



# Richmond Centre for Disability

“Promoting a new perspective on disability”

## CONGRATULATIONS TO FRANCES CLARK RECEIVING PRIME MINISTER'S VOLUNTEER AWARD FOR LIFELONG ACHIEVEMENT WINNER



RCD Founder and Board Secretary, Frances Clark, is awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prime Minister's Volunteer Award for Lifelong Achievement. This is a national award that only honours one recipient every year.

Starting 2012, the Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards recognize two national recipients, one for lifelong achievement and one for an emerging leader, as well as 15 individuals, businesses and not-for-profit organizations in five regions across Canada. The awards also highlight best practices in community leadership and encourage partnerships across sectors.

On February 27, 2014, RCD Board Chair Vince Miele and Executive Director Ella Huang received the award from the Prime Minister on behalf of Frances. On March 21, 2014, the RCD hosted a celebration for Frances, and Hon. Alice Wong, Minister of State (Seniors) and Richmond MP, presented the award to Frances Clark in person, on behalf of the Prime Minister.

More than 30 close friends of Frances gathered at RCD on March 21, when Frances received the award from Hon. Alice Wong, she was beaming with pride. The congratulatory remark from his Worship Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Mayor of City of Richmond, brought the crowd back to the very beginning of Frances' involvement with the City.

Paige Robertson and Laurie Seawell, representing MLAs John Yap and Hon. Linda Reid respectively, also gave their congratulatory remarks; Hon. Linda Reid also presented a congratulation letter to Frances.

Then RCD Board Chair Vince Miele shared his thoughts of Frances and gave some interesting stories of their earlier work together and accomplishment of Frances.

Finally a birthday cake was wheeled into the room, to celebrate Frances' 79<sup>th</sup> birthday. The entire room burst into the Birthday Song, and Frances was able to make two wishes because the candle refused to go out.

All the guests stayed for socialization and get-up time with new and old friends; everyone enjoyed a piece of the delicious birthday cake.