

March 21, 2025

His Worship, Mayor Wayne Redekop

Town of Fort Erie
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Dear Wayne,

On behalf of Hospice Niagara, I want to begin by sincerely thanking you and the Town of Fort Erie Council for your steadfast support and commitment to bringing 10 hospice beds to the Fort Erie community. Your leadership in providing a \$150,000 contribution to the capital campaign has been instrumental in getting us to this critical point in the project.

Today, I write to respectfully request that the Town consider increasing its contribution by an additional \$100,000—bringing your total support to \$250,000. This additional funding will help us secure the final capital dollars needed to get the shovel in the ground as soon as possible and guard against further cost escalation due to ongoing construction and tariff increases. With this additional support, we anticipate breaking ground in late spring or early summer of this year, and opening our doors in fall/winter 2026.

We have available, the last family space – the second internal courtyard. This would be an ideal naming opportunity for the Town, and matches the Ridgeway Lions contribution to the other courtyard.

This timeline is essential. As you are aware, Fort Erie's hospital-based palliative care unit is scheduled to close in 2028. By advancing the hospice build now, we can ensure that the new residence is fully operational well before the hospital unit closes, maintaining uninterrupted access to end-of-life care for people in Fort Erie and surrounding communities.

The need for hospice beds across Niagara continues to grow, with waitlists increasing steadily. This new build will not only meet the urgent needs of Fort Erie residents, but will also serve our region as a whole—offering care that is dignified, person-centered, and closer to home.

We are pleased to share that the project has received full endorsement from the Ministry of Health to move forward with tendering, which is now underway. The total projected cost of the build is \$12 million, and we are making steady progress toward reaching this goal. Your continued support will help us cross the finish line.

The Town of Fort Erie has been a tremendous and valued partner in this journey, and we are so grateful for the strong relationship we've built together. We look forward to continuing this partnership as we bring this long-overdue and essential service to life for the people of Fort Erie.

Thank you for considering this request, and for your ongoing leadership and vision.

Warm regards,



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