



Site Selected for Northumberland Hospice Care Centre

Volunteers make the choice after months of rigorous searching

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Community Care Northumberland (CCN) is pleased to announce that Ontario Street in Hamilton Township has been selected for the home of a six-bed Hospice Care Centre to be partially funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, pending approval of its zoning application and a public community consent process this fall.

“Dedicated volunteers on the building committee have been working diligently for months to reach a decision on a site selection for the development of the Northumberland Hospice Care Centre,” said Trish Baird, CCN’s executive director. The volunteer work began officially following the Ministry’s spring announcement for annual operating funding for the hospice.

Building Committee members Stewart Richardson (Chair), Art Seymour, Leslie Benson, Ian Lancaster, Ross Quigley, Phillip Carter, Trish Baird, Cheryl McFarlane and Sherry Gibson toured eight hospice care centres throughout Central Ontario and learned from similar projects before making an educated decision as to the choice location for the hospice’s homelike setting. The building team collaborated to research over 40 potential sites before concluding their rigorous selection process from a shortlist of five.

“We carefully considered every site for many aspects, such as being easy to get to, accessibility, and lots of space with natural light for families to take comfort in,” explained Richardson. Criteria were weighed based on cost, municipal services, appropriate zoning, road links, communication services, parking, lot size, and more. An application for consent to sever 1.5 acres from a larger parcel, along with an application for a zoning by-law amendment has been submitted to Hamilton Township Planning department. Once the site has been approved, the committee can continue its work toward designing and building the Centre.

About Northumberland Hospice Care Centre Project

With the Hospice Care Centre, Community Care Northumberland will be able to offer a new kind of care to the communities it serves, with services ranging from palliative and bereavement to caregiver support and community education. Building on the volunteer visiting services CCN has offered since 2010, and the Palliative Care Community Team started in early 2017, the Hospice Care Centre will allow the community to offer a comprehensive suite of end of life services.

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For more information about the Building Committee and site selection process, please contact: Stewart Richardson, Building Committee Chair at stewart@rmhi.ca Community members looking for information about the Hospice Centre project or who wish to volunteer as part of the project, are encouraged to contact Trish Baird, Executive Director, CCN, at 1-866-514-5774, or via e-mail hospicecarecentre@commcare.ca