

## ***Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre Welcomes New Executive Director***

The Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre is pleased to announce the appointment of **Makenna Rielly** as Executive Director, effective June 1, 2008. Our current Executive Director, Sandy McLellan, is retiring after 20 years' service to VWSAC and will be at the Centre until June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Makenna brings to this role a wealth of experience in social service administration in Oregon, Alaska and British Columbia. For the past year she has served as the Executive Director of the Valley Integration to Active Living Society in the Cowichan Valley. Makenna has an M.A. and B.A. in women's studies, and a two-year degree in accounting. She is a committed feminist who has taught women's studies, advocated for recognition of sexualized violence on post-secondary campuses, been a crisis line worker and presented numerous papers on the issue of sexualized violence and the oppression of vulnerable peoples. She has also served on numerous boards and commissions.

We are confident that Makenna will be a wonderful addition to both VWSAC and the community. We hope you will attend VWSAC's annual general meeting on June 17th so that you can meet Makenna and join us in wishing Sandy a long and enjoyable retirement. Contact 383-5545 or [vwsac@vwsac.com](mailto:vwsac@vwsac.com) for further details.