

## Staff Announcement

Lori McLean has accepted the position of Lending Supervisor. Lori has been with LCU since 2011 working as our Lending Officer at the Glentworth Branch. Lori will continue working out of the Glentworth Branch but will also be working in Lafleche as needed.

**Save without penalty**– Finally, you can save without being penalized. Capital gains and other investment income earned in a TFSA will not be taxed and withdrawals will be tax-free. You can carry unused contribution room forward to the following year and withdrawals from a TFSA will create contribution room for the next year.

**Not an RRSP**- A TFSA differs from an RRSP in a couple of ways:

1. RRSP contributions are tax-deductible, while TFSA contributions are made with after tax income and are not deductible.
2. RRSP contributions and investment earnings are taxable upon withdrawal, but TFSA contributions and investment earnings are exempt from tax upon withdrawal.
3. Unlike RRSP contribution limits, TFSA contribution limits are not determined by your income.

The Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) dollar limit for 2020 is \$6,000.00 and there is NO deadline for making a TFSA Contribution. You must be at least 18 years old and resident of Canada to open a TFSA. So why wait? Open your very own tax-free savings account today!

| Years     | TFSA Annual Limit | Cumulative Total |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2009-2012 | \$5,000           | \$20,000         |
| 2013-2014 | \$5,500           | \$31,000         |
| 2015      | \$10,000          | \$41,000         |
| 2016-2018 | \$5,500           | \$57,500         |
| 2019-2020 | \$6,000           | \$69,500         |



Back L-R: Beth Tallon (Casual MSR), Laura Greffard (MSR), Carmen Ellis (Operations Manager), Jill Starke (MSR), Jody Packet (Lending Officer), Christine Cronan (MSR), Lori McLean (Lending Supervisor)  
Front L-R: Tracy Johnson (General Manager), Trudy Sewell (Lending Admin), Sandra Watteyne (Lending Officer), Marcia Clermont (MSR), Dallas Rusk (Casual MSR)

## RESP facts and figures

- ◆ The federal government first introduced the RESP in 1972
- ◆ An RESP can be established as soon as the beneficiary has a SIN
- ◆ There is no annual contribution limit
- ◆ The lifetime contribution limit is \$50,000
- ◆ Contributions can grow tax-free until funds are withdrawn to attend university or another qualifying post-secondary institution.
- ◆ Through the Canadian Education Savings Grant, the federal government will contribute an additional 20 cents for every dollar contributed to a child's RESP, up to a maximum of \$500 annually and \$7,200 over the lifetime of the RESP.
- ◆ Contributions are not tax deductible.

## What's happening in our communities?

Jan 12– McCord Friday Night Supper Roast Beef

Jan 12- Glentworth Minor Hockey Day

Jan 17– McCord Friday Night Supper Ham & Perogies

Jan 24– McCord Friday Night Supper Turkey

January 25– Glentworth Ladies Bonspiel

Jan 29-Feb 1– Lafleche Open Bonspiel

Jan 31– Lafleche Open Supper (menu TBD)

Feb 1– Lafleche Open Supper (menu TBD)

Feb 3-8– Glentworth Open Bonspiel

Feb 7– McCord Friday Night Supper Beef & Beans

February 17– Lafleche Credit Union (both branches) will be closed  
for Family Day

Mar 27-28– Glentworth Waverley Players Community Plays

Mar 29-Apr 3– Lafleche & District Music Festival

April 17-18– Lafleche Theatre Group Community Plays

## RRSP contribution deadline in March 2, 2020.

The deadline for RRSP contributions for the 2019 tax year is Monday, March 2, 2020 so it's not too late to make a last minute contribution.

Tired of scrambling to gather funds before the deadline each year? Think about setting up a regular pre-authorized debit for future contributions. It's always easier to budget for smaller payments than one larger lump sum, and regular contributions lead to greater returns.

Over the long run, your contributions will earn more interest if they're deposited monthly or bi-weekly rather than once a year. With pre-authorized contributions, your money goes to work for you earlier as you earn tax-sheltered interest income immediately.

The entire process is convenient and hassle-free. With a pre-authorized contribution plan, we'll transfer your funds automatically to your RRSP.

You can also make monthly payments to a spousal RRSP. The tax receipt is yours now and the income is your spouse's at retirement.

If you're interested in setting up a pre-authorized RRSP contribution, why not discuss it with a representative from the credit union while making your contribution for 2019?

## Saving for your child's post-secondary education?

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Setting aside money for education isn't always easy. Fortunately, Canadians have access to one of the best post-secondary education savings plans in the world.

With an RESP, a parent (or grandparent, spouse or common law partner) makes contributions to the plan. Those contributions are not taxable, as long as the money stays in the RESP. When it comes time for the beneficiary of the plan to begin post-secondary education, the accumulated funds can then be used to help finance his or her schooling.

If you are interested in creating an RESP, please contact a representative at the credit union for more information.