## MINISTRY OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AGENCY FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION

Agency for Social Protection honours 35 staff members with long service awards on its 10year anniversary

On the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Agency for Social Protection (ASP), 35 staff who have served 10 years of service were recognized for their long service with the Agency.

This occurred in a commemorative ceremony that was held at ICCS auditorium on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022. In attendance at the ceremony was the Designated Minister Jean Francois Ferrari, Minister for Employment and Social Affairs, Mrs. Patricia Francourt, Chairperson of ASP Board, Mr. George Tirant, Chief Executive Officer of ASP, Ms. Brenda Morin, and ASP staff.

In her opening remarks, the Chief Executive Officer Ms. Morin thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication throughout their tenure at the Agency. Ms. Morin urged all to continue to keep the good practice and understand their role towards their clients which; will bring the agency onto the next level and overcome the past weaknesses. Ms. Morin asked the staff to use the motto, vision and new logo as a motivator when they are facing challenges.

The Designated Minister Ferrari added in his address that the real purpose of the existence of the agency is to care and support the most vulnerable in our society. It is there when people are most in need of a helping hand, or in need of some emergency assistance to take the family to the next pay cheque.

But most importantly, ASP is there to put citizens who have fallen by the wayside, back on track again. From welfare to work. From dependency to self-sufficiency. From despair to hope. From the old life to a new one.

Minister Francourt also praised and encouraged the staff for their exceptional job knowing how demanding the job is. Minister stressed on the passion that the staff have for their job and their clients. She emphasized that she appreciates having people working and developing a career in social domain, a sector in our society that she said needs a lot of attention. Minister Francourt made a special plea to all staff to continue showing compassion in their everyday life and always go the extra mile to assist their clients.

The 35 staff members received a certificate and a small shield as a token of appreciation and they were entertained throughout the ceremony by the National choir and Hit Wave youth band.

The ceremony ended with a cake cutting photoshoot.























































