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## Announcing our new Executive Director

A message from Community Living Guelph Wellington's  
President, Board of Directors



Community Living Guelph Wellington's Board of Directors are pleased to announce that **Cindy Kinnon** has accepted the position of Executive Director, beginning December 14th, 2020.

In this role, Cindy will lead and manage CLGW with strategic directions established and approved by the Board of Directors. She will also advocate for, promote, and facilitate the full participation, inclusion, and empowerment of adults who live with a developmental disability.

Cindy brings a wealth of experience to CLGW. She led the Safehaven Project for Community Living Toronto, working collaboratively with community and external partners to build a system whose services are responsive, accessible, and supportive for children with multiple disabilities and complex medical needs, and their families. As District Executive Director at Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada, Cindy provided leadership and management for the effective development, implementation and administration of Home Care and Community Support Service programs, and services in the Middlesex, Elgin, and Oxford counties. She also led AbleLiving Services Inc. as a visionary and values-based leader, articulating and advocating for people with disabilities to remain independent in their own home. Most recently, she has been leading Catholic Family Services of Hamilton in providing values-driven social services that include counselling, community connection, and education programs.

"I am looking forward to leading an organization that is close to my heart, as I have worked in community and developmental services for a major part of my career," shares Cindy. "This is an opportunity for me to serve my own community."

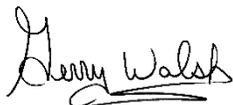
Community Living Guelph Wellington is a disability services provider that supports people living with a developmental disability to connect to their community for work and volunteering, places to live, and recreation. We are confident that Cindy's many talents, collaborative and values-based approach to leadership, and wide-ranging experience with developmental services will help CLGW to continue to provide services that advocate for the full citizenship of people living with a disability. We know that CLGW will continue to thrive under Cindy's leadership, as we continue to grow to meet the complex and ever-changing needs of the people we support.

Laura Hanley's last day as Executive Director will be December 18th, 2020. We cannot thank Laura enough for her dedication, passion, innovative thinking, and collaborative leadership, and wish her a happy and relaxing retirement.

We recognize that this is an exciting announcement for the Guelph and Wellington County community, and that there may be requests to meet with Cindy. Those requests will be facilitated after her start date, to offer her the time to wrap up her current duties. We appreciate your understanding and patience.

Finally, we are grateful to the Executive Director recruitment committee, Nexus Human Capital and David Chalmers, and the staff who participated in our decision-making, and to the CLGW community for your encouragement and support through this process.

Sincerely,



**Gerry Walsh**  
Board President