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## **South East LHIN Board endorses Stage 1 Hospice Capital Program application for Kingston**

### **NEWS**

The South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Board of Directors endorsed the Stage 1 Hospice Capital Program (HCP) application for the development of a Kingston Residential Hospice.

The process, as outlined by the HCP policy, means that the LHIN-endorsed application will now accompany a formal letter of endorsement, to be reviewed and assessed by the Home and Community Care Branch of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Pending Stage 1 approval, a business case would be developed where the full scope and cost of project is understood.

The proposed development, a 10-bed residential hospice - seven LHIN-funded beds and three funded by Hospice Kingston – on a greenfield site located at the emerging Providence Village campus in Kingston, would be led by Hospice Kingston. The vision for the campus is to include health, social and community services agencies, in partnership with the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul.

Hospices deliver services aimed at relieving suffering and improving the quality of life for persons living with life-limiting health conditions. Implementing residential hospice beds in the region will complete the full range of palliative and end-of-life care within the Kingston sub-region and the South East LHIN.

The physical design of hospice facilities are intended to provide a more home-like environment than typically found in an acute care environment, which also provides spaces that enable a resident/patients' family to be on-site to support them during the end-of-life experience.

## QUOTES

“A residential hospice is an important element in hospice palliative care, and in supporting patients through their end-of-life journey in a place of their choosing. This residential hospice would offer an extension of the services currently offered by Hospice Kingston, but in a home-like setting and better ensure an integrated system that includes a range of support services for individuals and their families, regardless of their place of death.”

*-Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN*

“I am pleased to see this project continue to move forward. This hospice will be a much needed addition to our community and ensure that individuals who are at the end of their lives can pass away in the best possible setting, and that the accompanying supports and services will ease the burden for all during this difficult stage of life.”

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

## Quick Facts

- For more than 30 years, Hospice Kingston has provided comfort, support and companionship to individuals and families living with a life-limiting illness or coping with grief and loss.
- A residential hospice will offer an essential choice to individuals for whom dying at home is not an option, and alleviate pressures on acute-care resources. In providing respite to families, the residential hospice will also encourage multi-generational activities such as cooking, dining, visiting, reading, music, child and youth engagement and daily living.
- In 2016, Ontario announced an additional \$75 million investment in hospice and palliative care over the following three years. This is in addition to the \$80 million already invested in hospice palliative care, bringing the total investment to \$155 million.
- Ontario funds the Ontario Palliative Care Network to improve the consistency and quality of hospice palliative care in the province. The South East Regional Palliative Care Network is a community of regional partners committed to improved access and equity in hospice, palliative and end-of-life care.

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