

## NORTHERN HOSPICE CARE/SOINS HOSPICE DU NORD

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Municipality of Temagami

P.O. Box 220, Temagami, ON P0H 2H0

Mayor O'Mara and Council,

In the spring of 2024, it was my pleasure to inform you about a new committee in Temiskaming Shores - the Community Hospice Care Committee.

Our intent was to determine how we might augment existing services for end-of-life patients in this area.

In the past eight months, our committee has:

- acquired several new committee members
- met regularly
- made presentations to local organizations
- developed and circulated a survey
- introduced our committee to area service clubs
- participated in an informative meeting with MPP John Vanthof
- developed a strategic plan
- established community partnerships with local non profit groups and health service organizations
- partnered and planned in a community-wide volunteer fair for non profit organizations (February 2025)
- researched the feasibility of establishing a residential hospice and subsequently determined that this area would be well-served by one

- agreed that practically and economically, a retro-fitted 3-4 bedroom house would be a suitable compromise to building a new facility
- determined that a residential hospice would be available to patients from Earleton to Temagami (north-south) and from Temiskaming Shores to Elk Lake (east-west)

Over the next year, we anticipate that our main focus will be raising our profile in the community via presentations and social media, as well as seeking fund raising opportunities.

Our committee's objective has become much more specific since March 2024 when we first realized the number of barriers that those with life-limiting illnesses face.

It made sense to change our name to better align with our objectives, and to ensure that there is no confusion for the public between our committee and similar, community organizations' names.

Therefore, from February 1, 2025 going forward, our committee's business name shall be known as Northern Hospice Care/Soins Hospice du Nord.

We look forward to any opportunity of working with your municipal council and staff - on a consultation basis, possible grant opportunities, potential in-kind assistance, etc.

Kind Regards,

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