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## **Six new members join local board governing service to regional children *Northwest Alberta Child and Family Services Authority celebrates new era of service delivery***

*Grande Prairie...*A new Northwest Alberta CFSA governing board is in place and eager to enhance services to children across the region.

After a lengthy search, six candidates have been granted three-year terms to replace members whose terms have expired on the board governing the delivery of complete child and family focused services through the regional body of Alberta's Children's Services, CFSA Region 8.

The addition marks a new era for the 13-member board, after a transition process that saw four regional authorities amalgamate into Region 8. CFSA Authorities were first introduced in 1999 after the former Alberta Family and Social Services evolved into Children's Services. Since then, a wide spectrum of services has been delivered to children and their families across the region in a localized manner for the first time.

The new members of the CFSA Region 8 governing board are mandated, through legislation, to lead the local authority by approving specific regional planning that will help achieve ministry goals for the best in service delivery.

The new members represent a broad cross-section of the northwest region geographically and bring to the table unique perspectives and experiences for the betterment of all regional children and their families.

"We looked for people who had an understanding of the work we do but even more importantly, about the work they have done in their communities," explains board co-chair and former Wembley Mayor, Cindy Nylander. "We wanted people who were really involved in their communities, the movers and shakers of their home communities, because they are the ones that can best bring the needs of the community to the board table."

Nylander says with the work and challenges of its transition phase behind it, the new board will be able to advance to a whole new level of developing a vision of services for communities in our region."

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**Attached is a complete list of board members.**

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