



Niagara Region  
Corporate Services Committee  
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Councillor Rob Foster, Chair & Members of the Corporate Services Committee

On behalf of McNally House and the Life in Every Moment Capital Campaign team, we would like to thank the Regional Council for ratifying the decision of the Corporate Services Committee to refer our capital request to the Council's 2022 budget process.

Further to our November 10th deputation, we would like to emphasize and clarify some points that came up at the Committee meeting:

### **Our Request to the Region**

- Our total financial request is for **\$1.1M**.
- **\$800K** of the request would match potential provincial contributions for four (4) net new hospice beds.
- **\$300K** of the request will contribute to the addition of the critical Day Hospice.
- The Region's contribution can be allocated over five (5) years, equating to an annual contribution of **\$220K/year**.

### **Our Capital Campaign**

- **\$7.5M** of our **\$9.5M** campaign goal is expected from private donations, with the remainder from municipalities and the Provincial government.
- Since the date of our deputation, we have exceeded 50% of our campaign goal.

### **Day Hospice**

- Day hospice are the support services and therapeutic activities provided to a person when first given a life-limiting diagnosis. In addition, day hospices provide respite and peer-to-peer support for caregivers.
- There can be up to a two-year journey from the time a person receives their devastating diagnosis to when they transition to an end-of-life hospice bed.
- McNally House currently provides some day hospice services but we have surpassed our capacity for these services within our existing building.



- The proposed Day Hospice will allow McNally to follow best practices of other Ontario hospices and provide services that are not currently readily available to West Niagara residents.

### **Provincial Funding**

- Since 2016, the Provincial Government, through the Ministry of Health, has funded new hospice builds at **\$200K per bed**.
- As a result, our application to the Province for funding four (4) new beds equates to **\$800K**, the maximum capital contribution the project can receive.
- The Province will also increase its annual operating budget contribution to McNally House by **\$115K** per new bed.
- In 2021, the Province also provided McNally House, and other Ontario hospices, with one-time funding to address shortfalls experienced by hospices during Covid19. McNally House received **\$285K**.
- Regional Council can be assured that McNally House makes every effort to maximize Provincial funding opportunities but for capital campaigns to maximize those funding opportunities there must be a demonstration of strong community support for the project.

### **West Lincoln Memorial Hospital**

- McNally House is a not-for-profit operated by an independent Board of Director.
- McNally House has had a long-standing partnership with West Lincoln Memorial Hospital (WLMH), sharing two counsellors - a bereavement counsellor and a Psycho-Spiritual Clinician.
- The sharing arrangement has continued since WLMH partnered with Hamilton Health Sciences for technical and administrative support in 2014.

### **Social Determinants of Health**

- The McNally House expansion is in keeping with the social determinants of health in the areas of access to **health services, social inclusion, and social support networks**.
- The project will dramatically increase access and provide equity of supports in West Niagara for the dying, their caregivers, and those left behind.
- Through educational programs within the Day Hospice, caregivers and newly diagnosed will be afforded with the tools and knowledge to assist in managing their health care concerns at home, thus avoiding unnecessary trips to the emergency department and needless burdens on the larger health care system.
- The new Day Hospice Program will ensure that those who are experiencing loss, grief and bereavement are surrounded by a network of support, to ease and walk alongside them throughout their healing journey.



### Relationship to Council's Strategic Priorities

- The McNally Hospice project supports the Region's Strategic Priority of a **Healthy and Vibrant Community** by enhancing community well-being.
- Increased hospice services will provide greater access to end-of-life services for Niagara's **aging population** and **West Niagara's increasing population**, in keeping with the Region's **demographic patterns**.
- Support of hospice services ensures that Niagara Region has quality and accessible services throughout the **continuum of care** (birth to end-of-life).
- An expanded McNally Hospice is part of the unified **campus of care**, with the rebuilt WLMH and the Region's Deer Park Villa, in keeping with Council's desire for clusters which provide health care and economic benefits to the Region.
- McNally House meets the Region's goal of **teaching opportunities** in health care, holding the distinction of being Ontario's only rural teaching hospice. With the addition of a Day Hospice, students will have an opportunity to further hone their specialties.

Regional Council's consideration of our funding request will better enable us to meet the goal of our capital campaign ensuring

- An **all-new ten-bed hospice**, increasing our residential care capacity by almost 70 per cent, from our current six beds.
- A **Day Hospice** that will provide rooms for one-on-one counseling, a group area for people to share stories, spaces for caregivers to recharge, a space for people to learn to cope, and beautiful gardens to bring calm.

Once again, thank you for your consideration of this important funding request.

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