



Construction Underway at Second Napanee Residence for Individuals with Acquired Brain Injury December 8, 2015

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Today, the South East LHIN, Pathways to Independence, and the Finlay Family were joined by community partners to celebrate the launch of renovations to develop a second home in Napanee for people who require assisted living support as a result of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI). With recent approval from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), renovations have begun on this new, and much needed supported living home in our community.

There is an identified need for supported living facilities in the South East LHIN region, where the level of resources available to provide community services to people living with a brain injury was below the level of similar services available elsewhere in the province. The South East LHIN, in partnership with the MOHLTC has endorsed a plan to develop two ABI residences in Napanee, with a goal of improving availability of supportive living services in the South East Region.

The development of these two community-based supportive living residences in Napanee continues to be a community effort, with the Finlay Family, Pathways to Independence, the Canadian National Ski Team alumni, and members of the Napanee community being integral to their establishment, sharing the LHIN's goal of maximizing independence and quality of life for people living with an ABI.

The first residence - a bungalow site, opened its doors in August of this year and is now home to six people with an ABI. The second home will be able to accommodate an additional six people living with an ABI, including National Ski Team Alumni Scott Finlay. Services at both homes will be provided through Pathways to Independence, offering continuous support to help residents achieve their goals while enhancing their quality of life. For Scott Finlay, this will mean living in a fully accessible home, with professional staff to assist with activities of daily living, and to help him to access services and supports in his home town of Napanee.

Construction is being coordinated through Lennox and Addington County General Hospital, with an ambitious schedule that aims to see the doors open in the Summer of 2016. Lennox and Addington County General Hospital and Foundation have noted great pleasure to be in a position to financially support the construction of this supported living residence. Project partners look forward to welcoming members of the media and community to an open house event at the new residence once construction is complete.

For more information on these assisted living residences or the services provided through Pathways to Independence please visit www.pathwaysind.com. Ensuring people are receiving the care they need in the most appropriate setting is part of the Ontario Government's [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#).

QUOTES

“Community-based supported living residences help maximize independence and improve the quality of life for people living with ABI. The construction of the Lenadco residence is wonderful news for Napanee and for the entire Eastern Region – a result of remarkable collaborative efforts and the commitment and dedication of the Finlay family.”

- **Sophie Kiwala, MPP, Kingston and the Islands**

“The launch of construction for this second residence is an important milestone that gets us closer to our goal of ensuring that more people living with brain injury have access to the care they need, right here in our community. There is no doubt that today's announcement is a testament to the commitment and support of both the Finlay family and the community as a whole.”

- **Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN**

“Scott has been surrounded by a loving and supportive family friends since his accident. We are looking forward to welcoming Scott, and others living with an ABI to our newest home in Napanee and hope that their friends and family will continue to be involved in their lives. We are pleased by the community based partnerships, and those with the Finlay family that have made this new home a reality.

-**Lorrie Heffernan, CEO, Pathways to Independence.**

QUICK FACTS

More than 18,000 Ontarians and 50,000 Canadians sustain brain injuries each year.

- An ABI is defined as damage to the brain that occurs after birth. It can happen to anyone in an instant.
- ABI can result in a variety of difficulties including: cognitive, physical, social and psychological. These difficulties can create challenges throughout the person's lifetime.
- The home will also provide short term respite options for families who require the service.
- The South East LHIN is investing \$2.6 million annually towards the residential ABI living services available in Napanee.

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