



Volunteerism Report Recommendations

#1 That a working group be established to consider the report and its recommendations. That the group minimally include individuals representing the United Way Perth-Huron, Community Connections, Volunteers In Perth (VIP), Huron Cultural Services, and libraries of Perth County, St. Mary's and Stratford. The working group will:

- a) Review existing websites where volunteer opportunities are posted for the Huron-Perth region, including Volunteer Connection.ca. Upon review of the existing websites, the working group will make recommendations for improvements and the possible development of a more comprehensive Huron-Perth solution for posting volunteer opportunities.
- b) Develop a volunteer recruitment strategy that suggests a variety of ways volunteers can be attracted to volunteer opportunities. Consideration could be given, for example, to the development of a Facebook page for Huron County, information sharing mechanisms in libraries and building on VIP's 'Who Knew?' campaign to promote volunteerism in Huron-Perth.
- c) Assess the need for a Volunteer Centre, bearing in mind that such a centre need not be a physical building. This centre could act as the hub for all things related to volunteerism in Perth and Huron counties, including (but not limited to) overseeing the one-stop virtual portal, annual conference(s), publicity campaign(s), etc. The Ontario Volunteer Centre Network may be able to offer support for developing a long-term vision.
- d) Look at the feasibility of developing and maintaining a network in Huron County similar to Volunteers In Perth, with the intent of sharing best practices and promoting volunteerism in the region.

#2 That the Stratford Public Library and the United Way Perth-Huron continue to support and encourage bi-annual workshops on Volunteerism hosted by VIP. That organization's in Huron County which rely on volunteers also be invited to share their best practices on volunteer recruitment, recognition and development. Consideration should be given to the location of the workshops in order to include more Huron County residents.

#3 That the United Way Perth-Huron continue to work with community partners to deliver the annual spring Volunteer Leadership Development Workshop series. Topics related to this report's findings, as well as, alternative presentation formats (e.g. podcasts) should be considered for the series.