



We Have Land!

Does Toronto Need More Hospice Beds?

Studies by the Fraser Health Authority demonstrate a need for 7 residential hospice beds per 100,000 people. With a population of 2.5 Million, Toronto would need 175 beds. It currently has 28. In other words, we have 16% of what we should have.

For comparison:

City	Need	Exist	Short
Calgary	77	118	
Edmonton	57	120	
Barrie	9	10	
Peterborough	10	6	
Sudbury	11	10	1
Ottawa	30	62	32
Toronto	175	28	147

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Where Do We Stand?

The Toronto Commandery Hospice, after an 8 year search, has been donated land. The years taught us that a city like Toronto does not have much available land and when one finds a suitable footprint, developers are equally interested to build wherever they can. This leaves a cash hungry, not-for-profit like a hospice with a truly uphill struggle.

With a donation of land, the hospice can now proceed. We, like most people, thought of this as a simple, two step process:

- (1) Land is donated;
- (2) We build a hospice.

What Can You Do?

Please write the Committee of Adjustments, Etobicoke York Panel. They need to know what you think. As the hospice will serve the people of North York, East York, Scarborough and beyond, chances are very good that its existence will be a significant help to families that you know, if not your own.

The Committee needs to hear that this is a case where the official plan did not go far enough as there is no accommodation for hospice.

They need to be reminded that suitable land in Toronto is both expensive and rare. It has taken 8 years to find this future home. Telling us to "Find some other place" is unacceptable.

Residential hospice care is not just a provincial responsibility; it is something that affects all of us and so requires support from all levels of government, corporations, foundations and individuals.

Hospice care frees resources and saves tax dollars. Less money for health care means more money for other societal needs.

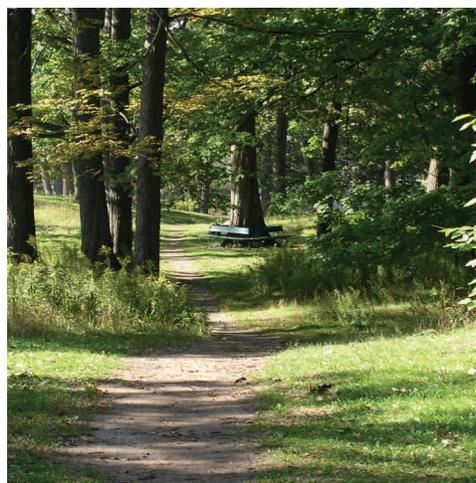
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We have a future home and will have a new name!
We plan to build

Concetta Conforzi Place

75 Kincort Street
Toronto, ON
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One could compile an exhaustive list but the result would simply illustrate that Toronto has a dreadful shortage. The number directly affects families across the city. The average cost of care in a hospital is \$850 per day vs. \$439 in a hospice. An adequate number of hospice beds could represent a saving of \$60,000 per day or up to \$21,900,000 per year in Toronto alone.

Where Do We Stand? *continued*

It turns out that the process is not quite that simple. The City has a master plan for what should or should not go on what is now an empty lot. Our lot has been designated as an "employment zone", which has permitted uses and unpermitted uses. Hospices do not appear on planners' lists.

After a preliminary meeting, city planners informed us that a residential hospice to care for families at the end of someone's life is unacceptable. The donated property is in an "employment zone". But hospices are employers!

Consider:

- The employment created by caregivers, administrators, maintenance and landscaping
- The employment created by the construction of a hospice.
- That hospice care represents significant savings to the over taxed health care system, both in terms of real dollars and emergency room wait times.

Still, the planners do not feel that this is the right kind of employment.

We have now engaged a planning consultant to help us work through the City's maze. (They call it "process").

What Can You Do? *continued*

Write letters of support to the

Committee of Adjustments
c/o 101 Bayview Ridge, Toronto M2L 1E3

And forward it to info@ttch.org.

Although Kincort is zoned industrial, the area includes a variety of uses ranging from industrial, mostly warehousing, to offices and restaurants. The Harold and Grace Baker Centre is just across the street and parks and residences are within a short distance.

