director and to recruit a suitable candidate. Part of the Executive Director's responsibilities will be to assist in development of professional development opportunities, expansion of public awareness of the field and to support public collaboration and consultation.