

Mayor Quirk, Councillors and Members of the Public.

I am Mary Catherine Macaluso Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of Hospice Georgina and a member of the LINK Steering Committee. I am being supported tonight by members of the Board, Marie Morton Executive Director of Hospice Georgina and Peter Budreo, General Manager of South Lake Futures.

Hospice Georgina began in 1994 with volunteers visiting palliative clients and was incorporated as a non-profit organization on September 22nd 1997.

Hospice Georgina is a visiting hospice; a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to serving all residents of the Town of Georgina and Georgina Island.

Hospice Georgina provides non-medical support for palliative people, people with life-threatening or life-limiting illness (inclusive of all age groups), their families and caregivers, as well as the bereaved.

Our goal is to help our clients live their lives to the fullest until the end.

For everyone that dies there is someone who grieves. We support caregivers during the palliative process and the grieving process.

We receive partial funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term care for Palliative services and partial funding from the United Way for our Bereavement services.

We have to fundraise the remaining 30%.

We rely on our volunteers and donations to keep our services available to all residents within the community at no cost. The available statistics show that over last ten years our volunteer served over 1760 palliative clients. In the past three years our number of clients has increased by 64%. Hours of service logged by volunteers for client service over the past year to date (Nov 2015-Nov 2016) is 3,711.68 hours.

We are presently working with CHATS to collaborate on a Caregiver Support group that we would be a joint effort with a group tentatively scheduled to begin in February 2017. Chronic Disease Self-Management workshops have been started and sessions are planned for spring and fall of 2017.

Hospice contacted the Town as soon as we heard about the purchase of Sutton Public School. We toured the school when it looked like a disaster site. We talked to the town about the potential and worked with the town as a Core tenant. A representative from Hospice Georgina has been a member of the LINK Steering Committee since its inception.

The Link gives us the accessibility that we lack in our present location. We have been looking forward to moving into the LINK so that we can provide more programs for our clients. We will be able to have a full day program for clients and are working on ways to give more support to caregivers.

We are also looking forward to collaborating with the other tenants. We have already collaborated with GTTI and the Food Pantry and look forward to working with all of the tenants of the LINK.

Death is not the type of cause that inspires donations. There are two things in life that are guaranteed, death and taxes. Neither is considered warm and fuzzy.

We have serviced the citizens living in the Town of Georgina for over twenty years and have never asked for money from the Town.

We have received two grants and donations totaling \$61,796.30 and will continue to pursue capital funding.

At this time the only way that we will be able to build our space Area C in the LINK is to borrow the remainder of the money. South Lake Futures is able to provide us with a low percentage loan but we require a guarantor.

We are asking the Town to guarantee a loan for \$123,000.00 from South Lake Futures. This will cover the costs of an Architect, Contractor and building supplies to build a professional space for our staff and an accessible welcoming space for our clients, caregivers and volunteers. To ensure the integrity of the design of the LINK we have hired Charles Rosenberg from Hilditch and Associates (the original architect) as our Architect.

We will be paying interest on a monthly basis.

We will start paying down the principal with the HST returns for the building costs.

All capital donations will be immediately used to reduce the principal.

We will be hosting one fundraiser each year dedicated to paying back the principal.

The Town guaranteed a similar loan for GTTI that was signed on June 27th, 2008. More recently the Chamber of Commerce applied for and received approval from the Town guaranteeing a loan to help them relocate to the LINK.

We would appreciate notification if our request is approved prior to Jan. 26th. This is the date that our request for a loan will be presented to the board of Southlake Futures for approval. We would like to attach the Town's approval as the guarantor with our submission.