

HOSPICE PETERBOROUGH
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Hospice Peterborough Breaks Ground

Peterborough – Close to 150 Hospice Peterborough volunteers, staff and community supporters gathered in the late morning of November 1st for a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the beginning of construction for the Hospice Peterborough Care Centre. Local firm Mortlock Construction Inc. was named general contractor for the renovation of the existing Victorian home and building the new 10 bed facility that will be combined as part of the new Care Centre.

“Mortlock Construction is so proud to be a part of this,” said Craig Mortlock, Vice President. “What led me to be interested in this project was community. Our company was founded almost 70 years ago and we believe strongly in this community...and what Hospice Peterborough does for this community is saintly.”

“We all recognize that dying is part of living,” said City of Peterborough Mayor Daryl Bennett. “Hospice is designed to allow us to die with dignity, to live our lives to their fullest and to assist us as our time on earth comes to an end. It’s so special that we recognize the full potential of what this will do, not only for those who are dying, but also for those that are grieving.”

“I’d like to say how much we appreciate the County being involved in this very important day,” said County of Peterborough Warden J. Murray Jones. “I’ve said it many times: we’re all in this together. Today we’re digging a hole to build the Care Centre...and we’re going to fill it with compassion and caring.”

“At the Central East LHIN, we know that as our population continues to age, ensuring timely access to quality palliative and end-of-life care is not only an ethical imperative, but a vital and compassionate component of our health care system,” said Louis O’Brien, Chair of the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).

“We still need your support for this last leg of the campaign,” reminded Linda Sunderland, Executive Director. “Individuals can make a financial contribution through Hospice Peterborough or through our online Gift Registry to help furnish the new Care Centre. Today is a renewed call to action across the community to invest in our community’s future and help Bring It Home!”

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Photo attached: It’s a whole community affair: Groundbreaking participants shout “Bring It Home!” at yesterday’s ceremony. Photo credit: Meaghan Blodgett

ABOUT THE CARE CENTRE

The Hospice Peterborough Care Centre will be located at 325 London Street at Reid.

The old Victorian home on the property drew Hospice to this site and Lett Architects have designed a facility that will incorporate this home as part of the new Care Centre. A spectacular bridge will connect all three floors of the renovated building with the newly constructed building that includes a welcoming lobby and reception area and a 10 bedroom resident care area.

Hospice private bedrooms will have windows overlooking trees and gardens and beautiful family areas. Innovative elements are incorporated throughout the design. The Hospice Peterborough Care Centre will become a hub for the delivery of integrated hospice palliative care services in our community, services that will support individuals and families through serious illness and grief, and the health care professionals who provide this important care.

Visit the construction blog on our campaign website to see all the latest developments: <http://hospicepeterboroughcampaign.ca/>

ABOUT HOSPICE PETERBOROUGH

Since 1988, Hospice Peterborough has provided hospice palliative care outreach and support and bereavement services to those living with life-threatening illness and grief in the City and County of Peterborough. More than 20 programs and services, partially funded by the Central East LHIN, are offered to the communities of Asphodel-Norwood, Cavan Monaghan, Douro Dummer, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, North Kawartha, Otonabee-South Monaghan, Selwyn, Trent Lakes, including:

- Home Support Volunteers
- Caregiver Support Group
- Day Hospice
- Men's Support Group
- Women's Support Group
- Complementary Therapy
- The Healing Journey
- Gentle Exercise
- Bereavement Lunch Group
- Grief Recovery Groups
- Bereaved Parents Support Group
- Children and Teen Grief Groups
- TOGG – Teen Online Grief Group
- Community Resource Library
- Community Education
- Palliative Pain and Symptom Consultation Service
- Health Professional Education

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