

# COMMUNITY LIVING

Thunder Bay



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## GENERAL MANUAL POLICY

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### POLICY

Connection to a Natural Support Network of family and very close friends provides a sense of belonging and of security for people.

**STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

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Community Living Thunder Bay will encourage and support the development of people's natural support networks by committing to the following principles:

1. Community Living Thunder Bay will facilitate continuity in people's existing relationships and help develop potential natural support networks consistent with people's choices and preferences.
2. Community Living Thunder Bay will provide supports or assist people to access supports that enable them to maintain connections to people in their support network.
3. Community Living Thunder Bay will assist people who may have lost contact with family members or friends to re-establish communications and develop their natural supports as desired.