

Recently, **Hospice Peterborough** released their Annual General Report and an update on issues with their new Care Centre construction project.

## Hospice Construction: Take Two

By Linda Sunderland, Executive Director

The past few months have been challenging at Hospice Peterborough as we became more aware of the seriousness of the problems we were facing with our old building on London Street and realized that we were going to have to make some difficult decisions.

In May, we reached a crossroads and needed to decide the best way forward to serve our community for decades to come. Under advisement of our expert consultants and building team we were directed to explore two options with regards to the old Victorian home on the property:

Option 1: Retain the old house, remediate all known concerns, and renovate as planned, not knowing what other issues might arise.

Option 2: Demolish the old house and rebuild on the existing footprint.

Our primary focus from day one has remained steadfast - to build a safe, homelike environment where we can offer the best possible support to individuals and families living with or affected by life-threatening illness and grief.

We have tried our best to save this old house but as stewards of the generous community funding and donations we receive, we are committed to use each dollar with transparency and integrity, to build our Care Centre and to deliver and expand our programs to meet the needs of our clients, their families and the city and county of Peterborough. After understanding the severity of the issues and meeting with City Planning, legal counsel, architects and construction, and much careful consideration, decided to proceed with the demolition and new build option.

This decision will allow us to move forward with a more purpose built structure. One of the challenges of working with the old building was the necessity to fit our programs into the existing space. Compromises were made. But the two level model that is currently being discussed will improve accessibility and flow and ultimately create a space that is more efficient to operate and maintain.

Our next steps include:

- Negotiating a new contract
- Developing and finalizing the design
- Planning for an enhanced Every Moment Matters campaign
- Continuing preparations for our transition to the new Hospice Care Centre and the delivery of enhanced hospice palliative care in our community

Thank you again to all our stakeholders for your vital support. We will keep you up to date with all project developments.

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